



Issue 6 – The Hall Happenings 30 March 2017

School Calendar

27 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews - Week beginning 27 March 27 Mar 2017 - 31 Mar 2017
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
19 Apr	P&C Meeting 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
21 Apr	Cross Country Fun Run All day
21 Apr	School Anzac Ceremony at The Hall State School

	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
9 May	Naplan Testing - Yr 3 & Yr 5 Students 09 May 2017 - 11 May 2017
23 May	UNSW - Digital Technologies Test yrs 3-6 All day
30 May	UNSW - Science Test - yrs 2-6 All day
31 May	Upper School Athletics at RSHS All day
5 Jun	Year 6 Camp 05 Jun 2017 - 09 Jun 2017
12 Jun	UNSW - Writing Test yrs 3-6 All day
14 Jun	UNSW - Spelling Test - yrs 2-6 All day
21 Jun	Lower School Athletics All day
23 Jun	Last Day Term 2 All day
10 Jul	Term 3 Commences

	All day
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

From the Principal Welcome to the 'The Hall Happenings'

End of Term 1

I would have to say that this has been the best start to a year in my time at The Hall State School. We have clear vision and expectations for the year and I believe we have made a great positive start towards this vision. Our major goal is about every student succeeding and every student improving their learning outcomes. I am extremely proud of my staff who all work very hard to achieve this goal and I know they will continue to do so.

I hope you have all enjoyed your parent/teacher conferences during the last week and that you continue to work with these wonderful teachers to build a solid partnership to support your child's learning journey. If you have not been able to make such a meeting, remember you can always leave suitable times to be contacted on the phone for a quick update on your child. Please remember this is a 'partnership' to develop your child; it will **work more successfully with a team approach!**

Looking forward to Term 2

Once again next term is 'jammed packed' with events. We begin the term on Tuesday 18 April after Easter Monday.

Due to the rain this week we have postponed our Cross Country/ Fun Run until First Wednesday back, 19 April. Our next P&C meeting will be on this evening, Wednesday, 19 April at 6:00pm in the Library.

We will celebrate Anzac Day at school on the first Friday back, 21 April at 9:15am with a ceremony and then class activities throughout the day. Students will march on Tuesday 25th as usual and our School Captains will represent us at the Dawn Service.

NAPLAN is in week 4, on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 for Year 3 & 5 students. Mrs Finter will provide more about the details next term.

Season 2 sport will begin on 19 May, keep an eye on future newsletters for more details.

Year 6 Camp is from 5-9 June at Fairburn Dam, permission note and deposits should be out soon. Students will only be allowed to attend this camp if their attendance, behaviour and work ethic are of a satisfactory standard. *This means all*

students follow the school rules all of the time and attend school regularly.

Week 7 is our Athletics Carnival for upper school at Rocky High School on Wednesday 31 May, with our lower school events being held at our school Wednesday 21 June from 9am to 1pm. More details on these events will come throughout the term.

Wearing our School Uniform with pride

I am pleased to see the majority of our students are wearing the correct uniform every day. There are however, a few students whom do not have the correct black shoes. We require black shoes with black laces or velcro to be worn every day. This is clearly outlined in our Prospectus, which was sent home with Report Cards last year. Parents are required to provide correct uniform for their students every day. Please support us with this issue. Contact me if you have any concerns about this issue.

Senior Shirt for 2017 and beyond

Last week Year 6 Students voted for their senior shirt for 2017. P&C have supported our move towards a senior shirt to remain the same each year, which means Yr 6 students can wear their senior shirt every day. Of course their normal school shirts are also suitable for our Year 6 students. Parents don't have to buy a senior shirt. These shirts will not have students' names on the back and once we place our initial order the school P&C will carry them in the uniform shop at all times. Students will bring home a letter for parents to order and pre-pay for a senior shirt. We will let you know when they are expected to arrive.

Safe, Relaxing, Enjoyable Holidays

I hope that the current weather event doesn't impact upon your property or safety too much. Please take care and enjoy your time with your students over the holidays. It is important that our students come back on the 18 April rested and ready to get straight back into work for Term 2. Please ensure your child does return on time next term, as 'Every Day Counts'.

