



HAPPY VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Thursday 13th February 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER



February

- 13th Parent Information Evening – Prep 6pm
14th Term 1 Book Club due
17th Student Leaders Induction – 8.30am
28th Consent / Deposit due for Yr 6/7 Camp

March

- 10th P&C Annual General Meeting – 6.30pm

April

- 30th Final Payment due for Yr 6/7 Camp

June

- 22-28 6/7 Snow Camp

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Hello to all and welcome to the second Newsletter of 2014. Our Teaching Staff have been working overtime, staying at school last Friday until after 7pm and then coming back on Saturday. This was so we could be in-serviced on the teaching of Spelling by Denyse Ritchie of the THRASS Institute. Denyse is renowned in Australia as having an exceptional knowledge of teaching and the staff were eager to listen, learn and try out her strategies.

Our Day 8 numbers saw us as the only Primary school to hold our numbers from 2013, now being 474.

We have been working extremely hard on our Improvement Agenda for this year, and the Admin team will, this Friday, present our plans to the Acting Assistant Regional Director.

I have been extremely proud of the way our community has welcomed the new staff members to Happy Valley. The number of wonderful positive

comments that have been passed in relation to our school, teachers, teacher aides and students is very heartening.

On the other hand, I have been made aware of uncalled for comments being passed on Social Media. If anyone in our community has issues with myself or the school, please have the courtesy of airing them in the right forum. Remember, comments posted electronically are forever.

VANDALISM

When we came to school on Saturday, it was sad to see that some people with nothing better to do, had been through our school grounds after we left on Friday night. We had a very large security light and a large window pane smashed by large rocks. If you see people in the school grounds after hours, please contact the Police urgently. Last year some young people were charged with trespassing. Your vigilance keeps our school safe and secure.

OLD I-PODS

If anyone has an old I-Pod that they do not use and would like to donate it to the school, please contact Mrs Long or Mr McNamara. We use I-Pods to record children's voices for assessment purposes. If you have recently upgraded or have an old one lying around, please think of us.

ROLL MARKING AND LATE STUDENTS

We are continuing our progress into the electronic age by marking our rolls electronically 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. Please be patient as everyone becomes familiar with this new electronic process.

Late Attendance

If your child is late to school (after 8.40am) they must report to the office to get a late note.



Early Departure

Any parent wishing to collect their child prior to 2.30pm must report to the office to sign them out before collecting them from their classroom.

ABSENTEES

Just a reminder that it is the responsibility of parents and carers to notify the school, by email, phone, note or in person if their child is absent for any reason. If we do not receive notification, we will be taking a range of measures to follow up on unexplained absences including: phone calls, letters home and home visits. Further, if your child is to be away for 10 days or more, it is important that you contact the office before hand to apply for an exemption from schooling for this period.

Student Absence Phone Line: 4745 0366

STUDENTS LEADERS INDUCTION PARADE

Next Monday, 17th February, will be our Leaders Induction Parade. This will begin at 8:30am, with Mr Rob Katter, Member for Mount Isa, as our special guest. Parents are invited afterwards for a Morning Tea in the Meeting Room.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

On Monday evening at our P&C, Mr Pocock presented drawings the committee had had completed showing how the area at the oval end of Mod A would look after development. This has been decided to be the major project of the P&C, most likely over the next few years. The area would be leveled and a two tiered outdoor teaching area with permanent shade built. If you are keen to see these drawings, please see Mr McNamara, Mrs Train or Mrs Long. Next month is our P&C AGM and we would love to see as many people as possible. The date is March 10, 6:30pm in the Staff Room.

PARENT EVENINGS

Thank you for all who have taken the time to attend Parent Information Sessions. Our teachers have shown how keen they are to make 2014 a wonderful year for your students. I am sure you will

admit that we have a very dedicated group educating your children.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

I would like to thank the parents who have already paid the Voluntary Contribution for 2014. The cost of \$80 for Prep students and \$30 for all other students, covers other costs such as ingredients for cooking, special art requirements and other incidentals. This can be paid at any time to Lexine or Sam at the office, and will be receipted.

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

During the first 3 weeks of school, there have been a number of parents who due to running late, are using the Staff car park as a drop off zone. There are many vehicles owned by staff and delivery drivers and with rarely any spare parks. I have asked that my staff use the car park so that there are more parks outside the school. Please do not use the Staff car park as your personal car park, as this is creating uncomfortable situations for people who need to be reminded of the rules. This park is also not to be used for walking through. Please use designated entry gates.

CROSSING SUPERVISOR

We are still searching for someone to take on the role of Crossing Supervisor on 23rd Avenue. This is a paid position both morning and afternoon. It would be a perfect position for a person who is retired or can afford an hour in the morning and afternoon. If you are interested in the position for 2014, full training is at no cost. Please contact the school office or Main Roads

Norm McNamara
Principal

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Please advise the office every time your child is absent from school.

WEEKS 1 & 2 TERM 1 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<p><i>Prep B Oscar M Shayla D Meeka V Daniel E Damian B Breanna D</i></p> <p><i>Prep W Georgia W Izabella V</i></p> <p><i>Prep G Amelia H Bevan S</i></p> <p><i>1 B Matthew A Taj P</i></p> <p><i>1 W Georgia N Chloe O</i></p> <p><i>1 G Skye B Erin S</i></p> <p><i>1 S Ashley Mc Rehan B</i></p> <p><i>2 B Georgia D Caelan H</i></p> <p><i>2 W Dylan L Charli N</i></p> <p><i>2 G Blair M</i></p>	<p><i>3 B Malachi M Ethan C</i></p> <p><i>3 W Azara M Lailah M</i></p> <p><i>3/4 G Luke B Sholeyna W</i></p> <p><i>4 B Max M Blake P</i></p> <p><i>4 W Nathaniel M Amelia O</i></p> <p><i>5 B Trent B Paige J</i></p> <p><i>5 W Thomas M Aiden Mc</i></p> <p><i>5/6 G Jymmi-Leigh D Jade K</i></p> <p><i>6/7 B Jackson B Sharnaie W</i></p> <p><i>6/7 W Whole Class Jack N Darius W</i></p>
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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

REGISTER FOR FREE DENTAL SERVICES NOW

If you have a child who is between 4 years 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




Tuesday: 8.30am – 9:30am
Fridays: 8.30am – 9:30am

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.

Respect Yourself Respect Others Respect Property

Social Skills

To have a friend be
a friend.

Focus issues:

- Students not including others in games or calling others names.
- New students coming to the school- existing students use the catchphrase to include the new students.
- Students being unkind to each other and then expecting them to be their friend.

Looks Like

- Students playing together.
- Joining in.
- Having fun.

Sounds Like

- Kind words being used.
- Asking others to join in your games etc.
- Friendly laughing.

Feels Like

- Inviting.

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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

Island BMX Club

Mt Isa

“COME & TRY / SIGN ON DAY”

When: 22 February 2014
Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Where: Island BMX Club Track
Fourth Avenue
Entry next to Island Bowls
Club



FREE Sausage Sizzle

Any enquiries to Colleen 0427 729 380

** Must wear long pants, long sleeved shirt & closed in foot wear **

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