



Issue 11 – The Hall Happenings 22 June 2017

School Calendar

23 Jun	Last Day Term 2 All day
10 Jul	Term 3 Commences All day
18 Jul	District Athletics Carnival - RSHS 18 Jul 2017 - 19 Jul 2017
27 Jul	Australian Maths Comp (AMC) - yrs 3-6 All day
1 Aug	UNSW English Test - yrs 2-6 All day
15 Aug	UNSW Maths Test - yrs 2-6 All day
16 Aug	Combined Schools Instrumental Workshop & Concert (Band Students) All day
17 Aug	Combined Schools Instrumental Workshop & Concert (Strings Students) All day

27 Aug	Environmental Festival - Sunday 27 August 2017 All day
4 Sep	Choral Festival All day

From the Principal Welcome to 'The Hall Happenings'

Celebration of Semester 1 Results

I am pleased to say that we have improved the percentage of students gaining a 'C' or better in English. This has improved by 4% from Semester 1 2016. Our team planning and targeted teaching of English is making a difference.

Unfortunately our attendance rate is 90.8%, 0.8% less than this time last year. Unless we have a marked improvement next semester we will not reach our target of 94% attendance.. Students being withdrawn from school to go shopping or because it is their birthday are not acceptable reasons for missing days from school. Every day missed means more learning outcomes not achieved and could limit your child's future. Students who have attended school 95-100% this semester will receive attendance certificates in week 1 next term.

<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/>

Positive Behaviour Learning

Today we recognised the many students who present appropriate behaviour on a regular basis with the 450 Reward Party. These students were rewarded for good behaviour with a

mini Olympics on the oval. As you can see in the picture below it was an enjoyable event.



Environmental Festival 27 August - Date claimer

A letter came home with reports yesterday asking for donations for the pre-loved clothing and trash and Treasure Stalls. If you are having a clean-up over the holidays, please donate these items to our stalls.

Your class teacher will send a letter home early next term with details of the stall they are doing for the festival, asking for your assistance with items and time to man the stall.

Report Cards

Report cards were sent home yesterday, I had the pleasure of reading most of the 320 reports, some were very pleasing, some not so. I hope you are pleased with your child's results and that they are doing their best. Of course attendance must improve for some of our student body if their results are to improve. Parent/Teacher interviews will occur at the end of Term 3, however if you require any more clarification on your child's progress, contact their class teacher early next term.

Hot off the press: Queensland's very own Parenting Magazine

The latest issue of Triple P's Queensland-only parenting magazine, the Tippaper, has just been released. Get great tips for creating a safe, interesting environment for your kids, and see how positive parenting has transformed the lives of other families.

Read it online or pick up a free hard copy from your child health centre, local PCYC, library, or early childhood centre.

<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/>

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

Safe, Relaxing, Enjoyable Holidays

I hope that parents enjoy their time with their students over the holidays. It is important that our students come back on Monday 10th July rested and ready to get straight into work for Semester 2. Please ensure your child does return on time next term as every day counts.

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

Student of the Week

Student of the Week will resume in Term 3.

Music News

Creative Generation Voices

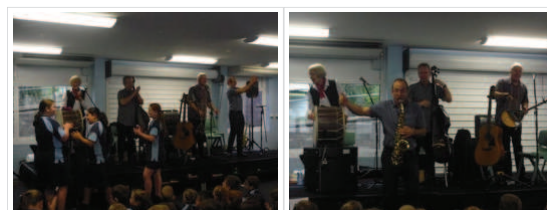
The Senior Choir performed admirably last Tuesday receiving the "Most Outstanding Choir" at the Central Queensland regional heats. They were however unsuccessful in making the finals and will not be traveling to Brisbane in August. The students thanked our adjudicators Graeme Morton & Robert Stewart, our compere Mrs Julie Layt and our accompanist Mrs Mary Steer.

Strings

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Dalglish will be returning to her string teaching position from week 2 of next term. Mrs McLachlan has accepted a teaching position at Park Avenue State School commencing next term. We would like to thank Mrs McLachlan for stepping into the string role so the students were able to continue with their lessons this year.

Musica Viva – Mara

The ensemble provided a fantastic performance at our school last week with lots of involvement from our students.



Choral Festival

The Senior Choir students have begun learning repertoire for Choral Festival. Nathan Cahill is our guest conductor again this year. The festival is being held on Monday 4th September.

Mrs Hiron – Music Specialist

Chinese Speaking Competition News

On Saturday 27 May, I went to Brisbane with Mrs Powell and my mum for competing in the Chinese Speaking Competition. The competition started at 12pm and finished at 5pm. I had a very good time although I didn't win. It was a good experience.
Tim W 5/6B

Major Student Council Fundraiser – School Run 4 Fun

The total profit raised by students at the school was \$1463.91. Students have received their prizes and the highest fundraiser was Jude W. He has won a trophy.

Year 6 Camp 5 - 9 June 2017

The Hall State School Year 6 students recently returned from their school camp at Camp Fairbairn. They participated in many activities from Rock Climbing, Abseiling & Canoeing to name a few. Below is a slideshow of students enjoying some of the camp activities.



Gardening News

The Hydroponics garden outside of the Learning Centre is producing some beautiful lettuce. The lettuce is then sent to the tuckshop to make beautiful healthy salads and other snacks for lunches. The gardening students planted seedlings and are helping Miss Ellie upgrade the garden near the tennis courts. They will be planting new shrubs and flowers for the area.

Olivia W – Environmental Captain



Seedlings



Hydroponics garden



Tennis courts garden

Winning Hats at the Rockhampton Show

If you had visited the School Work Display at the Rocky Show you would have seen the wonderful display entered by students from local schools. Students from Years 4, 5 and 6 at The Hall State School entered the Decorated Hats Competition. The students completed these hats as part of their technology unit at school. Congratulations to all the students who entered and to the following students on their results.

Eilish C	1st Year 5	Title: I Scream for Ice-cream
Taitum H	2nd Year 5	Title: High Tea
Tara R	3rd Year 6	Title: Happy Birthday



RSHS Year 7 Enrolments for 2018

Dear Year 6 Parents

Choosing a secondary school for your child is a major decision that involves careful consideration of what schools have to offer. Rockhampton State High School, the oldest and largest state secondary school in Rockhampton, provides excellent opportunities for the education and development of our young people.

We had a great response at our Expo with parents making appointments to enrol their students on the 9 August. We would greatly appreciate it if parents attending appointments could please bring all the information into the front office of Rockhampton State High School now or before the 14 July 2017 with the completed forms and information. We will then photocopy and return original documents.

For parents who would like to enrol their child for 2018 and have not made an appointment please contact the school office on 49204333 as soon as possible. We will organise a time for an interview on 9 August from 3.30 through to 6.15pm and an enrolment pack will be sent to you to return to the school by 14 July.

We look forward to meeting with you!

Kirsten Dwyer - Principal

Upper Athletics Results

The Hall State School Upper Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 31 May 2017. Congratulations go to our Athletics Age Champions below: -

- 2007 Girls age champion - **Taitum H**
- 2007 Boys age champion - **Seth B**
- 2006 Girls age champion - **Bridie C**
- 2006 Boys age champion - **Declan S**
- 2005 Girls age champion - **Taylor C/Shikara O/Olivia W**
- 2005 Boys age champion - **Jett H**

Mr Jaeger – PE Teacher

Friday Sports

There will be **no Friday Sport this Friday 23 June**. Friday Sport will resume 21 July.