



HAPPY VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Thursday 13th March 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER



March

17th-21st Book Fair – Library
(8.00am – 8.30am / 2.30pm-3.00pm)

19th Ride2School Day

21st District Soccer Carnival
(Junior Soccer grounds from 8.15am)

District Touch Football Carnival
(Kruttschnitt Oval from 8.15am)

31st P&C AGM – 6.30pm Staff Room

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 an amazing fortnight we have had at Happy Valley. Last week I met with our Assistant Regional Director Sharon Schimming and the other Principals of Mount Isa primary schools. There were a number of things discussed, including what we were doing to improve the teaching within all our schools. This information is extremely valuable to all of us, as is the feedback from our peers.



There are only 3 weeks to go in Term 1 and our teachers are working hard to ensure your children are learning optimally. Our Years 5/6 and 6/7 classes today had a chat with Aunty Joan Marshall about Indigenous Perspectives in History. It was great to see our children interact so politely. Well done everyone!

Please be aware that there has been significant illness around Happy Valley over the last four weeks. There has been vomiting and diarrhoea, colds and influenza and many different bugs floating around. Please check on your children regularly as we are trying to be proactive in stopping these germs from spreading.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Today we finally received our Woolworths Earn and Learn prizes. I would like to thank Woolworths for the support they give to Australian kids, Modern Teaching Aids for their partnership with Woolworths and the community of Happy Valley for the awesome efforts with last year's collection. This promotion will start very soon and we look forward to the things we can access with our points at the end. This year we have two full kits of sports equipment, Electricity kits for Science lessons and every Prep class has special maze games and hand-eye coordination training activities.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

On Monday night this week, we held our March General Meeting. It was great to see some new faces, but disappointing to see the very small number. So far, we have discussed fundraising ideas, viewed the school Annual Implementation Plan, listened to explanations of how our school is planning to improve the way it teaches your children so we have even better results. As I explained in last fortnight's newsletter, we also have the Great Results Guarantee that has boosted our ability to try and improve the way we teach and the outcomes of all students. Unfortunately, the Annual General Meeting has been postponed until Monday 31 March. Please make the effort to attend and be a part of a dynamic group of people who want to see our great school become even better. Our Meeting will begin at 6:30pm and will be in the Meeting Room. Children are welcome to come with you.

INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

Interim Progress Reports will go home on Wednesday 2 April. These are designed to inform you how your children are going in Term 1, and so that there are no surprises in their Semester 1 reports. There will also be a chance to have Parent Teacher interviews early in Term 2 for most classes, but some classes will have them at the end of this term. Please feel free to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you very much to the super group of parents who come into our classrooms each week to help out with a number of activities. Your volunteered time is greatly valued. I would like to ask that when you come to the school to help in a class, that you take the time to sign in at the Office. This is predominately a Workplace Health and Safety issue. If you are on site for a length of time, we need to know in case there is an emergency. In the next term, we will also be offering instruction to parents on a number of topics, including teaching of reading. Stand by for a timetable of what will be offered in forthcoming newsletters.

BE ON TIME!

Having our children on time and ready for learning is one of the most important aspects in their education. Children who are 10 minutes late each day can miss half a year of their education. Research also shows that children learn their best in the first two hours of the day. As a society we as parents have an obligation to teach our children the value of education throughout their lives. People who believe education is important set their children up for the future, and in turn send the message that can be passed on to generations to come. I would ask that you have children in the routine of being at school on time, hence making it much easier for our teaching staff.

ATTENDANCE

Our school has a very solid attendance rate that is regularly above the state average of 93.5%. What lets us down as a school is people that do not insist their children attend every day, and allowing children to have a day off because, 'They don't feel like coming to school.' This sends a message of under valuing education again. Last week, we had a most pleasing result. I would like to let everyone

know how proud we are of Miss Casey's class, 1 White. They had 100% attendance in Week 6. I thank the children for the amazing team effort that has seen them achieve the first 'hundred percenter' of 2014. Great stuff kids, you are a credit to your families and to Miss Casey.

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR

It is with great disappointment that I announce we have received the resignation of our Tuckshop Convenor, Mrs Peta Beard. Unfortunately, Peta and her family are returning to their home in NSW and her last day will be Friday April 4. There will be a special goodbye section during our last parade of the term on Monday 31 March for Mrs Beard. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Peta for her excellent service to Happy Valley.

The position of Tuckshop Convenor is now open for application, anyone wishing to apply please send your resume to P&C Treasurer Sam Bell by email (sbell240@eq.edu.au) or hand to the Office for Sam's attention. Applications close Thursday 27th March.

The Convenor's job is a very important one, which include: food ordering, collecting and collating daily lunch orders, food preparation, kitchen cleaning, daily banking, setting menus that follow the departmental Healthy Lifestyles regulations, liaising with contractors on behalf of the P&C and others. The new Convenor will begin in Term2 and will work 16 hours per week. They will earn award rates of \$23.21 per hour. For any enquiries, call Mr McNamara or Mrs Bell at the Office.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Last Friday, our Year 5, 6 and 7 students played interschool sport. Touch and Soccer were the two sports. I was particularly impressed that one of our parents visited me on Friday evening at home to inform me of how wonderful Happy Valley students were. It made me extremely proud. Great work students. Thanks also to Mr Gason, Mr Wilson and Miss Kylie who worked with our students, and to Mr Narramore for helping out at soccer.

PARENTS WAITING FOR STUDENTS IN THE AFTERNOON

I have been made aware that at times in the afternoon, parents waiting for students in the Mod B/C covered area are interrupting learning with

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loud conversations. Teachers found it extremely difficult to hear Aunt Joan talk this afternoon because waiting parents were speaking loudly. Please be aware that these areas are still being used up to 2:30 for learning, and that you are an example to our students. If you are having a conversation, understand there is learning going on and this is our primary concern.

