

Happy Valley State School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER



December

- 2nd Semester 2 Report Cards sent home
Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 6)
- 3rd Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 6/7)
Prep to Yr 5 Transition
- 4th Christmas Concert 8.30 – 9.30: Prep – Yr 2
9.30 - 10.30: Yrs 3 – 5
Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 7)
- 5th Final Day of school for 2014

January

- 27 First Day Term 1 - 2015

Principal's Comment

I can hardly believe that we have come to the end of another very busy and very positive year. At Happy Valley, every success is definitely a "team effort". I am so proud of the way that students, staff and families work together to ensure that we achieve the best possible outcomes for students both academically and socially.

Yesterday students were issued with their Semester Two Report Cards which celebrate their learning throughout the year. In the same way students set goals for their academic improvements, each year, Happy Valley State School set targets for improvement which are outlined in our Annual Improvement Plan. In 2014, at Happy Valley State School we set out to:

- Increase the percentage of students achieving a C or better in English in Years 1 and 2 from 52% to 60%
- Increase the percentage of students meeting NAPLAN national minimum standard in Year 3 reading from 93% to 95% by 2015.
- Increase the percentage of students meeting NAPLAN national minimum standard in Year 3 spelling from 93% to 95% by 2015.

Through the dedication of our teachers, teacher aides, support staff and parents coupled with the hard work of our students we have made great progress towards meeting these goals.

- 64% of our school is achieving a C or better in English
- 83.1% of our school is achieving a C or better in Mathematics
- NAPLAN Reading Data for Year 3 – 98.1% of Year 3 students have met National Minimum Standard in Reading.



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- NAPLAN Spelling Data for Year 3 – 94.4% of Year 3 students have met National Minimum Standard in Spelling.

I invite all members of the school community to access our Great Results Guarantee Snapshot Report next week to read further about our successes.

Swimming Lessons & Carnival

I would like to thank Mr Gason for all of his work organising and facilitating Learn2Swim lessons and the swimming carnival last week. Thank you also to all other staff who assisted and also to the parents who supported their children's involvement. Overall, students were well-behaved and participated enthusiastically. You can read more about the swimming in Mr Gasons' report.

Goodbye and best wishes to departing staff

This year, we have a number of staff leaving Happy Valley on special leave, transfer or promotion. Mrs Tiarna Rogers will be on family leave in 2015 (returning in 2016). Mrs Emma Carr and Ms Jamie-Lee Cottman have received their transfers to new schools, whilst Mrs Alexis Poidevin is accompanying her husband on transfer. Mr Gavin Morecroft (LOTE), Ms Sarah Cobb (SEP) and Mrs Donna Mullaly (LRT) are also leaving on transfer. Mr Anthony Reader has been successful in his application for Master Teacher based at Townview SS as of 2015. We thank each of these staff members for their contribution to our school and wish them all the very best.

Welcome to our new staff

As previously advised, Ms Amy Kennett, Ms Jamie Walsh and Ms Bethany Ore will be joining the Happy Valley teaching team next year. I am also pleased to announce that Ms Bridgit Masters has also accepted a permanent teaching position at our school.

Good bye to our Year 6s and 7s

Mrs King, Mrs Schelberg and Mr Wilson are to be congratulated on organising a very special and enjoyable Celebration Dinner for our Year 6/7 students. You can read more about the night and our special award recipients in Mrs King's report.

Our Year 6 and 7 students have had a fabulous year and we wish them all the best as they head off to high school. Of course, this year is an historic occasion as it is the last year that Year 7 will be part of high school. To commemorate the historic move of Year 7 to high school in Queensland, students will receive certificates and letters from the Premier and Minister. Two commemorative packs have been produced. The primary school commemorative

pack contains certificates and letters recognising the final group of Year 7 students to experience Year 7 in a primary setting. These letters were included in Report Card envelopes. The secondary pack contains certificates and letters congratulating students as the first students to officially start Year 7 in high school in Queensland. Secondary schools will present these certificates to incoming Year 7 students early in term one next year.

Report Card Packs

All students in Prep to Year 5 and Year 7 should have brought home their Semester Two Academic Report Cards yesterday. Year 6 students were attending Tools for Change on this day and will receive their reports on Thursday 4 December. The report card envelopes include the book-lists for 2015, as well as reminders/awards for attendance as appropriate. If you did not receive your child's report card, please contact the office.

