



# Happy Valley School

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## News letter

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## Sports Day 2004 – An 8.15 am Start

Our Whole School Sports Day is a very exciting occasion and we hope to see as many parents, family and friends as possible.

Detailed programs have been sent home this week but please note that –

- All students are encouraged to wear their house colours.
- Students need to report to their class teachers in their rooms at 8:15am.
- Following the Opening there will be a Buddy Class activity at 8.30 am
- The day begins with championship sprints, followed by tabloid events and games.
- JP sports day finishes at approximately 12:00noon, when parents may take children home. Primary students will be dismissed after the presentation ceremony at approx 1:50pm.
- Teachers will be on duty until 2:15pm. OSHC will be open from 2:15pm
- Please see the Kookaburra Café notice and Parent Club News, for further information about Sports Day arrangements.



*Happy Valley is a Sun Smart School.  
Please remember your hat and sunscreen!*

Confident and Persistent Sporting Efforts  
Chandler ... Mason ... Nicolle ... Shepherd



In 2003 Chandler celebrate only their third victory in 26 years

## VIP's Visit Happy Valley School

It was great to have two visitors this week from the central office of the Education Department visit us. Kay Nolte, Director Technology and Knowledge Management Services and Ross Treadwell, Assistant Director, School/Preschool Information Technology Services came to Happy Valley School to see the excellent work students have been undertaking this term in ICT. Although their visit was short, students from Sue Higgins' class demonstrated their skills and knowledge using the Mind Mapping program Inspiration to write a 'procedural text' as well as using Microsoft Publisher to write their a stories about Castles and fairytales.



Liam in Year 1 demonstrated his skills in communicating with a 'Delta Talker' communicator. He also showed his competency in manipulating a tracker ball and computer to undertake a literacy task his classmates were doing. Finally three students from D'Arcy Jones' class showed their final research project presentation on how the Panama Canal was formed using PowerPoint as the reporting media.

It was a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our staff and students. With the support and leadership of Darryl Draper and many others at Happy Valley we can show that ICT in our teaching programs is enhancing the learning opportunities and experiences of our students. Congratulations to all involved.

## A VIBRANT MIX OF FAIRYTALES, MEDIEVAL TIMES AND FEASTING CELEBRATIONS FOR YEAR 2'S

Sue Higgins' class has been learning about castles and text types. To celebrate our learning we invited parents and friends to join us for a book launch and medieval feast. Children came dressed in medieval clothes and showed the three text types they had made.

**Narrative Texts.** These were castles stories typed using Publisher on the computer. The story needed to show an understanding of Who (the characters were), Where (the story took place) and What (happened). The story needed to show a beginning, middle and end.



**Procedural Texts.** Children designed, made and appraised a castle they constructed in the technology room. Their work included digital photos, what was needed to make the castle and step-by-step instructions.

**Factual Texts.** Children used Inspiration 6 on the computer to plan their factual text about castles. The books included an index, glossary and contents page.

After sharing their work John, from the Society for creative Anachronism, came to talk about medieval times. The children were very keen to see his Armour and other interesting items.

To finish the celebration we shared a in a feast. We had a toast and it was declared that our castles theme had been a great success!!

## A PARENT REPORT on the NEEDS OF BOYS

*Earlier in the month a small group of Happy Valley School parents attended a seminar about NEEDS OF BOYS. The seminar was presented by Ian Lillico an Educational Consultant School Principal also father of three sons. Over the past eleven years he has researched gender patterns, boys' education and sociological rearing for young males.*

*Throughout the night Ian Lillico kept us all entertained and interested with his humour and life experiences. He had many statistics on all areas of raising boys. Here are a few things that Ian Lillico suggested:*

- *Connect with nature: exploring, catching crabs, fishing, getting dirty.*

- *Express communication: convert feelings into movement, role-playing fantasy.*
- *Leave positive notes on the bed about something they have accomplished in the day.*
- *Encourage expression/respect individuality*
- *Books: Boys and their schooling/Boys Education by Ian Lillico*
- *Living with a willy, the inside story by Nick Fisher.*
- *Movies: E.T., Parenthood 1 & 2, Karate Kid 1 & 2, Superman 1 – 4, Dead Poets Society, Mrs Doubtfire.*

For more information visit [www.boysforward.com](http://www.boysforward.com)  
*By Marie Szeitz and friends*

We would highly recommend if you get the chance to see him live, do so. If not go to the web site and there are some audio files of his presentations and tips for parenting boys.

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY Friday April 2nd

Think about it – every day, many Australian children are DRIVEN short distances to school. The result: many children are not active enough to lay a solid foundation for their future health and well-being, our air is polluted from vehicle emissions, and traffic congestion around schools is a real hazard.

On Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, our school will be taking part in Walk Safely to School Day. All parents, carers, students and staff who walk to school on this day – and every other day – will be doing their bit to promote safe pedestrian behaviour and the healthy benefits of walking regularly.

We have already started our safe walking program with the first Walking School Bus route now operating for nearly three weeks.

Everyone who walks to school on Friday of next week will receive a special certificate to acknowledge their positive attitude to their fitness and caring for the environment!

## WESTFIELD MARION SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL IN 2004

Shop For Your School is back again in 2004. It begins on Thursday 25th March, finishing on Saturday 29th May.

As in previous years the fundraising committee has supported this initiative and as many of you may remember Happy Valley was a prize winner in 2003. The school received an Apple eMac computer, which was used as the major prize in the 2003 Christmas raffle.

During this 10-week period, customers take purchase receipts from any Westfield store to the *Shop For Your School* satellite desks to register points for Happy Valley School. At Westfield Marion desks are located on Level 1 near Woolworths and Level 2 near Rebel Sports. Westfield staff will scan the key tag, stamp receipts and upload one point per dollar spent for Happy Valley School pool of points. There are bonus days on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May where the school receives 5 points for every dollar spent. Prizes for the school range from Apple eMac computers to digital cameras.

Please note! As a school we are very conscious of the valued and valuable shopping services in our local area

of Happy Valley, Aberfoyle Park and environs. By being part of the Westfield Marion *Shop For Your School* promotion, in no way means we support Westfield Marion and its related services to any greater or lesser way to other like services in our area. There is no obligation for parents to be part of this promotion when shopping at Westfield Marion. It is solely your personal decision.

## KOOKABURRA COUNCIL UPDATE

Kookaburra Council meet fortnightly on Tuesday at 11am, however with aquatics and excursions our meetings this term have needed to work around these events.

Discussion items raised at meetings have been related to playground and yard issues, and students' work has resulted in productive outcomes:

- Harassment Charts for each room are being updated
- The flying fox has been fixed and is being used constantly
- Bins have been strategically placed around the JP playground and this area appears much cleaner. There is now some discussion on painting the bins to make them a feature.

Kookaburra Council is keen to begin some fundraising, money from which will go to the child we sponsor through World Vision. Watch this space!

## PARENTS IN THEATRE

We would like any parents who are interested in joining the Parents in Theatre entourage to come for a get to know each other evening.

"You are under no obligation to join" unless we are what you are looking for. So come make new friends and get involved with your school in a fun and very enjoyable way. Thursday 1st April 2004, 7.00pm in the Long Room.

Come enjoy a coffee and bikkie and a laugh.

Sandie Sherriff

## CODES OF PRACTICE

To follow on from last newsletter here are the final commitments by staff and students and the obligations under the code of practice for Happy Valley School.

### Staff

At Happy Valley School it is expected that staff will

- Support and value one another
- Pursue high quality teaching and learning programs.
- Be eager to learn and seek opportunities to increase and share their knowledge, skills and experience
- Continually review and seek opportunities to improve their performance
- Feel pride in and an ownership of what the school is achieving
- Acknowledge, respect and encourage the contributions, ideas, opinions and achievements of each member of the school community
- Encourage a partnership between staff, families and the wider community

### Students

At Happy Valley School it is expected that students will

- Strive for personal excellence
- Show courtesy and politeness at all times when communicating with peers, staff and others
- Represent their school positively
- Be tolerant, respect others, accept differences and encourage one another
- Be active and persistent in their own learning
- Plan and work together and be involved in decision making through class meetings, kookaburra council, peer support and other areas of responsibility
- Accept responsibility for their actions and the consequences of their behaviour
- Maintain the school as an harassment free environment and use non violent solutions to manage conflict when it occurs
- Participate in the life of the school

## THINKING BEYOND OUR SCHOOL BUT VERY CLOSE TO HOME

On October 20<sup>th</sup> 1988, 11 days before his sixteenth birthday, my brother, Mark died in his classroom from heart failure. While this shook our entire family, the grief impacted most negatively on my mum's health. She had to make a decision as to whether she would manage her grief through medication or do something different. My mum, Gill, saw a fundraising bike ride advertised that was aimed at raising money for heart research. Gill bought herself a bike, relearned how to ride and joined the bike ride – from Adelaide to Perth.

After many more years of cycling through deserts and other pursuits, Gill hopped off the bike in 2002 and walked from Alice Springs to Adelaide at an average of 50 kilometres per day. When I met up with her about 600 kilometres out of Adelaide she said that this was to be her last. The walk had raised about \$20000 and provided crucial publicity for the Heart Foundation so she is off again.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> March, Gill Plastow will set off from Darwin, walking 3000km back to Adelaide, again attempting to raise money for the Heart Foundation. She aims to arrive back to Adelaide on the 6<sup>th</sup> June after a few days stopover in Alice Springs. This will be an average of 46.5 kilometres per day for two months. My Dad, Keith, will be the only support crew that Gill has. He will follow behind with vehicle and caravan. He has taken courses in Senior First Aid and Massage to manage Gill's pain; he is also the cook and the motivator.

