

# HAPPY VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 7

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014



### ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

#### **May**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Book Club Due
- 12<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting – 6.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN (Yrs 3, 5, 7)
- 16<sup>th</sup> HVSS Cross Country (selected students)
- 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Mount Isa Eisteddfod
- 23<sup>rd</sup> HVSS Netball Carnival (selected students)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Assistant Regional Director Visit

#### **June**

- 4<sup>th</sup> ICAS (English)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 13<sup>th</sup> HVSS Netball Carnival (selected students)
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> HVSS Athletics Carnival
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mount Isa Show Public Holiday
- 22-28 6/7 Snow Camp
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 2



### **PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT**

And so we reach the end of Week 3 in Term 2. So far everyone has their noses to the grindstone. Already our students have been busy learning. Teachers are working towards the Semester One report cards that will be handed out in Week 10 and the Grade 6/7 students are gearing up for an exciting trip to Canberra in the last week of term. Also our 3, 5 and 7 students are primed and ready to sit next week's NAPLAN national testing.



Last week we had our Discipline Audit, I was extremely proud of my staff, students and parents who spoke with Mr Sawbridge.

#### **ANZAC DAY PARADE**

Thank you very much to those who attended our ANZAC Parade in Week 1. It was especially gracious to hear Lieutenant Stallman speak about the values that the Australian Army possesses and the way he

connected them with children going to school. It was also encouraging to see so many parents and students both at the Dawn Service and especially at the Town March. I was particularly proud of our School Leaders Alyssa, Cody, Brittney and Will for paying their respects on behalf of the Happy Valley Community.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The school photo day was a resounding success. We will have packs sent back to school, hopefully by the end of this term. If you had specialised photos such as the Year 6/7 combination photo or the School Leader photos, you would have received an order form that needs to be sent direct to the photography company or ordered online.

#### **PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

Our next P&C Meeting is this coming Monday evening, the 12<sup>th</sup> May. It will be held in the Staff Room at 6:30pm. All are welcome, and if you need to bring children, they too are welcome.

#### **TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Our Tuckshop is currently trialling opening at both lunch breaks. Children are getting used to this and we would like to hear your thoughts. Please contact Donna in the Tuckshop or come to the P&C Meeting on Monday night if you have any constructive feedback.

#### **YEAR 6/7 CANBERRA CAMP**

It is getting closer to the Year 6/7 trip to Canberra. Mr Wilson, Mrs King, Ms Nind and myself will be holding an information session for parents and students in Week 5. The evening is going to be held on Thursday 22 May, will kick off at 6:30pm and will be in Ms Nind's 6/7 Blue classroom which is located in the old library. If you have any questions you would like answered, please send them to school with your students or send an email to me ([the.principal@happvallss.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@happvallss.eq.edu.au)).

We will then add the answers to a booklet that you can take away from the Information Session.

### **DISCIPLINE AUDIT**

As I alluded to earlier, Mr Mike Sawbridge came to our school last Thursday to conduct a Discipline Audit. Mr Sawbridge spoke at length with Teachers, students, parents and administration staff, gaining an understanding of how the school functions in relation to 5 Domains. Those domains are:

- 1) Principal Leadership (Outstanding with aspects of High)
- 2) Parent and Community Engagement (High with aspects of Outstanding)
- 3) Data Informed Decision Making (High)
- 4) Clear Consistent Expectations for Behaviour (High with aspects of Outstanding)
- 5) Explicit Teaching of Appropriate Behaviour to All Students (Outstanding with aspects of High)

Overall, our school was rated either Outstanding or High in all 5 of the domains. I would like to congratulate everyone in our community for the hard work that has been built upon over the past 10 years. Special mention was also made of the huge contribution made to Happy Valley's social skills program and culture of Mrs Rita Long and Mr Craig Gason. Thank you to you both for your ongoing work in building a school we are proud of.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Mrs Train is currently liaising with Central Office and having our school website upgraded. I am sure that when it is finished it will be everyone's favourite site and visited weekly. Thank you Mrs Train and we look forward to 'going live' around Friday 13 June.