HEAD LICE

There has been head lice detected in a number of classes. Please check hair regularly. Head lice don't discriminate and will live in clean or dirty hair. Hair conditioner can be used to help remove the lice and they do not like tea tree oil.

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.

Norm McNamara
Principal

HAPPY VALLEY BETTER BUDDIES PROGRAM

Years 1, 5, 6 & 7



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Happy Valley state School will again be celebrating national Ride2School day on Wednesday 19 March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to leave the car at home and get students riding, walking, skating or scootering to school. This is designed to promote the importance of daily physical activity for everybody.



After the success of this event last year we are inviting students to bring their bikes in for a ride-a-thon during first lunch on the Wednesday. All students will need to wear their helmets for this event and we are aiming to travel a combined total of 50 kilometres around the oval. There will be prizes for the first boy and girl from each grade to complete three laps of their course.

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Students can also vote on which teacher should receive a prize for walking, riding or scooting to school. All students and staff participating will receive an ice block and certificate.

On the day students are to leave their bike/ scooter chained up at the bike racks. Teachers will instruct them when it is time to remove their bikes. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Regards
 Craig Gason
 PE Teacher

WEEKS 5 & 6 TERM 1 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<p>Prep B Chace P Emilie G Darby C Aston M Lachlan M</p>	<p>2 W</p>	<p>Mason H Seth J Tateyarna H Cooper P</p>
<p>Prep W Jasmine K Chase N</p>	<p>3 B 3 W</p>	<p>Keenan H Sarah H Charlotte J Marnie M</p>
<p>Prep G Haiden T Olivia P Mia O Nate B</p>	<p>3/4 G 4 W</p>	<p>Seth H Mollie D Hayley W Willow S</p>
<p>1 B Aidan H Tallis C</p>	<p>5 B</p>	<p>Alisha S Jasmin M</p>
<p>1 W Cooper P</p>	<p>5 W</p>	<p>Kumi G Billy N</p>
<p>1 G Jacob R</p>	<p>5/6 G</p>	<p>Ashlee R Charlotte T</p>
<p>1 S Hayley C Gypsy B</p>	<p>6/7 B</p>	<p>Damian P Rebecca F</p>
<p>2 B Cole F Ronnie R</p>	<p>6/7 W</p>	<p>Max H Alyssa L</p>
<p>2 G Jazmin P Dylan J</p>		

MUSIC AWARDS

6/7/B Will H (L1.3 & L1.4)

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY COLOURING IN COMPETITION

<u>Preps – Years 3</u>	<u>Years 4 - 7</u>
1 st Zanri N	1 st Amy J
2 nd Desanya K	2 nd Ashlee R
3 rd Cristelle S	3 rd Jessie M

HAPPY VALLEY AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING

Mondays

2.45-3.30pm District Touch Football Training

Thursdays

2.45-3.30pm District Soccer Training

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.

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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.



PROJECT PUCCINI MOUNT ISA

Opera Q is bringing Puccini's La Boheme to Mount Isa on September 4. They are looking for students and adults to participate in this community production. Auditions will be held in Mount Isa on March 25/26.

To Register:

<http://www.operaq.com.au/project-puccini-mount-isa>

or

Phone Yvonne Moore (0499246233) for more details.

PUBLIC NOTICES



**Wanderers Softball Club
would like to invite your child to
play softball.**

Team Age Groups & Training Times

**NB: Children must turn their age
in the year that they commence.**

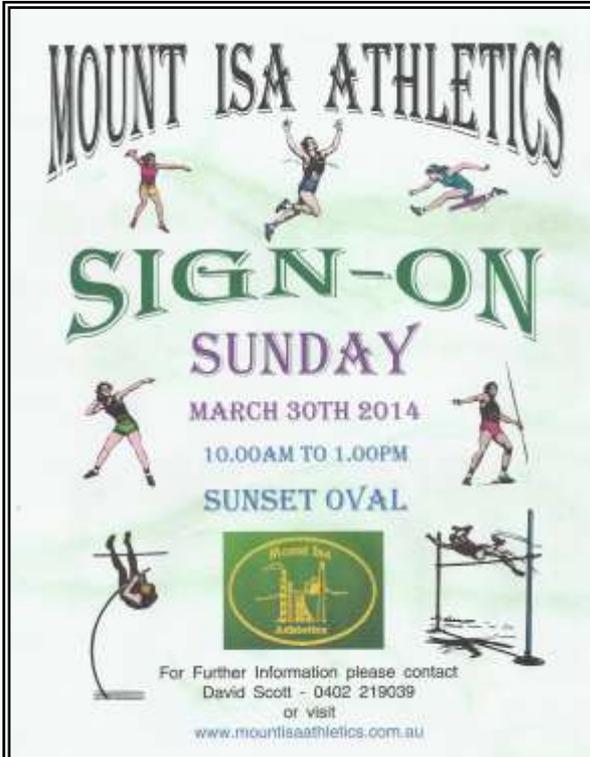
Training Times

T-Ball	5 - 7 yrs	Mon 4.30 - 5.30 pm
3 Pitch	8 - 9 yrs	Mon 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Under 12's	10 - 11 yrs	Wed 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Under 15's	12 - 14 yrs	Thur 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Training is held at Alexandra Oval on the Barkly Highway.

Enquiries

**Club Contact: Leanne Munns
Telephone: 4743 8509 for more details
(Please leave a message)**



MOUNT ISA ATHLETICS

**SIGN-ON
SUNDAY**

MARCH 30TH 2014

10.00AM TO 1.00PM

SUNSET OVAL

For Further Information please contact
David Scott - 0402 219039
or visit
www.mountisaathletics.com.au

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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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