

## **Newsletter – May 2015**

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope all families have enjoyed the break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. It is wonderful to see all students returning this term and we are fortunate to have four new students joining us at Haigslea SS – Travis, Emma, Amber and Seth. Please make these new students and their families feel welcome as you meet them over the coming weeks.

### **Cross Country**

Our Small Schools Cross Country has been postponed due to the weather and will be held next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at Ashwell SS. Students are asked to arrive by 9:15am to walk the course at 9:30am. A full program will be sent home on Monday. Students are to wear their school uniform, hat, and running shoes, and bring a water bottle. Lunch can be brought from home or purchased from the canteen. We encourage all students to participate in their age group races, have fun, and support our small school at this event.

### **School Photos**

Our School Photos will be next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Family and individual photos are taken first from 8:30am, followed by class and whole-school photos. Please ensure your child is dressed in the full Haigslea school uniform. Students are to bring their photo money in on the day to give to our photographers.

### **Mother's Day Stall**

The Student Council will be running a Mother's Day Stall at school next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Students may bring a gold coin to donate to the Student Council and choose an item for their mother, grandmother, or other special person in their life, for Mother's Day on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. The Student Council are continuing to sell ice blocks for \$1 each Thursday at second break. Students are asked to bring the money on the day for collection by the Student Council President and Treasurer.

## **MONDAY**

BANKING – 4<sup>TH</sup> May

## **TUESDAY**

Cross Country @ Ashwell State School – 5th May

## **WEDNESDAY**

## **THURSDAY**

7<sup>th</sup> May – School photo's from 8:30am  
PARADE- Weekly 9:00am

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## **FRIDAY**

BANKING – WEEKLY (except 1<sup>st</sup> May)

TUCKSHOP-WEEKLY (except 1<sup>st</sup> May)  
15<sup>th</sup> May – Ipswich Show Holiday

### **Prac Students**

This term we welcome three prac students to Haigslea State School who are studying education at university. Miss Sepp and Miss Johnson are both teaching in the Year 3-6 class for the first few weeks of term. Mrs Turpin will be teaching in the lower class for 6 weeks, with 2 weeks observation. This is a good opportunity for the prac students to experience teaching in a small, multi-age school setting and we hope they find their time at Haigslea beneficial to their professional development.

### **Chaplain**

Our School Chaplain, Chappy Dave, has decided to take up a full-time teaching position this term and will not be returning to his role as Chaplain at Haigslea again this year. A new chaplain will be appointed to our school shortly. We thank Chappy Dave for the great work he has done for Haigslea students over Term 1 and we wish him all the best in his new teaching position.

### **P-2 Class Reading Volunteer**

This term we would appreciate 2 parents assisting with reading in the P-2 class each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9 until 9:30am. If any parents are able to commit to one or several of these mornings each week please let Miss Vine know. We would like to start in Week 4.

### **NAPLAN testing**

On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students in Years 3 and 5 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 and 5 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 about the testing, please contact Miss Vine.

### **Resources for Courses**

Thank you to all parents, staff and community members for cashing in your receipts for points for our school for the *Resources for Courses* Competition. We received second place prize and will accept this on Saturday at the rotunda in Ipswich Mall. Congratulations to Mt Marrow SS for winning the competition this year.

### **Classroom Makeover**

Thank you to all involved in collecting QT Tokens last term and helping support our school to receive

the \$5000 QT Classroom Makeover prize. We look forward to improving our classroom environments over the next few months with purchases from Staples Resources.

### **Newsletter**

Our next issue of the newsletter will be available in an e-newsletter format as well as print version. Please contact the school with your updated email address if you haven't already.

Regards,  
Emma Vine  
Principal

**PLEASE MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR  
CURRENT PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY  
8:30- 4:00**

**Quote for Today: LITTLE THINGS AFFECT  
LITTLE MINDS. – Benjamin Disraeli**

### **STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking is usually on Friday's. If there is an away from school event, then banking will be the following Monday. Collect a token for each deposit, when you have 10 you can redeem them for a prize. Be in the running to win a trip to Disneyland if you make 25 deposits during the year.

### **OUR GARDEN**

Our garden is currently growing - carrots, purple beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, sunflowers, Bok Choy, and a rosella bush plus lots of herbs. There is a particular abundance of parsley and mint (perfect for making tabouli), please take some! All of our families are invited to help care for our garden with watering and weeding, the more the merrier.



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## TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is each Friday. Orders with money are to be returned by Wednesday please.

### MASTERS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We are holding a sausage sizzle this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Masters, Bundamba. If you are available to help, especially from 10:30 am onwards, please contact Alana 0428 387 838

### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We are holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, West Ipswich on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May (Mother's Day). Helpers are needed between 9am and 3 pm. Contact Belinda, 0438 898 604

## BOOK CLUB

Book club catalogues will be sent home in week 5 (18<sup>th</sup> May onwards) and are due back at school on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. Parents may order online using the LOOP option if they prefer. 10% of the sales is kept in credit for our school to purchase books.

## CASH FOR CANS

We are continuing our cash for cans fundraiser. Please crush the cans if possible .

## IGA Tokens

Remember to have your Drake IGA barcode token scanned when you shop at Drakes IGA, anywhere. The school receives 1 cent for every \$10.00 spent. Please ask for extras for family and friends.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR COPY OF THE  
"MORETON BORDER NEWS" FROM THE OFFICE  
COFFEE TABLE**

## **Tennis Court For Hire**

Contact: Vickie 54644709  
Karen 54644854

## **Uniform Shop**

For uniform purchases please contact Belinda on 0438 898 604 or see Belinda before or after school.

If your Children have outgrown uniforms and they no longer wear them, please consider donating back to the School. Please see me before or after school, or drop your items into the office.

## **ENROL NOW**

### **HAIGSLEA STATE SCHOOL**

We are taking new enrolments  
from Prep to Year 6

Please call the office for more details  
07 5464 4283

New enrolments receive a free hat, library  
bag and chair bag.