



# HAPPY VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**



#### **February**

- 3 Feb First School Parade for 2014
- 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Information Evening  
(Year 1: 6-7pm / Years 3 & 3/4G: 7-8pm)
- 10<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting - 6.30pm Staff Room
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parent Information Evening  
(Year 2: 6-7pm / Year 5: 7-8pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parent Information Evening  
(Year 4: 6-7pm / Years 6/7 & 5/6G: 7-8pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parent Information Evening  
(Prep: 6-7pm)

#### **June**

- 22-28 6/7 Snow Camp

### **PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT**

Hello to all of the old and new students, staff and community members. 2014 is going to be a year full of improvement for everyone at Happy Valley. Our Teaching and Learning Audit last year, whilst very positive, has only lit the torch for more focussed and positive outcomes for our students. We hope to work very closely with our parent body and the community to provide the best possible education for your children. Please do not forget to make an appointment with Mrs Train or myself if you have an issue, or just wish to help out in some way around the school.



#### **WELCOME**

2014 sees a huge turn over in our staff ranks. Mr David, our former Groundsman, has left for WA. We have a new Groundsman, Mr Andy Murrell, and we wish him all the best. Our teaching ranks took a beating with transfers and pregnancy at the end of the year, so we welcome the following into the Valley fold:

Miss Tameeka Erpf – Prep White  
Miss Ashleigh De Pasquale – 1 Silver  
Ms Yvette DeJonge – 1 Gold  
Mrs Sharon Murphy – 3 White  
Ms Angela O'Keeffe – 3/4 Gold  
Miss Emily Kemp – 4 White  
Ms Chloe Brooks – 5 White  
Mr Scott Wilson – 5/6 Gold  
Mrs Hayley King – 6/7 White  
Ms Alex Misek – Special Needs

I am sure you will join with me in making their time here as enjoyable and full of learning as we can.

#### **ROLL MARKING AND LATE STUDENTS**

We are continuing our progress into the electronic age by now marking our rolls twice daily using the OneSchool program available to schools. If your child/ren arrive late (after 8:40am) it is important for them to report to the office for a Yellow Late Slip to give to their teacher. This will save time in the long run. If your child/ren are absent, it is important you notify the school, either by email, phone call or by note to the teacher, if you have not already spoken to them. Please be patient as everyone becomes familiar with the process.

#### **PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

I would like to call upon as many parents or community members as possible to join us at the Staff Room on Monday 10 February for the first P&C Meeting of the year. This is not the AGM, but a General Meeting. It is vital that we have a dedicated bunch of people who are interested in improving facilities and resources, as well as learning opportunities for our children as possible. The meeting starts at 6:30pm and parking is available in the Staff Car Park. Children are welcome if you have no babysitting options. We must continue the excellent work started in 2013.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

As we do each year, we have organised Parent Information Evenings for those of you who are interested in an overview of the year and to meet your child's new teacher. These will take place in Week 2 and Week 3 and will run from 6-7pm and 7-8pm. The timetable is as follows:

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Years 3 & 3/4 Gold	6 – 7 pm 7 – 8 pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Year 5	6 – 7 pm 7 – 8 pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Years 6/7 & 5/6 Gold	6 – 7 pm 7 – 8 pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Prep	6 – 7 pm

I stress that this is not a personal interview time. If you wish to make an individual time to speak with a teacher, please contact them either in person at an opportune time (Preferably not in teaching or preparation time) or by phone through the office.

## SOCIAL SKILLS AND SCHOOL RULES

Teachers have begun this year's social skills program with some 'back to school – follow the rules' messages. The teachers have revised correct procedures for lunchtimes, appropriate times to enter classrooms and become aware of out-of-bounds areas. Catch phrases talked about so far are: 'Sit On It', 'Manners Matter' and 'Look, Listen, Learn'. Also a reminder that before and after school is not a play time. I thank you for reinforcing this message at home also.

## PUTTING FACES ON THE DATA

In 2014, our school and 46 others in our region, will be taking part in an Improvement Agenda that is based on the work of Canadian Education experts Drs Lyn Sharrat and Michael Fullan, called 'Putting Faces on the Data'. The improvement in our students is critical, so everyone is taking ownership of the learning of all our students. If someone is not making gains in their education, then a plan for their learning is structured so that there is some gain to be made. Stay tune for more as this project takes off.

## PARADE

As usual, our school parade will be held on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Hall. Our first parade will be on Monday 3 February. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

## HAPPY AND SAD NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Unfortunately, we have had some sad times in the holiday period. We honour the passing of Mrs Jen Williamson on January 9. Jen was the mother of

Kayla-Jane in 3/4 Gold. We also lost a long-time supporter of our school, Uncle Fred, Kaleb Brown's Grandfather on December 9. Kaleb has since moved to Townsville. We pass on our thoughts and prayers to these families and any others who have experienced loss and grief at this time.

On a happy note, we congratulate Mrs D (Last year's Prep Blue teacher, who has given birth to baby Jack, 5 weeks early. Both parents and Jack are now doing very well, and Jack is growing fast.

## ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I received news today that our Assistant Regional Director, who oversees the improvement agenda at Mount Isa schools, was very badly hurt in an accident on Saturday. On behalf of our community, I would like to wish her a speedy recovery.

## PLAYGROUND USE BEFORE SCHOOL

For those families new to our school and for others that may need a reminder, we do not encourage children to be at school before 8am. Students are then expected to follow the 'Sit on it' social skill outside their classrooms. This includes Prep students playing on the playgrounds. There are no teachers rostered on duties at these times and children are not permitted on any play equipment.

## CAR PARKING

A reminder also that the Brilliant Street Car Park is **NOT** a parent drop off area. This area is a designated staff car park but also serves as a delivery area and Taxi drop off zone. It would be appreciated that parents do not use this car park and also, people do not use the car park as a short cut to classrooms. This is a high traffic area at the beginning and end of school. Please think of the safety of your children and others and use correct car park and entry gates. The police have been notified of several dangerous acts already and will be increasing patrols to ensure safety of our students and that traffic flows smoothly through this zone.

## CROSSING SUPERVISOR

Our awesome Crossing Supervisor from 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Miss Debbie, has a new job and will not continue this year. On behalf of the school community, I thank Debbie for her super job in keeping our kids safe and the traffic flowing. If you are interested in the position for 2014, full training is given for free. Please contact the school office or Main Roads.

*Norm McNamara*  
Principal

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### HAPPY VALLEY WEBSITE

The Happy Valley newsletter can be accessed through our website at the below address:

<http://happvallss.eq.edu.au/wcms/>

### Student / Parent Contact Details

If you have moved or have new contact phone numbers please contact the office ASAP and advise of your new details.

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

Any parents wishing to receive the school newsletter via email fortnightly please forward your request to:

[admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au)

### REGISTER FOR FREE DENTAL SERVICES NOW

If you have a child who is between 4years of age and completing Grade 10 in 2014 they are eligible to register for a free check up and treatment with the School Dental Service.

Your child/children can be registered with the school dental service by phoning 4744 4407.

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2014

#### February 2014

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: 8:35am – 9:30am

#### Ongoing Hours

Mondays: 9.00am – 9:30am

Fridays: 8.30am – 9.30am

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

*Larger sizes available (up to XXL)*

#### **EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE IN UNIFORM SHOP**

ANYONE WITH SECOND HAND UNIFORMS AT HOME IS ENCOURAGED TO DONATE THEM TO THE SCHOOL.  
DROP THEM INTO THE FRONT OFFICE.

### **Absences**

Parents must let the school know by 9am if their child/ren will be absent.

**Tel: 4745 0366**

Or

Email: [admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au)

**IF YOUR CHILD IS LATE TO SCHOOL**

**(AFTER 8.40AM)**

**THEY MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE**

**TO GET A LATE NOTE**

### ***New Phone No's.***

*School Office Number:* **4745 0333**

*The Prep Number:* **4745 0348**

*Student Absent Number:* **4745 0366**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### RATEP Intake 2014

RATEP is a community based teacher education program to enable Indigenous people to become qualified teaching assistants and /or registered teachers.

We are currently taking applications for the following courses:

- **Certificate IV in Education** (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) part time studies of 18 hours per week for adult students.  
**Applications close 5 March.**
- **Diploma in Education** (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) full time studies of 25 hours per week or part time studies of 13 hours per week (over two years) for adult learners. Contributes to one year of study in Primary Education at JCU. **Application close 7 February.**

**Where:** Spinifex State College Senior Campus  
Q Block, Room 5

**Contact:** Prue Pocock or Sharyn Pratap  
Ph: 4749 0180  
Email: ppoco3@eq.edu.au or sprat24@eq.edu.au

MOUNT ISA AMATEUR NETBALL ASSOC

## NETBALL

*SIGN UP*

### Juniors

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February

from 9am @ Wellington Oval

can't make it? you can come and sign on here!

Mount Isa Super Sports Sign On Day

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Buchanan Park – 10am to 1pm

### Mount Isa Softball Association

**Launch Day - 1st February 2.00pm, Softball Grounds, Owen-Stanley Road**

Mount Isa Softball Association will be hosting a Launch Day for all new and old players wishing to play in the 2014 season. All Clubs will be at the grounds ready to accept your registrations and answer your questions.

An exhibition match between the All Blacks grand finalists, *DJM* and *Barr's Team* will be held at 2pm to show case just how great this sport is.

After the game, everyone is welcome to stay for a BBQ dinner whilst the kids enjoy the jumping castle.

We welcome both boys and girls from 5 years onwards. All junior games are modified for each age group to allow a natural progression of skill level.



**09 FEB 2014**

**MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL**

**SUPER SPORT EXPO 2014**

**WHERE:** BUCHANAN PARK XSTRATA ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

**WHEN:** 10AM-1PM

**WHAT:** SIGN ON TO SPORTS CLUBS  
REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER  
FIND OUT WHAT EVENTS ARE ON

**SP1000@MOUNTISA.QLD.GOV.AU | 4747 3000**