



Happy Valley School

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GREAT START TO THE YEAR

I trust that all of our community had an enjoyable break and come back to Happy Valley School refreshed. We had a great Term 1 with many highlights including the Year 3 Camp to Warrawong in the Adelaide Hills – A wonderful experience. Term 2 is upon us and it will no doubt be as busy in both learning and celebration opportunities.

In addition to welcoming our new students to the Happy Valley School Community we welcome Simon Mueller back from leave. It has been great to catch up with his home stories – well done to this first time Dad! Welcome also to all the student teachers from Flinders Uni who will be with us for the next 4 weeks and we trust they will enjoy the experience and learn heaps from the excellent educators we have at Happy Valley.

Welcome also to Judy Davies as Junior Head of School – Congratulations! We all look forward to working with you and tapping into your skills and knowledge base.

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like to welcome our 8 new Reception children, who started school this week, on Wednesday, in Mrs Nicholson's and Mrs Saunder's classes. They are Jack McAuliffe, Max Reynolds, Corey Haese, Liesl Canning, Sarah Freeman, Chloe Mooney, Chloe Webster-Marr and Taylah Medved. The children looked really well settled, even before recess, when we took their photos!

A welcome also, to our new families – it is wonderful that you have chosen Happy Valley School as the starting point for your child's learning journey. We look forward to working with you.



A special welcome too, to another three students, also new to Happy Valley, and who started on the first day of this term. They are Angel Marston, Ben Clarke and Matt Clarke. Judy Davies – Junior Head of School, R-2

SCHOOL FEES AND SWIMMING REFUNDS

Just a reminder that statements have been posted to families either on instalment plans or in arrears in payments for services or materials provided to your child. Children who started at the beginning of this term, should have received their invoices this week. We would ask that parents attend to these outstanding amounts or agreed payments as soon as possible.

Up to 31 parents of Junior Primary children have not indicated how they wish to receive a refund on their child's participation in last term's swimming program. As we wish to wrap up this matter please contact Andrea Roberts urgently.

MANAGING STUDENT FADS AND COLLECTIBLES

Each year every school across the Nation has to deal with the current fad, craze or fashion. This year is no exception with a range of manufacturers promoting a new range of collectible tokens. The leadership team, together with staff and the Kookaburra Council have discussed this matter of managing fads at Happy Valley and it is agreed that banning such items will make them go 'under ground' and so we wish to deal with the phenomenon in a constructive and manageable way.

The following will apply for dealing with fads or crazes students bring onto the school grounds to minimise disruption to learning programmes and behaviour.

- Trading or swapping occurs at lunchtime only
- Swaps can only be held at or around the covered seating area and tree between Units 2 and 3, adjacent to Unit 5 and the Eatable Garden.
- Only Years 3 -7 can trade or swap
- R-2 students may bring collectable cards or tokens to school as part of a class 'sharing time' only.
- R-2 students can only 'look' but not trade.
- The teacher on duty will resolve disputes by confiscation with no return
- The object or token is the only thing swapped, NO food or money
- Harassment or bullying is unacceptable and will be dealt with through the usual behaviour management strategy of time out
- Swaps or trades can only occur between students one year level above or below, eg a Year 5 student can only trade with a Year 4, 5 or 6 student while a Year 3 student can only trade with either a Year 3 or 4 student.

In a classroom context such items need to be secured during teaching time. The principle of "3 strikes and you're out" will apply to students who do not comply. A process of a warning, followed with a single confiscation with the return at the end of the day, will end in a permanent confiscation by the class teacher. The items will be returned only after written request by a parent together with a commitment to not bringing such items to school in the future and so not disrupt the learning of others.

If this strategy fails to achieve balance between collecting and swapping tokens, we will notify you of a ban and confiscation of such collectible items.

We trust this will help in the management of these items in a constructive and learning way.

GERMAN RESOURCES

I have organised a display of German resources in the library. These are available for parents to borrow. If there is something you would like to borrow but can't find, please let me know. I will keep adding to the collection.

Tanya Morris

VOLUNTEER CINEMA DAY Monday 10th May

In appreciation of the wonderful help our volunteers provide for the students and staff at Happy Valley School, the City of Onkaparinga in conjunction with Noarlunga Cinema Centre are offering volunteers free movie tickets to the following sessions on Monday 10th May.

10.00am, 12.30pm, 4.00pm and 9.15pm

The movies being screened at each of these sessions are – *Taking Lives, Secret Window, Gothika, Strange Bedfellows and Van Helsing*

If you would like to attend as part of the City of Onkaparinga Volunteer Cinema Day, please call into the office and see Lorraine. There are a limited number available, so first in, first served!!