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**.

QParents Secure Online Parent Portal

Most parents would have heard 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:

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

Thank you to the parents who have already registered their 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. Please contact us if you need to update your email address.

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

From the Deputy Principal

ANZAC Day Commemoration – Friday 21 April

Planning is underway for our school 2017 ANZAC Commemoration. On Friday 21 April, we will have our ANZAC commemoration ceremony starting at 9:15am sharp. This year we are planning to use the grandstand seating area and hold the event on our school oval (weather permitting). This solemn ceremony provides our students and community members with an opportunity to respectfully pay tribute to the contributions made by our service men and women. Following this memorial, students will have the opportunity to engage in an activity with their class and hear stories of the past to keep the ANZAC spirit alive.

ANZAC March – Tuesday 25 April

Our school has been invited to march at the Rockhampton ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony on Tuesday 25 April. A letter will be sent home with further details at the beginning of next term.

All students who march need to be in correct school uniform including a school hat, navy socks and black shoes. It is suggested that they bring a water bottle with them. Only students and teachers from our school are to march behind our banner. Any parents who wish to join the March should walk behind the students and staff but the organisers do like to see a crowd cheering the marchers on.

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for Students and School Staff

Mrs Justine Finter – Deputy Principal

Student of the Week

‘Student of the Week’ will resume in Term 2.

Music News

Eisteddfod dates

The Vocal section of the Eisteddfod is being held from 16th – 22nd May. The instrumental section is from 27th -31st May. The individual dates for the choirs and band are not yet available.

Queensland Eisteddfod

Best wishes to Amy Bond, Heidi and Aussie Bowen who are competing in the Queensland Eisteddfod in Gympie over the Easter Week-end as part of the Rockhampton Musical Union Youth Choir. Chookas!

Music Notes

The King of puns “It looks like another reigny day”

Mrs Hiron – Music Specialist

News From 1/2T

1/2 T wrote recipes to make magical potions.

Sarah’s Star Potion

- Put the egg in.
- Put the milk in.
- Put the rainbows in.
- Put the flowers in.
- Mix and drink.

Mia’s Invisible Potion

- Find 1 eyeball.
- Find 8 fingers.
- Go up to space and get 5 stars.
- Go back home.
- Get a big bowl.
- Put in the eyeballs, fingers and stars.
- Drink it.
- You will be invisible.

Shyla’s Xmas Potion

- Sprinkle in the chocolate.
- Sprinkle in the stars.
- Sprinkle in the decorations.
- Mix all the ingredients.

Jayden’s Invisible Potion

- Get the saucepan.
- Put the boa constrictor in.
- Put the chocolate in.
- Put the slugs in.
- Put lava in.
- Mix the potion.

Allyssa’s Xmas Potion

- Put the chocolate in the bowl.
- Spread the caramel on.
- Put roses in a cup.
- Sprinkle Flake chocolate.
- Look at the kittens.
- Smile.

Tuckshop News

Congratulations to the following winners of the Easter Colouring In competition:

Prep: 1st Kysheharna P, 2nd Juan S

Year 1: 1st Levi L, 2nd Bryan V

Year 2: 1st Mia H, 2nd Domonique B

Year 3: 1st Stewart C, 2nd Amaya C

Year 4: 1st Darius R, 2nd Tayliah M

Year 5: 1st Seth C, 2nd Ella W

Year 6: 1st Alexandra B, 2nd Olivia W



Each winner has collected their prize of Easter Eggs from the tuckshop.

The school tuckshop has had some menu and price changes which will take effect starting in Term 2.

Please click on the link below for the updated menu:

Mrs Christensen – Tuckshop Convenor

Sporting News

We have had some great achievements in sport recently, and would like to acknowledge these students.

Ben T has made the 12 year old boys Capricornia School team for Basketball.

Sean H represented Rockhampton in Oztag.

Mia R recently participated in the “Rockhampton Cup on Wheels” and came 1st in the under 9/11/13 Handicap 1 race. She also took part in a 1 lap Showcase race and won against the under 19 Australian Champion!

Friday Sports

Friday Sport will resume in Term 2