### **ATHLETICS**

Mr Gason is working strongly towards preparing our students this term for the upcoming School Athletics Carnival. The Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 9 of this term. Mr Gason is also preparing a group of students to compete in the District Cross Country here at Happy Valley. These children are training extra hard every morning. Keep working hard.

### **ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISIT**

Our Assistant Regional Director will be visiting us from Townsville on 28 May. After speaking with Mrs Schimming this week, she is looking forward to finally viewing first-hand the excellent program running at Happy Valley.

### **SCHOOL DISCO**

What a great time was had by students and staff at the Disco in Week One. It was great to see the teacher's boogying away the night and the children enjoying the atmosphere. Thank you very much to Mrs Long for her organisation and the staff for helping out in all areas.

### **NAPLAN TESTING**

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May (next week), students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the [NAP website \(http://www.nap.edu.au/\)](http://www.nap.edu.au/).

If you have any concerns, please contact **Mr McNamara or Mrs Train**.

**Student Absent Number: 4745 0366 or Email: [admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au)**

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

## NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not pass on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

**While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.**

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website:  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact myself or Mrs Train directly.

*Norm McNamara*  
Principal

## HAPPY VALLEY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Mondays

2:45-3:45pm HVSS Netball Training

### Wednesdays

2:45 – 3:45pm HVSS Rugby League Training

### HVSS RUGBY LEAGUE DRAW (Alec Inch Oval)

Date	Time	Versus	Field
Wk 2 – Friday 2/5	4:00pm	Townview	2
Wk 3 – Friday 9/5	No Game due to North West Carnival		
Wk 4 – Friday 16/5	4:00pm	Barkly	2
Wk 5 – Friday 23/5	4:00pm	St Kieran's	1
Wk 6 – Friday 30/5	4:00pm	St Kieran's	1
Wk 7 – Friday 6/6	4:50pm	Round Robin	1
Wk 8 – Friday 13/6	4:50pm	Round Robin	1
Wk 9 – Friday 20/6	5:00pm	Round Robin	2

### **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.

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## WEEKS 1 & 2 TERM 2 AWARDS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

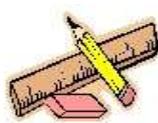
Prep B	Harley M	2 G	Desanya K
	Kash A	2 W	Seth J
	Lachlan Mc		Scarlett Z
	Poppee B	3 B	Trinity E
Prep W	Isaiah C		Zahria H
	Meadow S	3 W	Vanessa R
Prep G	Asha M		Jarrood M
	Breanna B	3/4 G	Aiden C
	Joshua W		Kadea O
	Carolyn M	4 B	Hunter W
1 B	Kyren N	4 W	Lachlan F
	Joscelyn A		Jahvarn H
1 W	Bailey M	5 B	Myah E
	Ashton G	5 W	Leila K
1 G	Jose S	5/6 G	Kyarna M
1 S	Charlotte R		Stephanie R
	Emily M	6/7 B	Fin P
2 B	Isabelle W		Will H
	Jessica P		
	Zayne D		
	Bellashae P		



Respect Yourself



Respect Others



Respect Property

## Social Skills

### I Pull My Own Strings

#### Focus:

Students know that they are in charge of the decisions they make and for the consequences that may result from their choices. No-one can make you do what you don't want to do. You are responsible for "pulling your own strings".

#### Looks Likes

- Following the school rules
- Students identifying when a situation is leading towards their "strings being pulled"
- Students walking away from situations where a rule may be broken.

#### Sounds Like

- Saying "no" and giving a reason why
- Happy safe play

#### Feels Like

- In control of self
- Knowing what's right and wrong and wanting to make good choices

## 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](mailto: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 – 9:00am

**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.

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