I mention this because I was at the MCG on Boxing Day when Dean Jones completed his walk from Sydney to Melbourne. He walked approximately 880 kilometres at an average of 30 kilometres per day. He had a group of walkers with him and a team of other support crew and corporate sponsorship for supplies. His walk raised over a million dollars. While this was fantastic for his charity and a great personal achievement, I thought that the Heart Foundation should be rewarded through mum's walk much more than her previous walk.

Gill isn't famous and doesn't have huge corporate sponsorship, so I felt I could contribute by asking for the support of educators across the state and beyond. School's regularly support worthy charities through fundraisers and I believe this is certainly a worthy one. Heart-related problems affect so many, including a

surprising number of children. I believe that any support of research and heart-smart promotion to prevent childhood mortality would be important to schools.

*Andrew Plastow, Principal – Alberton Primary School*

Many of us in the community can relate to such a story and for some it is very close to home with the loss of a child to heart disease, cancer or accident.

You may wish to support the various charity organisations through a donation or gain information that provide support and research into many areas effecting children. Here are some;

- Heart Foundation and Heart Kids, 8243 8229 or 1300 362 787
- Asthma SA, 8238 9300
- Camp Quality South Australia, 8239 0844
- Cancer Council South Australia, 8291 4111
- Childhood Cancer Association, Incorporated 8239 1444
- Crippled Children's Association of SA Inc, 8243 8229
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Australia, 8212 4000
- Leukaemia Foundation Australia – SA, 8357 3555
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of SA and NT Inc., 8360 0800
- Ronald McDonald House Children's Charities, 8267 6922
- Spastic Centres of South Australia Foundation, 8268 5000

## EXCURSION TO CLIPSAL 500

*Everyone was really excited because we were going to the city to see the Clipsal 500 practice sessions.*

*As we went through Gate 6 entrance we had our bags checked and as soon as we sat down, the V8's came zooming past, some were backfiring and made us jump. Next came the Formula 3 cars which we timed, the fastest time was 1.21 seconds which was number 17, a red car.*

*We all played follow the leader through the amusements, past the mechanics and the bald tyres, over the track on the overpass and through the food area which smelt yummy. We finished up at Holden Heaven. It was a noisy, tiring but fun day.*

*By Josh*



## STAFF CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darryl Draper for his appointment as ICT Coordinator R – 7 for the rest of this year. We look forward to working together with Darryl in supporting the teaching and learning development of school programs and our students.

## PARKING

Parking issues are a continual problem for schools, with so much pressure in areas around the school at the beginning and end of the day.

We ask that parents observe these simple and safe arrangements.

- The Staff car park is for staff and long-term visitors only. It is not for dropping off and picking up students.  
Disabled parking space has been created in the parking bay nearest the school. It is identified with a sign soon on the bitumen and must be accessed by people holding a current Disabled Parking Permit issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles SA
- Greenbriar Avenue's 'kiss and drop' zone designated with additional signs, regulating traffic flow.
- The Kindergarten car park is for Kindergarten parents and staff only. Please do not use it if waiting for school children.

If all parents and drivers follow these simple, safe requests our students will be much safer and everyone's stress levels will be lower.

## FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

We have had a fantastic response from you all wanting to order a special lunch to celebrate Possum Magic's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday. So much so that we need a few volunteers to help get the lunch ready on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Please let Helen in the canteen know if you can help.

Does your child need to "search the internet for HW? Are you sick of scrolling through lots of irrelevant websites? WHY NOT TRY "VIVISIMO"? It is a clustering engine and the results are clustered into groups for you to choose from. Make life much easier! <http://vivisimo.com/>

Resource Centre Staff

## LAUNCH OF WEBSITE

[www.itsallright.org](http://www.itsallright.org)

For parents of teenagers and young adolescents the National Voice of Parents of Children in Australia's Public Schools and their School Communities celebrated a Nation-wide mental health support project for young people.

On Tuesday 16 March 2004, Regina Bird and **SANE Australia** linked with secondary schools across the country to launch [www.itsallright.org](http://www.itsallright.org) - an important new website resource for young people with a parent or friend affected by mental illness.

Leading the virtual launch from Berengarra Secondary School (in Melbourne's Glen Waverley), Reggie unveiled SANE's youth website to help teens aged 13 to 17 years with information, advice and referral to support agencies, through a friendly story-based website.

The site offers help to an estimated 30,000 young people who have a parent with a mental illness – many taking on a primary care role. One in four will experience a mental disorder themselves, and those remaining are likely to have a friend they are concerned for.

