

HAPPY VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 8

Thursday 22nd May 2014



DATES TO REMEMBER

May

23rd HVSS Netball Carnival (selected students)

28th Assistant Regional Director Visit

June

4th ICAS (English)

9th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

13th HVSS Netball Carnival (selected students)

17th FUN RUN

18th/19th HVSS Athletics Carnival

20th Mount Isa Show Public Holiday

22-28 6/7 Snow Camp

27th Last Day Term 2



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Week 5 steamrolls along, meaning we have reached the halfway point in our term. Time obviously flies when you don't have time to stop and smell the roses.



This week I attended the North Queensland Principals' Forum in Townsville. We heard from the Director General and his Deputies on the new direction that education will be taking under his leadership. We also heard from Liam Smith who is our new Regional Director.

The overall message was that teachers do an amazing job and they only want the best for every child. We all own every child's data. It is important that we all acknowledge that every student can learn, and every student deserves the right to be taught in a safe and secure environment.

At Happy Valley, the data shows that we provide this environment, and we continue to improve.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Mrs Train and I have checked the proofs of our photos and they should be returned to us by the end of the term. Academy Photography have done a great job.

P&C DAY

This Friday 23 May is P&C Day. On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to thank the small bunch of parents who take time out of their busy schedules to be a part of the decision making processes in our school. We would dearly like to see as many new members as possible attending so that we can share any workload and have your opinions listened to and questions answered. Thanks in particular to the Executive Members Chris, Sam, Tracey and Zac.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Due to the Queen's Birthday Holiday in Week 8, our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 16 June (Week 9). It will be held in the Staff Room at 6:30pm. All are welcome, and if you need to bring children, they are welcome.

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.

YEAR 6/7 CANBERRA CAMP

Make sure if you are making payments for camp that you are up to date as per your plan. The



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students are looking forward to this almost as much as the teaching staff.

ATHLETICS

Last Friday, Mr Gason ran another amazing District Cross Country carnival here at school. Congratulations to all who competed, you were awesome. The winning times for almost all races were over a minute faster than last year's carnival.

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.

NAPLAN TESTING

Last week our awesome 3, 5 and 7 students sat their NAPLAN tests over 4 days. Due to the careful preparation of teachers, most students were relaxed and actually enjoyed taking part. I would like to say how proud I was of all students, both tested and untested, for the way they behaved during the week. To have one or two tests a day really ruins normal routine. Well done Happy Valley.

Norm McNamara
Principal

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

VACANCIES

Our after school care program currently has both full time and part time vacancies available, please contact our Coordinator, Nita Heaven, on 0498 714 668 for enquiries.

MINING EXPO





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HAPPY VALLEY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mondays

2:45-3:45pm HVSS Netball Training

Wednesdays

2.30 – 4.00pm Rock Pop Rehearsals

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

WEEKS 3 & 4 TERM 2 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Darby C	2 W	Clay P
Prep W	Niah M		Dylan L
	Tia B	2 G	Tahlia P
	Georgia W		Taylor C
	Lily S	3 B	Kaylee N
Prep G	Grace D	3 W	Mollie E
	Ahmiyenya H	3/4 G	Jett G

	Todd J	4 B	
	Riley S	4 W	Bailey H
1 B	Riley F	5 B	Breanne B
1 W	Evia J		Guy J
	Preston B	5 W	Josh M
1 G	Ella B		Tennay M
	Mackenzie W	5/6 G	Nathanael L
1 S	Taylor N	6/7 B	Trynitee B
	Ally D		Kazzadi W
2 B	Oriana S		Harri S
	Armand H	6/7W	Alanna T
	Mason H		Marius H

Premier's Reading Challenge 20 May to 5 September

- Are you in Prep to Year 2 and think you could read or engage with 20 books between 20 May to 5 September?
- Are you in Years 3 or 4 and think you could read 20 books between 20 May to 5 September?
- Are you in Years 5 to 7 and think you could read 15 books between 20 May to 5 September?

If 'YES' then the Premier's Reading Challenge is for you!

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a state-wide incentive for students from Prep to Year 7 which is aimed at improving literacy and encouraging children to engage in reading for learning and pleasure. This year Happy Valley State School will not be completing a school's registration, however, individual students may wish to take part.

To register as an individual reader download the registration kit from:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/downloads-and-forms.html>

and enter your details and reading record on the PRC database found at: <http://prc.cpxonline.net.au>. Students who successfully complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier in the mail during October.

Happy Reading!

P & C NEWS / EVENTS

FUN RUN

TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2014
COME IN YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM
COLOUR, FAVOURITE PLAYER,
SPORT OR SPORTS HOUSE
COLOUR
TIME 9.50AM FOR A 10.00AM START

Students will receive a sponsorship form with a selection of over 75 prizes to choose from such as Barbie, Nerf, Hot Wheels, Razor, Pillow Pets and much, much, more.

We ask you to seek donations on a \$2 or \$4 or \$5 or \$10 per sponsor. Students who receive only \$10 or more in donations will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the 'how to claim your prize section' on the sponsorship form and return along with your monies to the School Office on or before the TUESDAY 24TH JUNE. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Happy fundraising, and we look forward to seeing you at our Fun Run to cheer on the students.

Family Portraits

You'll be excited to learn we're holding a **Family Photo Fundraiser!** It's on 31st May & 1st June and 7th & 8th June
Get a framed enlargement of your family for only \$15.00! Tell your friends and neighbours, this is a terrific offer. Only limited spaces are available so fill in a voucher now and make your booking.

THANK YOU FROM THE P & C
COMMITTEE

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 – 9:00am

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.

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

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



Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

On Thursday 5th June your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program "The Ditto Show". Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children's safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to "abuse-proof" our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

The 'Ditto Show' is live performance with 'Ditto' being the star attraction. The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5's).

Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 300,000 children.

'Ditto', the Bravehearts' mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include "Private Parts" and "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust". These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centres has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don't just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms). The main aim of the program is to enhance children's emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of "Yes" & "No" Feelings, The Body's Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

All students in Prep to year 3 will attend this performance as part of the health curriculum. If **you do not** wish for your child to attend the show please fill in the form below and return to the school. If you are happy for your child to attend then no further action is required. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact the school or Braveheart's head office on 07 5552 3000.

PARENTS WELCOME!

I DO NOT give permission for my child/ren _____
to attend the Bravehearts performance on Thursday June 5.

Signed _____

WWW.BRAVEHEARTS.ORG.AU

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