



Issue 1 – The Hall Happenings 27 January 2017

School Calendar

31 Jan	First School Parade 2017 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM
2 Feb	Zooper Dooper Lunchtime Disco All day
6 Feb	Student Leader Applications Due All day
14 Feb	Student Leader Induction Ceremony at 2:00PM 2:00 AM - 3:00 PM
21 Mar	Harmony Day All day

From the Principal Welcome to the first 'The Hall Happenings' for 2017

We are celebrating a 'Super Start to 2017'

I am very pleased with the positive start all of our school community has shown so far this year. Students are wearing correct uniform, working well in class, following our school rules and routines. We have increased enrolments across the school, especially in the lower school.

To celebrate our 'Super Start' to 2017 we are holding a lunch time disco for our students Thursday 2nd February. Each child will also receive a free 'Zooper Dooper' to thank them for such a great start to the year.

2017 Improvement Agenda

This year we will continue to focus on linking Reading and Writing as our major improvement agenda items. Teachers will use student results to plan focused teaching to build necessary skills. We must also continue to improve our attendance rate from last year as there were still 18% of students who attend school less than 85% last year. Remember Every Day Counts. Same day texting will continue for students who are absent. I will share more details and targets as the year progresses.

New Staff for 2017

I am very pleased to introduce our new staff; Ms Natalie Hunter in Enrichment Centre, Miss Emily Leschke in 1/ 2 L and Miss Bella Jones in 3/ 4J. We have included a snap shot of the ladies so you can recognise them when you are around the school.



**Ms Natalie Hunter -
Enrichment Centre**

I am excited to be working at The Hall State School this year. I have worked at many schools in the Rockhampton District over the years. You will find me working both in the classroom and the Enrichment Centre. I look forward to getting to know students and their families in 2017.

School Chaplain News

Welcome back,

I hope you have all had a wonderful break away and are refreshed ready for 2017. A big welcome to all of our new staff, students and their families. I look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming year.

Our breakfast club starts again on Tuesday 31 January. We are looking for breakfast club volunteers each Tuesday so if you are interested please leave me a message at the office. **Also we are looking for donations to sustain our breakfast club this year in the form of Milo, plastic cups, Vegemite, strawberry jam, plastic spoons and vouchers to purchase our fresh goods each week with include milk, yoghurt, fruit and butter. If you would like to donate, please deliver the goods to the tuckshop.** Thank you in advance.

Just a few house keeping things to remind parents, if you are concerned about your students wellbeing you are welcome to make an appointment at the office to come and see me. My days at the school are Tuesdays and Thursdays. And if you would like me to do follow up pastoral care appointments with your child you will need to fill in a Chappy One to One permission form that is available through the school office. Please send in a brief letter to highlight your concerns or speak with me directly. *I look forward to an exciting year with you :) - Chappy Sam*



Miss Emily Leschke - Class 1/2L

I have only moved to Rockhampton as of January 2017 from Ipswich (west of Brisbane). I have just recently graduated from my Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) at the end of 2016; so I am a tad bit excited to have been assigned to the wonderful team of The Hall State School for 2017 as classroom teacher of 1/2L.



Miss Bella Jones - 3/4J

I am the new teacher of 3/4J. I was born in Brisbane, and completed a degree in Graphic Design and a degree in Primary Education from QUT. I enjoy teaching a wide range of subjects and skills, and look forward to spending time with the students and community here at The Hall State School.

Road Safety during drop-off and pick-up

Can I remind you that it is all of our responsibility to follow safe practices during this process. I am concerned when I see some parents double parking, walking across the road without using the crossing and not following calm safe practices. Remember we are role models and your behaviours are being watched by your children and others'. It is essential that we all deliver our children to school calmly and safely so they have a good start to the day and are not already in an anxious state to face their learning.

P&C Meeting 15 February 2017 - Library 7:00pm

The first P&C meeting for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 15 February at 7:00pm in the school library. Anyone from the school community is welcome to attend.

If you have any ideas to contribute on ways to support our students or, if you would like to take part in discussions, please come to our first P&C meeting.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2017.

Until next week, keep safe. Mrs Lindy-lou Brown – Principal