Reggie publicly announced her concern for mental illness when winning Big Brother 3, she named SANE as her favourite charity, to benefit from the sale of her 'legacy item'.

Barbara Hocking, SANE's Executive Director, said: 'There is growing recognition of the need to educate young people about mental illness that is bound to affect them at some time in their lives: through family, friends or their own experience.'  
'Our website is a most effective way to reach this group, providing anonymity and using language they can understand.'

Professor Fiona Stanley, Board Member of the Telstra Foundation, which gave a grant to develop the website, said: 'I'm very pleased that the Telstra Foundation has supported the site's development as it's so important that we make sure that this type of information is presented positively and in a way that is accessible to young people.'

'I think this website is a wonderful initiative by SANE. It's a great site for young people to learn about mental illness and to start to understand and support those who are dealing with its challenges every day.'

The website is designed to appeal to teens with a 'funky' interface. The story of four fictional characters is told through entries in their online diaries, as they meet at a group for young people with families affected by mental illness.

## BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

### Special Interest Music Centre

The Special Interest Music Scholarship is for students who show a keen aptitude in music and have already some degree of instrumental expertise. Only vocal students with considerable experience in solo work should apply.  
Pre-audition Musicianship Test      Frid, 21st May 2.00pm  
Auditions                                      Mon 7th & Thur 10th June.  
An Information and Application Form 2005 is available from the front office.

## WIRREANDA HIGH SCHOOL

### Specialist Sport Course Info. Evening

The school would like to invite interested students currently in Year 7 and their parents to attend an information evening in the school's new Gymnasium from 7 – 8pm. The new gymnasium is a great new facility for the students. Come and see the rock climbing wall, 3 volleyball courts, 7 badminton courts and a full size basketball court.

Barry Hank, Coordinator of the Specialist Sports Course, associated staff, parents and students will be speaking about the course at Wirreanda High School for 2005. An Information Package, which will also contain an enrolment form, will be available on the night. The evening will also provide an opportunity to ask questions.

For further information please call the Sports Office on 8329 7230.

## SPORT

### AFL AUSKICK – Starts Term 2 Commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Registration forms will be available on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and must be returned to the front office by the end of this term!

Assistant coaches are required to take small groups each. Please indicate this on your child's form.

Jenny Brown – Coordinator

### SOCCER

Senior Boys - Coached by Kim Canny. Training will be on Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm commencing this week 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Senior Girls – Coached by Trevor Hogan. Training will be on Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm commencing this week 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Under 9/10s - Coached by John Sandru. Training will be on Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm commencing this week 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Under 9 Girls- Coached by Paul Adams and assisted by Leanne Robertson and Sue Moore. Training will be on Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm commencing 31<sup>st</sup> March

Please ensure all fees are paid as soon as possible.

Rob & Georgie Goldfinch.

If you have any queries please contact us on 8387 2230, 0414 452 741 or 0412 959 712

### NETBALL – For boys and girls

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March for anyone interested in playing netball on Tuesday afternoons at either 3.45pm or 4.45pm. The games will be held in Terms 2 and 3 at SUNA.

If you are interested, please meet at the primary playground between 3.15 and 3.30pm. This will be the last meeting as games start after the holidays.

Lee Inns

## OSHC

OSHC will be open from 2.15pm on Sports Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

Roxanne Longbottom – Director 8322 2411 or 0417 898 739

## PARENT CLUB

Just a note to say thanks to all those who have volunteered to help on Sports Day in our Cake stall. A copy of the roster has been sent to all those people however if you did not receive one please check the roster on Sports Day in the sports shed to see what time you are on. If you have donations of cakes etc. for the stall please bring them to the shed on Friday morning.

Parent Club will be holding an Easter raffle on Sports Day with 10 prizes up for grabs. Come over to the Cake Stall and purchase your tickets on the day for your chance to win. Tickets will be 50c each.

Due to Sports Day on Friday, the Uniform Shop will NOT be open.

For those in the Junior Primary, you will soon receive some information regarding our Mother's Day stall to be held in early Term 2. We will also be having a Pie/Lamington drive to stock up for winter so stay tuned for more information regarding this!

Sharon Kreslin - Secretary

## KOOKABURRA CAFÉ

Thank you for the Sports Day Lunch Orders that were sent back early – much appreciated.

There will be cold drinks, flavoured milks, water, orange juice, iceblocks, chips and a limited number of hot foods available over the counter.

Possum Magic's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday – we have had a great response to celebrate his birthday. You still have until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March to order for his birthday on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### ROSTER:

Mon	29 Mar	
Tue	30 Mar	Katrina Allen
Wed	31 Mar	Jeannine Feautrill
Thu	1 April	Julie Day
Fri	2 April	
Mon	5 April	Jenny Brown
Tue	6 April	
Wed	7 April	
Thu	8 April	

Helen King Manager