



Issue 5 – The Hall Happenings 16 March 2017

School Calendar

17 Mar	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence All day
27 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews - Week beginning 27 March 27 Mar 2017 - 31 Mar 2017
28 Mar	Cookie Dough Fundraiser - Pick Up at 3pm from Tuckshop All day
29 Mar	Cross Country Fun Run at The Hall SS All day
31 Mar	Last Day Term 1 All day
14 Apr	Good Friday All day
16 Apr	Easter Sunday All day
17 Apr	Easter Monday All day

18 Apr	Term 2 Commences All day
9 May	Naplan Testing - Yr 3 & Yr 5 Students 09 May 2017 - 11 May 2017
23 Jun	Last Day Term 2 All day
10 Jul	Term 3 Commences All day

From the Principal Welcome to the 'The Hall Happenings'

End of Term Processes

We are getting to the business end of Term 1, which means students are starting to wind up assessment for this term. Parent Teacher interviews will occur during the last week, *have you booked an appointment with your child's teacher?* Are you comfortable that you know exactly how your child is going with their learning?

Thank you to parents who manned our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 12 March 2017

A huge thankyou to Yasmine Nobbs for organising our sausage sizzle and the parents who gave up considerable

time to man our stall. I was disappointed that despite having 150 families enrolled in our school only seven families assisted with the day. A huge thank you to those parents as well as our 3 back-packers from Germany, Jason, Michael and Chris you all did a great job, thank you. There were several families that donated drinks or food to increase our profit, this was also appreciated. We raised \$1439.85 to contribute towards the projects P&C support for your children at school; sports bus, Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

P&C Executive for 2017

I am very pleased to announce that Peter Wyeth is continuing in the role of President, he is joined by Joel Robson as Vice President. Our Secretary is Mary-Anne Sullivan, the Minute Secretary is Rynell Russell and Jae Walters will continue as our Treasurer. Congratulations to all office bearers, I look forward to continuing our productive partnership. I am sure the rest of the school community will also enjoy working with our P&C during 2017.

QParents Secure Online Parent Portal

Did you know that the QParents portal is coming soon to The Hall State School? The QParents portal will provide secure online access for parents to their children's information anywhere, anytime, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. To find out more, go to the link below.

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/>

Parents, have you registered your email address with us? Email is a great way for us to keep in touch with you about the upcoming launch of the QParents portal.

Make a difference and switch-off for Earth Hour

On Saturday 25 March at 8.30 pm for Earth Hour, individuals, communities, businesses and governments around the world will switch off their lights and other electrical appliances for an hour in a collective effort against climate change.

As schools are closed on 25 March, they are encouraged to celebrate Earth Hour's 10th anniversary by switching off their lights and appliances for a designated period on Friday 24 March. An Earth Hour curriculum toolkit is available online.

DET staff are reminded to switch off all non-essential appliances before leaving work on 25 March.

For more information visit the Earth Hour website.

Triple P seminars: get a taste of what positive parenting is all about

"Why does my child do that?" Triple P seminars can help you understand your child's habits and encourage behaviour you like.

With more than 50 free seminars scheduled across Queensland now's the time to start positive parenting.

Find a seminar near you on the Triple P calendar (<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/find-help/check-our-calendar/>).

Get the Conversation Started

Life can be busy, and pressure on families is growing. Yet many of us are uncomfortable with asking for help when we need it.

The Talking Families Facebook page (www.facebook.com/talkingfamiliesqld) provides information and resources that can help. You can also find support services at the oneplace website (www.oneplace.org.au).

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

From the Deputy Principal

RED CROSS PRESENTATION FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS

Staff from the Red Cross will visit our school next week to present their Community Education program *In search of Safety*. It has been developed by the Migrant Support team to provide information and understanding about asylum seekers in Australia. This presentation supports the History unit on migration our year 5 and 6 students are studying at the moment. A letter will be sent home soon containing more information.

END OF TERM PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Class teachers will be offering Parent/Teacher interviews during the last week of Term One. This is the week beginning Monday 27 March 2016. Letters have already been sent home for you to nominate your preferred day/time. Please contact your child's class teacher if you did not receive one. These interviews are a great opportunity to find out how your child is progressing academically and socially.

