



February 3rd
2016

**DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

February

Thursday 11th-
P&C meeting

Friday 12th-
School Leader
Election

March

Wednesday 16th-
School Photos

From the Principal's Desk.....

Welcome to a brand new school year! We are all excited to be back and already 2016 has good vibes. We are busy revisiting routines that we established in 2015. Students have already demonstrated a commitment to our values, which we have simplified to **Be Responsible, Be a Learner and Be Safe**. Thank you in anticipation of your full support of our small school in 2016.

Our current numbers are 22 students with 8 students in the P-2 class with Mrs Bloomfield and Mrs Pukallus and 14 students in the 3-6 class with Ms Brennan and Mrs Pukallus. We are awaiting the outcome of Day 8 data, which is submitted this Friday 5 February 2016.

To be in line with other Band 5 schools in our cluster, I have managed to change my **Admin day to Thursdays**. We are very fortunate that Mrs Pukallus is teaching the P-6 students on Thursdays. Mrs Bloomfield and Mrs Pukallus have arranged the Valley Room to better accommodate the whole school on Thursdays. It looks fantastic! As does the Mountain Room, with the new curtains.

Students will be rewarded with Hados in 2016, as in 2015. This year we are running the Hados a little differently, with all staff allocated a budget to distribute Hados for demonstrating school values and class rules, wearing full school uniform (including school hats), having homework completed and handed in on time; bringing along healthy lunches and for making an effort with neat bookwork. We have consulted the Haden SS Handbook and traditionally full school uniform includes white or royal blue socks. Thanks so much to those who are already wearing white or royal blue socks. We will be including socks and school hats in the Hado prize box to assist with full school uniforms as we do the food containers to promote Nude Food in lunchboxes.

Election of School Leaders will be happening on Friday 12 February at 2pm. Students in Year 6 will nominate to be a leader and will deliver a short speech to the school. Two School Leaders will be elected. Students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to nominate as Sports Leaders. One School Leader will be elected to lead each team - Wagoon and Bauer. Parents wishing to join us for the elections are welcome. All students and staff will have a vote. This process has been supported by the P&C and students have been aware for a year that we would be changing to a democratic process to elect our school leaders.

Birthdays

Jezziah

Emerald

Gabbi

Jared



From the Principal's Desk continued.....

We are encouraging students to keep their hats at school for safe keeping and to cut down on students missing out on play and then causing other issues whilst out of play. Hats could be taken home weekly for washing purposes. There will be exceptions, of course, when students rely on their hats getting to and from school. Hats are available at the school. Bucket hats cost \$4 and Surf hats cost \$6. Wearing full school uniform does make a difference. Students enjoy a feeling of belonging to a group. Research shows that wearing school uniforms has a huge impact on positive behaviours at school! Thank you for your continued support.

Term 1 is our Swimming Term and we will be organising a swim camp idea, banking our swimming days together to have consecutive lessons to enhance their skill development. This will happen later in the term before it gets too cool. This will enable Haden SS to provide a more intensive skill building experience for our students. We will be returning to the Crow's Nest Pool for the heated pool, so our students can enjoy swim camp without freezing!

Please make an appointment if you have any issues with the school. We welcome your thoughts and encourage you to remain positive about our wonderful small school with your family and friends!

Thank you for having your children so well prepared for the new school year. Students look amazing in their uniforms. We appreciated the trouble you have gone to in the purchase of text books and exercise books, most of which have been so beautifully covered. This encourages pride in self and pride in book work!

The first P&C meeting will be a general meeting only. This will be held on **Thursday February 11th** commencing immediately after school.

Elaine Brennan

Uniforms

Polo Shirts \$18

Shorts \$10

Baseball Jackets \$26

Tracksuit Pants \$14

Bucket Hats \$4

Surf Hats \$6



Mobile Library

The mobile library visits the school on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month between 2.10-3.15pm

Science Kicks Off!

It is such a privilege to be back at Haden State School and this year I have the honour of teaching the whole school. Lucky me!

We kicked off our Science this term by introducing the students to our Science Stations which will provide students with a hands on approach to learning about Science.



In Science this term the Prep students will learn about how to care for a pet. The year 1 and 2 students will be studying lifecycles. The year 3-4 students will be learning about living things and things that can affect the growth of them. The Year 5 and 6 students will be exploring matter.

In Science this year the students came up with 5 classroom rules to assist in making the classroom a fun and safe learning environment. I ask that you read through these with your child to help them to remember them.

Stay tuned for more Science news.

Emma Pukallus