

Happy Valley State School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 12th Softball Carnival (selected students)
AFL Carnival (selected students)
- 19th Last Day of Term 3



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays

2.30 – 4.30pm Rock Pop Rehearsals

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

And so we reach the end of Term 3 as next Friday 19 September is our last day for the Term. I am amazed at the way time flies when you are having great fun in your job. Every day is a different one.

At my last meeting with our Assistant Regional Director, we spoke about the Headline Indicators for our school. Headline Indicators are a State wide monitoring tool for every State School in Queensland based on the previous years collected data. Our data at this time from 2013 indicated that our attendance at Happy Valley put us in the green range, or very good and above the state average. On review of our current attendance data, we are in danger of falling below the state average and into the red range, meaning this would then become a school that would be highly monitored for attendance. On reviewing absence data, we have many students who are legitimately sick or have parents who due to work that are required to take holidays outside school holiday times. These things are valid reasons. What I am finding hard to comprehend is the number of students who stay at home because they want to. This is not a reason for a legitimate absence. I cannot stress enough the importance of attending school. This is not for the sake of our attendance data but for your children. A day off just 'because you want to' is harming the continuity of education and teaching our students that it is all right not to attend a commitment. Statistics prove the importance of attendance. Please, as a responsible parent, I ask that you ensure your children attend school every single day they are able to.

Our Staff and students have had a very difficult time with illness in the back end of this term. It seems that we made it to Rodeo and then everyone started to hit the illness train hard. As our climate has been so dry and we have now gone very quickly from cool weather to hot in a short space of time, I urge people to take precautions with helping children stay healthy. This includes washing hands and faces regularly and making sure bed linen and towels are



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clean. Encourage everyone to cough and sneeze away from others, preferably into a tissue and bin it. That way, our collective health and well-being will take a turn for the better.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Teachers and students really deserve to relax and prepare for that final assault on the last 9 weeks of the school year.

GOODBYE TO OUR WONDERFUL STAFF

Next Friday sees a number of our wonderful staff leaving Happy Valley. Unfortunately, we will be losing Miss Gillian Bishop from Grade One as she takes an opportunity at Healy SS to be a part of their Literacy Coaching time. Thank you Gill for the amazing way you have been a part of the staff and community at Happy Valley since you arrived.

Also, two of our treasured Teacher Aides, Mandy Owen and Vicki Green will be leaving Mount Isa. After many years valuable service, Mandy leaves us to help care for her mother in Cloncurry. Thank you Mandy for everything you have done in the lives of Happy Valley's many little minds. Mrs Green will be moving with her family to Yeppoon. We wish you all the best Vicki and thank you for the wonderful work you have done with our students. Both ladies will be sorely missed.

TEACHER AIDE DAY AND SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

Last week we celebrated with a Morning Tea all the wonderful work our Teacher Aides, Ground Staff and Office Staff do to help keep our school running. The contribution all of them make to the ongoing good order and learning environment as great as it is, is nothing short of exceptional. A great big Happy Valley thank you goes to Miss Shev (BSM), Miss Lexine and Miss Sam (Office), Mr Gold (Grounds) and our Teacher Aides, Miss Anj, Miss Kylie, Miss Marissa, Miss Alexis, Miss Nadja, Miss Trish, Miss Mandy, Miss Vicki, Miss Annette, Miss Emily and Miss Kris.

ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISIT

Our ARD Robbie Mitchell will be visiting again next Tuesday morning from 8-10am. He will again be speaking with Admin as well as visiting classrooms to discuss Teaching and Learning with teachers and students.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2015

It is a busy time of year at the moment organising our classes for next year. 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. Our Prep Information Evening will be conducted on Tuesday

14 October at 6:30pm. This will be followed by Open Days on 4 and 11 November and Enrolment Interviews which will be held on 19 and 21 November.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

It was very disappointing to have only 6 people at our P&C meeting on Monday evening. I hope that when we hold our next meeting in Term 4 on Monday 13 October at 6:30pm, there will be many more people who are interested in helping out our school. Our P&C do so many wonderful things to help our school and it would be great to see parents show more interest.

BEHAVIOUR KEYS FOR EXCELLENT EFFORT IN SOCIAL SKILLS

Next Friday, the last day of term, I will be providing every student at our school with a sausage sizzle for Morning Tea. This is our whole school reward for excellent Social Behaviours. The Tuckshop will still be open on this day. Well done Happy Valley students, we are proud of your efforts.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our P&C Father's Day Stall was held last week and was an amazing success. Thank you very much to Erica Shaw and her loyal band of helpers for the amazing efforts, especially as they sold out twice and had to go 'speed shopping' to satisfy all our students. I hope all the Dads out there had as great a day as I did with my family.

LA BOHEME OPERA

Last Thursday, I had the privilege of taking 130 of our talented music students and upper classes to see the special school's performance of the La Boheme Opera at the Civic Centre. It was amazing to witness our students experience such a wonderful performance from some very talented people. We also had a number of students and staff members who took part in the full production. You all did us proud, congratulations.

SCHOOL WATCH

Over the holidays, our school grounds are out of bounds to the public. There are a number of cleaning, office and ground staff who will be working for some of the time. Also, some teachers will be planning for Term 3. If you see suspicious activity at the school, please stay safe and do not approach anyone. If you need to, contact School Watch on 131788 or Mount Isa Police on 4744 1111 .

Norm McNamara
Principal

WEEKS 7 & 8 - TERM 3 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Bradley Mc Aston M	2G	Kaitlyn D Amity F
Prep W	Isaiah C Izabella V Kyle S Lily S	3 B	Quinton E Malachi M
Prep G	Nate B Althea G Ahmienya H Bevan S	3 W	Braedon D
1 B	Jaidyn F Shannon R Kauri H	3/4 G	Tayla B Liam M
1 W	Isla N Shantelle H	4W	Nathaniel M Lachlan F
1 G	Baxter T Hailey L	5 B	Mete K
1 S	Gabrial W	5 W	Thomas M Katie M
2 W	Tateyarna H	5/6 G	Jack G
2 B	Kuk K	6/7 B	Izaiah C Brodhi A Norton D Stanley M Will H
		6/7 W	Lillian B Jayda K

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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES



PALS

Social Skills Program
Playing & Learning to Socialise



Group program for children in Kindy, Prep and Year 1

Run by Isa Therapy Services

This program, delivered by an experienced occupational therapist, involves learning social skills using story-telling, songs, games, role-play and fun activities to motivate and engage children to develop a range of social behaviours that will help them develop friendships and get along with others.

September Holiday Block
Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th September
9am – 11am

Cost: \$300
(Private Health Insurance rebates may be available)

Where: Isa Therapy Services at 92 Marian St

To register your interest in the September Program or for future programs in 2014.

Please contact Isa Therapy Services
Ph: 4743 6695
Email: admin@isatherapy.com.au



Registration closes: Friday 5th September
Group sizes are limited.

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

Student's Name: _____

Date/s of absence: _____

Reason for Absence: Holiday

Illness/injury Medical Appointment

Family Reasons Sport/Music Event

Other _____

Parent Signature: _____

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