Top Attenders in 2014

There are seven students in our school who have attended each and every school day. This is a wonderful achievement. Our 100% attenders over the 2014 school year are:

Aidan H (1 Blue)	Dale G (5 Blue)
Jose S (1 Gold)	Josh M (5 White)
Breanna S (2 Blue)	Alyssa L (6/7 White)
Lexie B (3 Blue)	

P-5 Transition

Today, each child spent an hour with their new class for 2015, in their new classroom. Where possible, they also meet their new teacher. This was an opportunity for students to begin the familiarisation process to class next year.

Tools for Change

All Year 6 and 7 students had the opportunity to participate in the Spinifex State College Tools for Change program at the Junior Campus (see below). If you would like further information, please contact Spinifex College on 4740 1111.

Tuesday 2 December – Year 6

Wednesday 3 December – Year 6 and 7

Thursday 4 December – Year 7

Student Banking

Due to classrooms being cleaned out this week there was no student banking today. It will however recommence in Week 2 of next year, on Wednesday 4th February.

Class Lists

Class lists with teacher's names and corresponding classroom maps were displayed around the school on Tuesday. Please understand that changes to classes and staff may occur depending on circumstances that arise.

Class	2015 Teacher
Prep Blue	Ms Andrea Smith
Prep White	Ms Tameeka Erpf
Prep Gold	Ms Renee Keong
1 Blue	Ms Jamie Walsh
1 Gold	Ms Yvette DeJonge
1 White	Ms Ashleigh DePasquale
2 Blue	Ms Bethany Ore
2 Gold	Ms Helen McGuinness
2 White	Ms Bridget Masters
2 Silver	Mrs Teela Foot
3 Blue	Mrs Sharon Wilson
3 White	Mrs Sharon Murphy
3/4 Gold	Ms Angela O'Keefe
3/4 Silver	Ms Emily Kemp
4 Blue	Ms Aurette Perrin
5 Blue	Ms Alisha Skam
5 White	Ms Chloe Brooks
5/6 Gold	Mr Scott Wilson
6 Blue	Mrs Kimberley Schelberg
6 White	Ms Amy Kennett
Classroom Support	Mrs Hayley King

2015 Sports House Captains

Last newsletter we were excited to announce our school leaders. This newsletter I am pleased to announce the following students will now represent their respective Sports House for Happy Valley State School:

Flinders Captains:	Samuel McMillan Cooper Narramore
Sturt Captains:	Silvia Moreno Pineda Braith Major
Cook Captains:	Muthu Palaniappan Ella Condren

Christmas Concert & Free Dress

As previously advised, our Christmas Concert will occur in two sessions this year:

8:30-9:30	Preps, 1s and 2s perform (Years 3-6 attend regular classes at this time)
9:30-10:30	Years 3-5 perform (Prep - Year 2 & Yr 6 students participate in regular classes at this time)

On Thursday, students can come in their Christmas concert outfit or holiday-themed free dress (no gold coin required). Please note that Friday is a "uniform day".

Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday period. Mr Mac and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school in 2015.

Stacey Train

Letter from Mr Mc

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I bid you a wonderful Christmas from beautiful Brisbane.

This week I have had a wonderful time at my best friend's wedding but events that have happened have also made me think of the fragility of life.

Only people close to me know that before I moved to Mount Isa, I umpired first class cricket in Australia. I spent a good many years mixing my teaching career with standing in some of the most amazing cricket in the world. This week, our world has been rocked by the tragic accidental death of Test cricketer Phillip Hughes. Many wonderful things have been spoken about Phil since his passing and the outpouring of grief from around the world has been nothing short of amazing. I had the utmost pleasure to umpire Phil as he scored three consecutive one day hundreds against the Pakistan under 19 team, before having him play under my watchful eye in T20 and one day interstate matches. Everything that has been said about what a great bloke Phil was is so true. I only hope that we at Happy Valley can strive to be half the person that Phillip Hughes was in his life. Genuine, caring and with a never give up attitude to everything. Rest in Peace young Phil, your memory burns strongly with everyone who you touched in your life, even if they only knew you through television.

I was also upset to be told of the unfortunate end of the life of one of my ex-students older brother. Every day we go through tough times, having to have difficult conversations and having things happen that we can't necessarily see the other side of. I urge people to find someone you can talk to if you are struggling. Here at Happy Valley, we take pride in the way we do business teaching your children, but schools are so much more a part of people's lives now that you are welcome to talk to us if you need to. If we are only able to lend an ear, we may be able

to help you see the light at the end of the tunnel. At Happy Valley, no one walks alone.

