



HAPPY VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

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INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Term One Carnival Days have now concluded. Happy Valley performed exceptionally well. Our students' conduct and behaviour was again exceptional. The Touch team finished second in their pool and soccer finished fourth. Well done boys and girls, we are super proud of you. Thanks to Mr Gason, Mr Wilson and Miss Kylie for the time they took coaching and refereeing. You are all excellent examples of the Happy Valley Spirit.

GLUTEN FREE TUCKSHOP

Our tuckshop is looking at becoming Gluten Free!! We'd love to hear some suggestions from parents whose children are Gluten Intolerant. What would you as parents like to see on the menu? Please email our P&C Treasurer Sam Bell on sbell240@eq.edu.au or drop your ideas off to the office.

These changes will be implemented some time in Term 2. Please, Please, Please help make our tuckshop accessible to all of our Happy Valley Students.

Norm McNamara
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 93.5%. This is just short of our target for the year of 94%. Interestingly, the girls are actually meeting the 94% target but the boys' attendance rate is slightly lower at 93%. Come on boys, don't let the team down! 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:



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| Week 5 | 96% - Prep Gold & 2 White |
| Week 6 | 100% - 1 White |
| Week 7 | 98% - Prep Gold & 4 White |
| Week 8 | 98% - 1 Blue |

Clearly, Ms Casey and 1 White have the record for this year – so far!

Student absences

Thank you to all parents who are making the effort to provide explanations for student absences. Please find attached another batch of "Student

Absence Notes" for parents to use as needed. Of course, you can also choose to phone or email if you prefer.

Unexplained Absence Letters

Unexplained Absence Letters will be sent home with Interim Reports in Week 10. Parents are asked to write an explanation for their child's absence, sign and return the letter to school. If you have any questions or concerns about these letters, please contact us at the school.

Exemptions for extended absences

Thank you to those parents who have been applying for exemptions if their children are to be away from school for **10 days or more**. It is important that parents contact Mr McNamara for an exemption in these cases so that we can fulfil our legal requirements and also provide school work as needed.

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

Thank you to all parents who have begun making payments for camp. Please remember that full payment is due by Wednesday 30 April – week 2 of next term. Any parents experiencing difficulty meeting this deadline are asked to contact Mr McNamara to negotiate a payment plan.

There are still 6 places left for students to attend. We will be contacting parents who expressed interest last year but have not yet returned their consent form to confirm whether or not they wish for their child to attend camp before offering these places to other students.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Happy Valley P&C will hold its AGM on Monday 31 March at 6.30pm in the staffroom at the school. All parents, teachers and interested community members are welcome to attend, actually we need you there! All executive positions are declared vacant and elections will be held for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Anyone who wishes to become a member of the P&C needs to complete the membership application attached and return it to the school office. The P&C only meets twice a term so your commitment does not need to be large. We are responsible for running a


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very successful Tuckshop and After School Care program and have exciting plans in place for some great building developments. We are not a big P&C but enthusiastic and very interested in making Happy Valley SS the best school for our children to attend. This is your opportunity to have a voice in the school, even if you can only make one meeting a term. All membership applications are considered at the AGM.

See you there OR if you cannot make it please at least return an application form to the office so that you have voting rights at subsequent general meetings.

Chris Pocock
P&C President



Respect Yourself Respect Others Respect Property

Social Skills

It's ok to be angry, it's what you do with that anger that counts

Focus:
Students know that it's okay to be angry, but need to deal with the anger so it doesn't turn into a bigger problem where the student could get into trouble or hurt others.

Looks Like

- Students controlling their temper.
- Students choosing to leave heated situations.
- Students identifying when a situation is getting out of hand.
- Students choosing appropriate time to resolve a problem.

Sounds Like

- Calm voice
- Listening to others
- Footsteps walking away

Feels Like

- In control of self
- An understanding of how you are feeling.
- A realisation that it is time to calm down.

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.

WEEKS 7 & 8 TERM 1 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| | | | |
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| Prep B | Jake M Deon M Bradley M Daniel R | 2 G | Isiah B Amity F |
| Prep W | Tia B Isabella L Amitoj H Zack N Ava M Emily W | 2 W | Sabriya M Rhianna P |
| Prep G | Althea G Max B Althea G Antonia R Luke C | 3 B | Isaac R Ashton P |
| 1 B | Kauri H Abigail P | 3 W | Michelle P Boston T |
| 1 W | Isla N Jesse R | 3/4 G | Leslie N Logan K |
| 1 G | Shyla R Holly B | 4 B | Callum M Jade B Darshay T Callum M |
| 1 S | Ngakau T Eric S | 4 W | Julian R Brayden Mc |
| 2 B | Triani H Jessica P | 5 B | Cooper B Samuel T |
| | | 5 W | Katie M Tafarra C |
| | | 5/6 G | Stephanie R Muthu P |
| | | 6/7 B | Stanley M William M |
| | | 6/7 W | Daniel R Hayden W |

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

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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.



RIDE 2 SCHOOL



Cultural Learnings with 'Aunty Joan'



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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Application for P&C Membership for 2014

For Happy Valley State School P&C Association

Please complete and return to the school office to pass to the P&C Secretary

Name:

Address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Email address:

I am:

- a parent of a student attending the school
- a staff member of the school
- an adult interested in the school's welfare, and my date of birth is:

I am:

- applying for new membership
- renewing my membership.

I apply for membership in the Happy Valley State School Parents and Citizens' Association and I undertake to:

- a) promote of the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and
- b) comply with the constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the *Education (General Provision) Act 2006*.

Signature:.....

Date:.....

P&C Secretary Use

Date received:/...../.....

Date accepted:/...../.....

Secretary's signature: Entered in P&C Register.

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR P&C ASSOCIATION

This Code of Conduct clarifies the expected standards of all P&C Association members. It has been adopted to aid all members of our school community to work as a cohesive group in partnership with the school.

The Code is intended to promote and maintain the highest standard of ethical behaviour by P&C Association members. Members of a P&C Association should adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times. This Code applies to each member of a P&C Association.

P&C Association members are to:

- act in the best interest of the total school community at all times
- conduct and present themselves in a professional manner and act ethically and with integrity at all times
- act with courtesy and demonstrate respect for all persons, whether fellow P&C Association members, school staff, parents/carers, students, community members
- remain objective and avoid personal bias at all times
- represent all members of the school community
- engage the school and wider community in developing and effecting school priorities, policies and decisions in a manner that is consultative, respectful and fair
- declare any conflicts of interest and not misuse their office to advance individual views or for personal gain
- make fair, transparent and consistent decisions
- provide objective and independent advice
- listen and be tolerant of the views and opinions of others, even if those views and opinions differ from their own
- treat official information with care and use it only for the purpose for which it was collected or authorised
- respect confidentiality and information privacy (about the school, community members, staff or students) at all times and not disclose confidential information
- not use confidential or privileged information to further personal interests
- be responsive to the requirements of the school community
- seek to achieve excellence in educational outcomes for all students at the school
- listen and respond to issues and concerns regarding strategy and policy
- work within the boundaries of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, the *Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006* and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policies and procedures relevant to P&C Association operations.

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