



HAPPY VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Thursday 27th February 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 3rd Consent / Deposit due for Yr 6/7 Camp
- 7th / 21st District Soccer Carnival
(Junior Soccer grounds from 8.15am)
- District Touch Football Carnival
(Kruttschnitt Oval from 8.15am)
- 10th P&C Annual General Meeting – 6.30pm

April

- 4th Last Day of Term 1
- 30th Final Payment due for Yr 6/7 Camp

May

- 1st School Photo Day

June

- 22-28 6/7 Snow Camp

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

What a hectic couple of weeks we have had with Leaders' Induction, Student Leaders Days, lots and lots of learning in classes and on an Admin level, a teleconference with our Acting Assistant Regional Director where we were grilled as a team about our Improvement Agenda for 2014. Everything we have done so far this year is aimed at improving the learning experience and outcomes for your children.



A few weeks ago, the Minister for Education announced the Great Results Guarantee. The GRG is a new initiative that offers schools funding to improve literacy and numeracy. This funding will allow us to grow our intensity to support every child. This Friday I am required to submit a carefully considered plan as to how approximately \$129 552 will be spent in 2014. Mrs Train and I have been working on this and have identified areas looking at our school data that we can improve by using

certain strategic ideas. This is not about increasing the salary of any staff, but may give us some more freedom to plan for extra people to support improvement.

I have been extremely proud of the way all of our students have slipped straight back into the 'Happy Valley Way'. You are all to be commended.

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.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Each year our P&C looks for new members and I encourage all parents and carers to become active members of the Association. Our P&C involves people who want to see a great school get better, just like you. On Monday March 10 our P&C AGM is being held and we would love to see as many people as possible. The time is 6:30pm in the Staff Room.

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

I have witnessed and heard about a number of our students who are acting in a dangerous manner when travelling to and from school. I have seen children ride in front of cars, parents cross with children in front of cars and children on scooters have almost been struck by vehicles. Please ensure that any children who come to school, either walking or by bike/scooter, or are dropped off/picked up by you, know to cross at the designated crossing for safety's sake. I know how dangerous it is out there. I plead with people not to have one of our students carted off in the back of an ambulance because of a silly choice.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

One of the ways schools raise funds to assist with resourcing is through Voluntary Contributions. At Happy Valley, our Voluntary Contribution is \$30 per child (Years 1-7) and \$80 per child (Prep). The major purpose of the contributions is to provide a cost effective and efficient strategy, to parents and students, which:

- Supplements consumable resources which are used to ensure real-life learning experiences for students;
- Assists in maintaining a high level of technology across the school learning environment and;
- Accommodates a range of school-based programs to enhance student skill development.

I would like to express my appreciation to those parents and carers who have already paid the contribution. I appreciate that some families face some significant expenses with school camps, sport and excursions on the horizon. You are welcome to pay the Voluntary Contribution or major expenses off over a period of time. Payments can be made in instalments either by cash or via credit card or EFTPOS card at the office.

STUDENTS LEADERS

Last Monday we held our Student Leaders' Induction Parade. A great big thank you to Mr Rob Katter, Member for Mount Isa, who attended and had some very wise words for our leaders. Also last week, our School Captains attended a workshop with renowned Educational Leadership speaker Dr Neil Carrington. It was wonderful to see the vigour with which our children took part in the activities, and Dr Carrington made special mention of our wonderful students. Thank you also to Miss Peta in the Tuckshop for catering for both of these events.

Our Leaders for 2014 are:

School Captains:

Cody Burnett, Alyssa Liddle, Dawid Roux and Taysha Hall

School Vice Captains:

Will Hamilton, Brittney Brummell, Sarah Hilton and Rachel Eussen

Cook House:

Kazzidi Ward, Rochelle Cremer, Savannah Richters-Deveny and Dayna Zurvas-Pritchard

Flinders House:

Max Hill, Lillian Blanch, Alysia Hardie and Jack Gilmore

Sturt House:

Damian Patch, Caitlin Darcy, Sean Murphy and Brodie Hammond

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Bringing mobile phones to school is not encouraged at Happy Valley because of the potential of children losing them and the general distraction and/or disruption associated with their use. We understand that on occasion parents require children to have a mobile. If this is the case, then school procedure requires the phone or any other electrical device to be handed into the office on arrival at school. Children then collect them upon leaving in the afternoon. We have had some instances of children leaving them in bags with them ringing and disrupting the learning of more than one class.

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.

