

# Newsletter

28 /2/2014



## Date Claimers

**28/2/14**

**Buff's Club P & C Raffle**

**Helpers wanted please**

**14/3/14**

School Photos

**20/3/14**

Harmony Day

**26/3/14**

Swimming Carnival

**31/3/14 – 3/4/14**

Parent Interviews  
(by appointment)

## Attendance

**Last year average daily attendance was only 92%.**

**The target this year is to have average daily attendance at 98%.**

**Help us achieve this target and send children to school every day that they are well!**



**Next P & C Meeting**  
**24/3/14**

**4pm in School Library.**  
**All welcome.**

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Bufs Club Raffle Tonight**

Please join us at the Bufs Club tonight for the Community Raffle. All money raised will go to P & C and of course these funds are then returned back to the school and the children will ultimately benefit. Thanks very much to Mel Atherinos who facilitated our involvement in this community raffle.

### **Student Leader Induction**

On Monday the student leaders were inducted and made their pledge to be of service to our school. The school captains made an excellent impression on Dr Neil Carrington and Norm McNamara, Principal of Happy Valley State School, when they attended the leadership training. Our sports leaders will have their opportunity to shine in the very near future when the Swimming Carnival takes place on 26 March.

### **Harmony Day**

Due to the Interschool sport being held on the 21 March, the Harmony day will now be held on 20 March. Tracey Lovejoy is busily organising helpers from our wonderful and diverse community to provide a taste of their unique cultures. Mandi Evans is linking positive behaviours and random acts of kindness to the Harmony Day theme to promote student tolerance and positive behaviours towards each other.

## Reading

This week our whole school decoding and comprehension strategies were formally introduced to the students. Please take some time while you are listening to your children read and get them to tell you about the decoding or comprehension strategies they are learning. Linking the learning your child does at school to your home reading time really reinforces their learning.

### **More Support for Students with Disabilities**

This week Frank and I have attended a professional development in Townsville which allows our school to make the necessary adjustments to lessons for children with and without a diagnosed disability. These adjustments help children, who have a barrier to learning, to better access their educational program and therefore to achieve better results.

### **Karlie King Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our efforts to provide support for Karlie and her family while she is in Brisbane with a very serious illness. We raised \$604.00 for Karlie. A special mention must go to William Te Pohe who donated his entire savings to support Karlie. What a kind gesture! There will be another Community Raffle held for Karlie on 28 March at the Buff's Club.

### **P & C**

It was great to see so many faces at the recent P & C meeting. Please join us on the 24<sup>th</sup> March

for the AGM. New members are very welcome and your support in any capacity will be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Kathy King  
Acting Principal

### New Telephone contacts

Please note the new telephone numbers for our school.

Administration office 44 37 3222

Student Absence Line 44 37 3266

### Student Leaders Induction



School Leaders



### Stars of the week



## Keeping your kids safe online this term

Between work commitments, dance classes and footy practice you've got enough on your plate this term without worrying about what your kids are up to online.

You can't keep your eye on them 24/7, but there are some steps you can take to ensure your kids are safe online when you're not around. Telstra brings you some tips to keep in mind when getting household devices back-to-school ready:

1. **Talk with your kids about their digital lives. Create conversations and stay involved**
2. **Ask your children how they use technology and try it for yourself – try playing a game or uploading a video together**
3. **Explain the rules of responsible device ownership**
4. **Protect personal information – teach your children how to turn on privacy settings**
5. **Encourage children to 'think before they click', to think about content and the consequences of posting it**
6. **Be an offline supporter. Encourage kids to have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices at bedtime**
7. **Teach kids to treat others the same way they'd like to be treated online and be zero-**

**tolerant to rude or mean online behaviour**

8. **Make the most of parental controls on devices**
9. **Let your children know you're always there for them – assure them that their internet privileges won't be taken away if they are exposed to content that makes them feel uncomfortable or concerned**
10. **Don't just talk about the right thing to do; be a role model with your own digital habits**

Above all, have a fun and safe term!

For more information about keeping the family safe online visit: [telstra.com.au/cyber-safety](http://telstra.com.au/cyber-safety)

### Get your own cyber safety kit:

With school bags brimming with technology this year, Telstra is reminding people to review our handy guides to cyber safety to ensure gadgets are being used safely and sensibly – by young and old.

The Cyber Safety kits, available free from Telstra's website, aim to teach children and parents, teens and grandparents (both the cyber savvy and new learners) how to avoid common pitfalls online, including identity fraud, shopping scams and cyberbullying.

[www.telstra.com.au/cyber-safety](http://www.telstra.com.au/cyber-safety)