2017 NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEAR 3 AND 5 STUDENTS

Term 2 Week 4 (9-11 May)

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted from 9-11 May. This is in week 4 of Term Two. Prior to the testing program, all Principals are required to finalise student participation lists for NAPLAN tests. All students in Years 3 & 5 are required to sit for the tests unless they are withdrawn by parents/carers. Where parents/carers do not want students to participate in the test, they must discuss their wishes with the teacher and Mrs Justine Finter, Deputy Principal. Students who are withdrawn from the tests will have no result recorded and no report will be provided.

Adjustments may be permitted for students with a disability to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation. Teachers and parents will identify students who qualify for adjustment. Parents of students who have been

identified as requiring adjustments will receive a letter prior to the Easter vacation period.

If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests please contact Mrs Finter at the school office.

Mrs Justine Finter – Deputy Principal

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on achieving 'Student of the Week'. These awards will be presented on next parade date 21 March, 2017.

PN	Jamaya D
PT	Ava C
1/2B	Daxon R
1/2L	Finn S
1/2T	Sarah W
2/3C	Sofia S
3/4H	Lucy O
3/4J	Harley S
3/4S	Lucy D
4/5H	Bailie P
5/6B	Tim W
5/6C	Bella T
5/6P	Madison L



University of New South Wales Tests Reminder

UNSW Tests permission forms and money are due by Monday 27 March 2017. This is the only return date for all tests despite different sitting dates. Payments will not be accepted after this date.

Mrs Chippendale – UNSW Test Coordinator

News From 2/3C

Students from 2/3 C enjoy sharing what they know and learn with their teachers each school day. The photos below show a variety of ways students respond to teacher's questions and statements in class. They are using red and green "Agree" and "Disagree" cards and "Show-Me" boards to recall their weekly skills and knowledge. The students enjoy receiving praise from their teacher for getting it right!!

My First Year Photos 2017

Celebrate your child's first year of school with their 'My First Year' photo which will be published next Wednesday the 22nd March 2017 in The Morning Bulletin.



Celebrate your child's first year of school with this exclusive lift out packed with photos of our region's prep classes. It's a keepsake you'll treasure for years to come!

Don't miss your copy free with your daily newspaper on Wednesday 22 March.

Book Club Issue 2

2017 is a great year for getting more children reading with Book Club

BOOK CLUB ISSUE #2

DUE DATE Thursday 16th March 2017



PLEASE MARK YOUR ORDER IF YOU WANT IT AS A GIFT AND YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO SEE IT. Add your phone number and we will contact you.



We look forward to Opening a World of Possible for our students in 2017! Thank you so much for your orders, this gives us reward points so that we can access new resources for the Library.

Welcome to Issue #2 of Book Club for this year. We love to encourage a love of reading in our school.

Orders may be paid in *cash*, a *cheque made payable to The Hall State School*, or alternatively you may pay by *Credit Card on the LOOP system*. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

There are always *great specials* to be found, every issue has *gold coin books*. These are only \$1 or \$2 each. Small orders are definitely welcome.

If your order is incorrect, then please return all items, plus the order form as soon as possible to the Library. If you don't wish your child to see the order, *it may be a gift*, please make a note on the order form with your phone number.

Happy Reading

Mrs Rhonda Robinson [Bookclub Coordinator]

Team	Supervisors	Opponents	Venue	Transport
Oztag	Mrs Broome	Girls - RGS Black 1:10pm Boys - RGS Red 1:10pm	RGS Field 2 RGS Field 1	Bus
Soccer	Mr Palmer	Year 5 - Mt Archer SS 12:40pm Year 6 - Mt Archer SS 1:35pm	Norbridge 2 Norbridge 2	Bus
Soccer	Ms Cochrane	Girls Team - Glenmore SS 1:35pm	Norbridge 1	Bus

Please note: These times/venues may be subject to change without notice

Rockhampton District School Sport – Rugby League Trials - Change of date/venue

Parents are advised of the change of date/venue for the Girls 11-12yrs Rugby League Trials. The date has been changed to Monday 20th March and the venue will be at Frenchville State School commencing 4:00pm.

Friday Sports

Friday Sports Draw – 17 March 2017

Team	Supervisors	Opponents	Venue	Transport
AFL	Mr Jaeger	Crescent Lagoon SS 12:30pm Frenchville SS 1:30pm	KP2 KP1	Bus