On a brighter note, I am already looking forward to 2015, and I would love to see all our Community come back into 2015 ready to learn and grow. In the words of Winnie the Pooh, "If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you."

Sincerely
Norm McNamara

SWIMMING LESSONS AND CARNIVAL

We have just completed the swimming carnival for years 4-7 and lessons for our Prep and Year 2 students. The younger students were absolutely brilliant with their behaviour and the children who attended the carnival were truly amazing. Thanks to Ms Mullay, Miss Kylie and Miss Nadja for all their help with swimming lessons.

A big congratulations to STURT house for their impressive team spirit and winning swimmers. Jayne Metekingi broke two records (one held by her sister and another held since 1998). Everyone had an absolute blast. On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank our wonderful staff who helped make the swimming carnival so much fun. Thanks also to our awesome Sports Captains for their last official duty.

Mr Gason

Year 6/7 Celebration

The 2014 End of Year Celebration was once again a huge success. 70 students, their families and members of staff packed the Irish Club function room to celebrate the end of their primary school years.

A huge thank you must go out to the following companies, members of community and staff, for this night would not have been possible without your huge contribution.

The Irish Club	Mrs Long
Xtrata	Miss Skam
The Zonta Club of Mt Isa	Miss Brooks
The Rotary Club of Mt Isa	Miss Kemp
Robbie Katter- Local	Mrs Smith
Member of Parliament	Mrs King
Spinifex State College	Mr Wilson
Mrs Train	Mrs Schelberg
Mrs Wilson	Mr Gason
Mrs Perrin	

Congratulations to all students of the 2014 year 6/7 cohort and a special mention to the following students on their awards:

MUSIC	
Year 6 Instrumental Music 2014	Rebecca Fletcher
Year 7 Instrumental Music 2014	Cody Burnett
Year 6 Music 2014	Rebecca Fletcher
Year 7 Music 2014	Cody Burnett
ACHIEVEMENT	
Year 6 English 2014	Rachel Eussen
Year 7 English 2014	Jed Wagstaff
Year 6 Mathematics 2014	Jaiden Coggan
Year 7 Mathematics 2014	Cody Burnett
Year 6 LOTE 2014	Rachel Eussen
Year 7 LOTE 2014	Cody Burnett
Teacher's Award 2014	Zoram Hemi
Teacher's Award 2014	Taysha Hall
Teacher's Award 2014	Caitlin Darcy
Teacher's Award 2014	Sean Murphy
Teacher's Award 2014	Alysia Hardie
ENCOURAGEMENT	
Year 6 Zonta Female Role Model 2014	Sarah Hilton
Year 7 Year 6 Zonta Female Role Model 2014	Lillian Blanch
Teacher's Most Improved Award 2014	Rebecca Fletcher
Teacher's Most Improved Award 2014	Jessica Lewis
Teacher's Most Improved Award 2014	Jymmi-Leigh Doyle
SPORT	
Year 6 Sportsman of the year 2014	Jack Gilmore
Year 7 Sportsman of the year 2014	Max Hill
Year 6 Sportswoman of the year 2014	Jayne Metekingi
Year 7 Sportswoman of the year 2014	Alanna Teleiai
Year 7 Sportswoman of the year 2014	Brittney Brummell
CITIZENSHIP	
Year 6 2014	Savannah Richters-Deveney
Year 7 2014	Brittney Brummell
CULTURAL	
Year 6 2014	Elisa Mutzelburg
Year 7 2014	Alyssa Liddle
PRINCIPAL	
Year 6 2014	Ryan Trott
Year 7 2014	Will Hamilton
DUX	
Year 6 2014	Taysha Hall
Year 7 2014	Cody Burnett

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call the department's School Security Program on 3237 0874.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If any families have second hand uniforms that are no longer required we would greatly appreciate them being donated to our school through Lexine at the office. These uniforms come in handy to have as spares in case of accidents. Any size will be considered a great help. Our uniform shop also accepts second hand uniforms to resell onto other HVSS families, therefore any excess we get will be given to the uniform shop.

UNIFORM ORDERS AT TUCKSHOP

As of Monday 24th November and Term 1 next year, we will be trialling ordering and payment of any school uniforms, *outside of normal Uniform Shop opening times*, through the Tuckshop instead of the Office. Please note the Tuckshop will keep limited supplies for emergency orders only. The large majority of orders placed *outside the normal Uniform Shop opening times* will still be collated by our lovely Uniform Coordinator, Leah Eussen on her given days for collection either through the Tuckshop or via your child. Payments will still be taken at the Tuckshop for these orders.