Norm McNamara
Principal

From the Deputy



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 93%. This is just short of our target for the year of 94%. We want to see all children at school every day possible, on time and ready for learning. Congratulations to the following classes who have been doing just that:

Week 1	99% attendance: Prep Blue, Prep White, 2 Gold, 2 White, 4 White
Week 2	96% attendance: 2 Gold, 3 White, 4 Blue
Week 3	97% attendance: 1 Blue
Week 4	98% attendance: 4 White

Student Absent Number: 4745 0366 or Email: admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au

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

Student Absences

It is very important that parents and carers notify the school to explain the reason why their child is absent from school. If parents have not done this, it is our responsibility to follow up on unexplained absences. Along with phone calls, we also conduct home visits and send letters home requesting an explanation. Next week, parents of children who have had an unexplained absence this year will receive a letter asking them to fill in the reason for the absence, sign and return to school. This will enable us to amend the roll.

To avoid receiving one of these letters, please make sure you contact the school to explain why your child is away. You can do this by visiting the office, phoning our Student Absence number 4745 0366, sending an email or sending a note. **You might like to use the "tick and flick" form attached.**

Extended Student Absences

If your child is going to be **absent from school for 10 days or more** it is important that you contact the school beforehand to apply for an **exemption** for this period. This will also enable us to provide some learning activities for your child to complete during their time away from the classroom.

Year 6 & 7 Canberra and Snow Excursion – Sunday 22 June to Saturday 28 June

There are 13 places left for students in Years 6 and 7 to attend this wonderful trip! All students in Years 6 and 7 received an Activity Consent Form on the 7 February. If you need another copy of this form, please contact the office. The deadline for the \$50 deposit and consent forms was Friday 28 February. This has now been extended to **Monday 3 March**.

We need 47 students to attend to make this excursion viable. If we do not receive full numbers by Monday, 3 March, we will need to consider our options going forward. If you wish your child to attend this excursion, please make sure that they return their **consent form with the \$50 deposit by Monday 3 March**. Parents are welcome to make further payments at any time. Full payment for the excursion is not due until 30 April.

Religious Instruction

Religious instruction classes have commenced for the year. These classes are 30 minute lessons conducted on Tuesdays between 11:30-2:30 pm for students in Years 3-7. The faith group who provides approved instructors to deliver religious instruction is the local Mount Isa Council of the Clergy group. The local churches cover the costs of materials used by children in these programs.

Students are allocated to these classes in accordance with the information provided on the completed Parent Notice for Religious Instruction forms. This information remains operational unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing. Students who are not participating in religious instruction will undertake quiet independent work in a separate learning space. If you have any questions about Religious Instruction, please contact the school.

*Stacey Train
Deputy Principal*

PLASTIC BAGS

Our P&C are requesting any spare plastic shopping bags you may have lying around for the upcoming Mother's Day Stall. Please drop them into the office if you do.

HAPPY VALLEY AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING	
Mondays	
2.45-3.30pm	District Touch Football Training
Thursdays	
2.45-3.30pm	District Soccer Training

<p><u>Late Attendance</u></p> <p>If your child is late to school (after 8.40am) they must report to the office to get a late note.</p>
<p><u>Early Departure</u></p> <p>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.</p>



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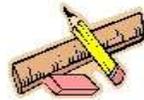
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WEEKS 3 & 4 TERM 1 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Poppee B Tyler Mc Emily V	2 W	Milla V Kayla W
Prep W	Monique B Beau P Ava M Benjamin B	3 B 3 W	Danielle B Andrew C Richelle B
Prep G	Mitch P Asha Mc Evan L Grace D Mitch P	3/4 G 4 B	James B Kalan T Patrick M Cambel H Max M
1 B	Jade W Megan A	4 W 5 B	Jenisha A Chad C Lazarus B Tristan N
1 W	Hollie P Aimee G	5 W	Cooper G Sienna S
1 G	Xavier W	5/6 G	Jessie M
1 S	Ryan M Ethan G Malachi W	6/7 B 6/7 W	Taysha H Jed W Klayton W Jessica L Sharnae W
2 B	Regan H Piper H		
2 G	Grace G		





Respect Yourself Respect Others Respect Property

Social Skills

Respect is the Key

Focus:
Students know that they must respect themselves, respect others and respect property. Understand that 'respect is the key'

Looks Like

- Students dressed neatly
- Students looking after property.
- Students making the right choices

Sounds Like

- Students using manners
- Students using respectful language

Feels Like

- Enjoying yourself and being happy because you have made the right choice.

SCHOOL NOTICES

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.

HAPPY VALLEY WEBSITE

The Happy Valley newsletter can be accessed through our website at the below address:
<http://happvallss.eq.edu.au/wcms/>

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 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

Tuesdays: 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.



STUDENT BANKING



The 2013 banking prizes are no longer available please refer to the 2014 prize list, which are available from our Banking Coordinator, Nita Heaven through the office if you do not already have one.

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TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH STUDENT FOR ANY PAST ABSENCES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN EXPLAINED AND ANY FUTURE ABSENCES TO BE RECORDED.

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