

Happy Valley State School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 4th La Bohème Opera – 7.30pm
Mt Isa Civic Centre
- Father's Day Stall – Class groups
- 5th Father's Day Stall – First Break only
- 9th P & C Meeting – 6.30pm
- 12th Softball Carnival (selected students)
AFL Carnival (selected students)
- 19th Last Day of Term 3



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mondays

2.45 – 3.30pm AFL training / Softball training

Wednesdays

2.30 – 4.30pm Rock Pop Rehearsals

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Next week is the start of Week 8. This means if we take away the October 20 Pupil Free Day and the October 6 Public Holiday, there are only 58 days left in the 2014 school year. There is a stack of learning left to squeeze into this time so I urge you to keep working with your children's teachers to help keep everyone on track and continue the great year that it has been already.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE NEWS

At the beginning of the year I spoke about the funding that was made available to our school under the Qld Government's Great Results Guarantee plan. It is my pleasure to update you on the progress in achieving our school goals. In our School Plan, one of our outcomes was that we would endeavour to "increase the percentage of students achieving a C or better in English in Years 1 and 2 from 52% to 60%." Our classes smashed these into submission with 71.2% of Year 1s and 65.1% of Year 2s achieving at a C or better in English. Keep working hard everyone, you are a credit to the school.

NAPLAN DATA RELEASE

Last week the 2014 NAPLAN Data was released and our Administration team is currently analysing the data. The report will be tabled at the next P&C Meeting on 8 September. Quickly having a look at our results, we have been consistent in our improvement across most areas, and our continued focus on Reading and Spelling has helped that improvement. Individual NAPLAN reports have now been received at school and will be sent home as soon as practicable.

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ARD VISIT

Our new Acting Assistant Regional Director Robert Mitchell visited our school for 3 1/2 hours last Wednesday. During this time, we discussed the amazing things that are occurring at Happy Valley. A great majority of the time was spent in classrooms talking with students and teachers about what they were learning about, and how it then linked back into the big picture of what they were studying. Mr Mitchell spoke to me about the wonderful impressions he now had of Happy Valley as a place of learning. It made me very proud.

RODEO COLOURING COMPETITION

This week I had the pleasure of announcing our winners of the Rodeo Colouring Competition. Who each received packs that included Rodeo T-Shirts and tickets to next year's Rodeo. I would like to congratulate Misha Gordon and Lachlan Fietz, both of 4 White. Miss Kemp is obviously hiding our artistic talent in Mod C. Well done to you both.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2015

If you are a parent of our school and have a child who is eligible for Prep in 2015, please see Lexine in the office to place your child's name on the Prep 2015 list. This will enable us to keep you up to date on information nights and open days in Term 4.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The next P&C meeting will be held in Week 9, Monday 8 September. All parents and community members are welcome to attend at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room. If you have any items for the agenda, please contact Mr McNamara at school.

BEHAVIOUR KEYS FOR EXCELLENT EFFORT IN SOCIAL SKILLS

Our school Social Skills focus sees students rewarded by Staff with a 'key'. The amounts each week are then collected and a tally is kept on our school key thermometer in the Hall. This week, Mrs Train informed me the students have done so well that they have reached the next goal reward of a whole school barbeque. This means that in the last week, Mr McNamara will be hard at work cooking snags on the barbie for all our staff and students. I will inform all families of exact date for this amazing record breaking attempt in the next newsletter.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September in the Sports Hall. All classes will be rostered on Thursday to visit the stall and any who forgot will have a second chance at Morning Tea on Friday. Any parents who are keen to help should contact the Office with details.

FREE DRESS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Next Friday, 5th September, our Student Council will be holding a Free Dress Day which will raise funds for this year's Relay For Life. This charity supports the search in a cure for cancer, which I am sure has affected everyone in some way. The theme for the day is 'Be Colourful'. I encourage everyone to wear the most colourful clothes possible so that we can show our support for everyone affected by cancer. Students who come in Free Dress will be asked to donate a gold coin to this wonderful charity.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new and improved school website is finally up and live. Anyone can now access this site at any time to find out about Happy Valley and everything that is great about our place. The address is www.happvallss.eq.edu.au if you wish to check it out.

Norm McNamara
Principal

La Boheme

Next week is Opera week in Mount Isa. The Civic Centre will start to come alive from Tuesday as the Professional Production of La Boheme bumps into Mount Isa. On Wednesday, highschool students and our own Rachel Eussen (double bass) will participate in a workshop with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra followed by Professional development, presently by Maestrao Guy Noble, for School teachers across the district. Thursday Mount Isa Mines School Show presentation will be held at the Civic Centre for Invited students. Alexis Poidevin, Annette Gordon, Allison Nicholson, Katie McGuinness, Sarah Hilton, Misha Gordon and Jorja Bell are all performing Thursday evening in the Chorus to La Boheme. So don't miss it snow in Mount Isa on Thursday evening 7:30pm Mount Isa Civic Centre.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

CARE VACANCIES

Our after school care program currently has both full time and part time vacancies available, please contact 0498 714 668 for enquiries.

WEEKS 5 & 6 - TERM 3 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<p>Prep B Deon McC Harley M Damian B Chace P Kari G</p> <p>Prep W Meadow S Oliver H Darshanne F Titan M</p> <p>Prep G Mitch P Asha Mc Breanna B Logan W</p> <p>1 B Rachel A Renisha A</p> <p>1 W Georgia N Cooper J</p> <p>1 G Nobal J</p> <p>1 S Sonique H Renisha A Taylor N</p> <p>2 W Jacob M Maddison R</p> <p>2 B Isabelle W</p>	<p>2G Rowan C Dylan J</p> <p>3 B Patrick M Kalyee N</p> <p>3 W Kelly B Hayley S</p> <p>3/4 G Jett G Nate D</p> <p>4 B Gabriell F Sofia M</p> <p>4W Willow S</p> <p>5 B Piper G Delta B</p> <p>5 W Hayley B Braith M</p> <p>5/6 G Ryan T</p> <p>6/7 B Zoram H Brodhi A Hannah G Sarah H Brittney B Caitlin D Jayne M Max H</p>
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SCHOOL NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays: 8.30am – 9:00am

Fridays: 8.30am – 9.00am

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.

Egg cartons needed in 1 Blue

Drop in to office

Father's Day Stall



Thursday 4th Sept

- A variety of wonderful gifts for Dad ranging from \$1 to \$6.
- Each class will have time to visit and make purchases at the stall.
- The stall will be available to everyone during 1st break on Friday(10:30-11:15am).

PUBLIC NOTICES

Anglican Church Community Fair

3 Station Street
Next to PCYC

Family Entertainment

Games Arcade

Food & Drinks available

Arts & Crafts

Raffles

Local Entertainment

Sweets & Treats

Face Painting

Saturday
30th August
9am - 1pm

LA BOHEME

MOUNT ISA

Thursday 4 September

Featuring the Mount Isa Chorus FREE school preview 1pm
 Tickets on sale 1 August at Performance 7.30pm
 Outback at Isa 4747 3300

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

Student's Name: _____

Date/s of absence: _____

- Reason for Absence: Holiday
- Illness/injury Medical Appointment
- Family Reasons Sport/Music Event
- Other _____

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