The Tuckshop is generally manned from 8.00am – 1.30pm and our Uniform Shop will still maintain its regular opening hours of Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8.30am – 9.00am.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014 AND BEGINNING OF 2015, PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL OPENING TIMES.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2014 / 2015

December

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 4th
Friday 5th: 8:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday 3rd: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

January 2015

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd: 8:30am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th: 8:30am – 10:30am

Orders can also be placed at the Tuckshop
for collection at a later date.

EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE IN UNIFORM SHOP

WEEK 8 - TERM 4 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Prep W</i>	<i>Elija M</i>	<i>2 W</i>	<i>Tateyarna H</i>
	<i>Benjamin B</i>	<i>3 B</i>	<i>Malachi M</i>
	<i>Lily Y</i>	<i>3 W</i>	<i>Mollie E</i>
	<i>Isabella L</i>	<i>3/4 G</i>	<i>Kadea O</i>
<i>Prep G</i>	<i>Carolyn M</i>		<i>Mikaire N</i>
	<i>Breanna B</i>	<i>4 B</i>	<i>Darshay T</i>
<i>1 B</i>	<i>Megan A</i>		<i>Maddison T</i>
<i>1 G</i>	<i>Brodhi G</i>	<i>5 B</i>	<i>Guy J</i>
	<i>Class of 1 Gold</i>		<i>Bailey C</i>
<i>1 S</i>	<i>Ngakau T</i>	<i>5 W</i>	<i>Hayley B</i>
	<i>Charlotte R</i>		<i>Issabella B</i>
	<i>Rehan B</i>		
	<i>Ethan G</i>		

Newsletter Article 4 : Holiday Activity Ideas for Children and Families



From the Guidance Officer -

Charmaine Gubbins, at Happy Valley School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and every second Thursday.

With the Christmas Holidays fast approaching and children home for a long amount of time, we are often faced with the dilemma of what to do to fill in the days. There are many activities that Children and Families can do that are either free or have a cost. Some of these activities can be done anywhere – at home, away on holidays. Some ideas for the Christmas holidays are:

Free activities

- Go to the fun park, pack some snacks for a picnic, take a bike or scooter to ride.
- Go to the skate park.
- Go to the beach – if holidaying near the beach. Take a ball, a bucket to make sandcastles, have a picnic.
- Play card games or board games. Have a family game afternoon / night.
- Play outside games like cricket, kick a ball, play on the trampoline, ride bikes/ scooters at home.
- Watch one of the many holiday movies or shows that are on both free to air and payTV. Maybe have a movie night with some home made popcorn.
- Go to the library. Borrow a book to read or an audio story to listen to or some DVD's. Membership to the library is free. The library also run story time and activities in the holidays, so keep an eye out in the local paper for details.
- Read a book or listen to an audio story.
- Let your children use some chairs and an old sheet and make a cubby house inside.
- Go to Carols by Candlelight.

Activities with a small cost

- Go to the pool.
- Go for ice cream. If you are in Mt Isa you could have ice cream at the pool or buy an ice cream from McDonalds.
- Make some playdough for the children to play with.
- Give the children some old socks and let them make some puppets and put on a puppet show.
- Go camping, fishing.
- Make Christmas cards.
- Use paint and shapes to print paper to use to wrap Christmas presents. Or decorate some paper with drawings to use as wrapping paper.
- Do some Christmas crafts. Get ideas from TV shows, magazines. Go to stores like Dollars and Cents or KMART and check out Christmas Craft items. These are often inexpensive.
- Make some Christmas decorations – again get ideas from TV, magazines or by googling.
- Buy some Christmas activity books with colouring in or painting activities for the Children to do.
- Do some Christmas cooking together eg. make gingerbread or short bread biscuits using some Christmas cookie cutters and decorate. These can go in the freezer to have on Christmas Day if you like. Some traditional, easy, non cook recipes eg. White Christmas is also another easy thing to make together with your children. You could also google Christmas recipes or look at magazines or TV shows for cooking ideas.

Activities with a greater cost

- Go to the movies.
- Go bowling.
- Go out for lunch / dinner.
- Go to a theme park eg. Dreamworld, Seaworld etc. if you are nearby on holidays.