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From the Principal's Desk.....

Already it is day 17 of the 'new' school year! I would like to complement our students and staff for such a wonderful start to the year. As I said to a colleague recently, Haden SS is buzzing with enthusiasm and energy in 2017 and it certainly a wonderful place to come every day. Our prep students, Jesper and Rachael, have settled in exceptionally well and both students are taking a very keen interest in all their learning experiences. Well done everybody.

Our swim camp is also coming along very well. Each day we have been able to adhere to our timetable of rotations at the pool. Students are very attentive during lessons and are making fantastic progress. Thanks to staff and students and our swimming instructors from Crows Nest pool for your efforts. Tomorrow will be our last day of Swim Camp for Term 1. Thanks to our parent drivers for transporting students to and from Crows Nest Pool this week.

Today I have conducted interviews with potential school leaders who have presented themselves as candidates for the leadership positions of School Leaders and Sports Leaders. All students and staff have voted and I very happy to congratulate the following students on achieving Leadership roles at Haden SS in 2017. Our School Leaders are Jeziah Berry and Maclean Everist. I am sure you will fulfil your leadership roles with maturity and a sense of responsibility. Our Sports Leaders for 2017 are Emerald Garrett, Wagoon and Seth Proud, Bauer, and our School Monitor is Bianca Wilkins. Congratulations on your leadership positions. I am sure you will demonstrate appropriate leadership qualities, help organise the teams for athletic activities and provide assistance when required throughout the school.

In these first few weeks of the year we have been focussing on establishing and reinforcing routines and appropriate behaviours. This includes transitions within the classrooms and around the school through to appropriate behaviours to demonstrate during teaching and learning experiences. Students have responded well and most students can consistently demonstrate safe and orderly movement between learning spaces.

Homework is not intended to be onerous for students and their families. For this reason we keep homework to a minimum. **All students are expected to read every night. It is only through practice of skills that students will improve.** Please continue to support us by facilitating home reading every night for all students. Some students take home Sight Words/Magic 100 Words to learn their sight words **every night**. Families have been provided with two sets of the words to encourage you to play games with the sight words. When students have read all their words correctly on three occasions at school, they will progress to the next level of words. *Students who are regularly practising their sight words at home are the ones who are making the fastest progress with their reading.* **Please, please, please support your child by making time to go through their sight words nightly and play some games with your child.** There are lots and lots of suggestions inside the Sight Word folders to assist with learning sight words at home. **Words Their Way word sort activities** are also expected to be completed daily. Once again, there are suggestions for you to work with your children to help them with their word sorts. Once again, those students who are working on their WTW sorts for a short time every day, are the ones who are progressing well through their spelling phases.

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School Expectations

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February

13th-16th-Swim Camp

March

29th -School Photos

30th-Show Holiday

Expectation Focus

Be Safe
I am in the right place at the right time



Our Goals

Writing, Reading, Attendance-Every child attending everyday

From the Principal's Desk Continued.....

Hados are back again this year and are going strong at Haden SS. This term we have decided to trial vouchers only as prizes in the "Hado Shop". Students will 'buy' vouchers with their Hados which give them access to extra computer time or one night without homework or free dress for a day or make a phone call home or have lunch with a teacher or play iPad games..... It has been observed that students prefer these type of rewards over purchasing lost cost items both at Haden SS and at other PBL schools in our cluster.

Our highest point of attendance data has been achieved at the end of Week 2, 2017, with 95.1% Please help us maintain our high attendance rate. Each and every day builds upon the day before. It is essential that students attend every day that they are well enough. Let's keep up the great work together!

Marimba groups will be established shortly. Students who indicate that they would like to part of the Valley Room Group or the Mountain Room Group will attend practice sessions either in the lunch breaks once a week and probably before school (at 8:30am) once a week. Any adult interested in starting an adult group please contact us or Sharon at the shop and indicate a preferred day/time, so we can get our adult group up and running.

My supervisor, Peter Baker, has accepted a position in Vietnam and will start in early March. Peter had his last school visit to Haden SS last week. I am yet to be informed of who my next supervisor will be. I would like to thank Peter for his guidance over the past two years and acknowledge that Peter has assisted me greatly by providing valued advice for the management of students, staff, curriculum development and my own personal professional development.

With week 5 upon us next week, we will be collecting data by carrying out monitoring and assessment tasks in Week 5.

Elaine Brennan

Principal

Expectation	Award Recipients
Be Safe	Connie
Be Respectful	Seth
Be a Learner	Emerald

P&C Meeting
 The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday February 20th at 3.15 pm.
 This will also be the *AGM*.
All welcome

Reminder- Parade is held every second Monday at 2.45 pm.
 The next parade will be on Monday February 20th

Contact details- does the school have your current contact details? Please advise the school office if any details have changed.

Newsletters- would you prefer to receive your newsletter via email? If so, please provide a current email address to be added to our emailing list. Copies of the newsletter are also available from the school website.

School Photos

School Photos are scheduled for Wednesday March 29th.

Order forms will be distributed to families shortly.



Birthdays

Jeziah



Playgroup at Haden

CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS COME TOGETHER TO ENJOY SOME PLAY, CONVERSATION, ACTIVITIES AND FUN!



Where-Haden State School



When- Tuesday mornings 9am-11am

WHAT TO BRING - HAT, WATER BOTTLE, SUNSCREEN AND MORNING TEA.



No child is too young for playgroup!



Cost- FREE!



Don't forget:

Don't Forget to check the school window display at the Haden Store.

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits the school on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month between

2.10-3.15pm