BUDDING ARTISTS SHOW THEIR SKILLS

Debby Haskard-Strauss, Happy Valley's Artist in Residence has started a series of workshops with selected interested students. This project supported by Happy Valley School and the Onkaparinga Council will enable students initially from Years 5-7 to work with Debby to extend their skills, knowledge and technique in visual arts. The first group of approximately 10 students spent 3 sessions with Debby focusing on Black and White Tonal Designs. The student involved must give up a lunchtime, as well as the session extending into lesson time after lunch on either a Thursday or Friday. The outcomes have been outstanding with one example from Kimberley below currently on display in the front Office Area. Congratulations to both Debby and students involved and we will keep you posted to other developments in the visual arts area.



FRIENDS OF THE PANALATINGA RESERVE

A *Working Bee* will be held on Saturday 8th May from 1.30 – 4.00pm. Further activities will be mentioned in the Term 2 Calendar due out shortly

PARKING UPDATE

Being the start of the Term it is timely to provide an update of the current situation regarding parking near the school. On Wednesday we had a Parking Inspector visit and I understand issued parking fines to vehicles inappropriately parked around the school. I have no doubt both parents and builders may have received a nasty sticker under their windscreen washer. The Inspectors will continue to visit the school as a request from both us and a number of parents who have independently contacted Onkaparinga Council. While the Inspector was here it provided me with an opportunity to discuss both the issues and potential solutions to our parking problems. We hope there will be some movement in this matter as the adjacent aged care facility development is completed. However in the mean time here is the Australian Road Rule 168 (1), which affects parking in our drop off and no parking zones around our school. Australian Road Rule 168 (1),

(1) The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a "no parking sign" applies, unless the driver:

- (a) is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods; and
- (b) does not leave the vehicle unattended; and
- (c) completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within the required time after stopping.

Offence provision

(2) For this rule, a driver leaves a vehicle unattended if the driver leaves the vehicle so the driver is over 3 metres from the closest point of the vehicle.

(3) In this rule required times means:

- (a) 2 minutes; or
- (b) if information on or with the sign indicates another time ---- the indicated time.

WESTFIELD MARION SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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

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 16th and 23rd May where the school receives 5 points for every dollar spent.

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.

JUST A THOUGHT

"I remembered one morning when I discovered a cocoon in a bark of a tree, just as a butterfly was making a hole in its case and preparing to come out. I waited awhile, but it was too long appearing and I was impatient. I bent over it and breathed on it to warm it. I warmed it as quickly as I could and the miracle began to happen before my eyes, faster than life.

The case opened, the butterfly started slowly crawling out and I shall never forget my horror when I saw how its wings were folded back and crumpled; the wretched butterfly tried with its whole trembling body to unfold them. Bending over it I tried to help it with my breath. In vain.

It needed to be hatched out patiently and the unfolding of its wings should be a gradual process in the sun. Now it was too late. My breath had forced the butterfly to appear, all crumpled, before its time. It struggled desperately and, a few seconds later, died in the palm of my hand.

The little body is, I do believe, the greatest weight I have on my conscience, for I realize today that it is a mortal sin to violate the great laws of nature. We should not hurry, we should not be impatient, but we should confidently obey the eternal rhythm." (from *Zorba the Greek*, by Nikos Kazantzakis)

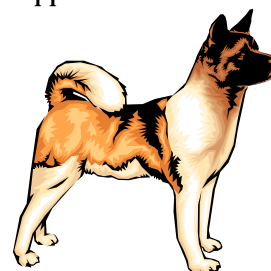
LOST PROPERTY

Parents are reminded to check the Lost Property area. This is situated on the bag racks outside the Resources Centre. In the near future unnamed items of clothing not collected will be given to a local charity.

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE VISITS HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL

On Thursday 6th May the Animal Welfare League will visit our school and talk to children in Reception to Year 3 about being safe around dogs.

As this is a free presentation, a donation of a can or packet of food or items suitable for bedding e.g. blankets, rugs, cushions would be appreciated.



LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN UP THEIR DOORS

Aberfoyle Park High School's Open Day 2004

11 May, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

A special school and a special event. It's an information packed evening and it includes a sausage sizzle.

Reynella East High School's Open Day 2004

The school has decided to open to the public during the afternoon of Sunday 2 May

Hewlett Packard St, Reynella, 5161

Session Details

This is a continuous event, rather than having different times for different activities.

For more information contact the school on 8381 8466

Hallett Cove School's Open Day 2004

23 May 12.30pm to 3.00pm.

Wirreanda High School's Open Night 2004

4 May 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Unbrae Agricultural High School's Open Day/Night 2004

4 May 10.00am, 2.00pm, 7.00pm

Blackwood High School's Open Day 2004

Tours will run during the school day to enable parents to see programs and facilities between Monday 10 to Friday 14 May and Monday 31 May to Thursday 3 June. Tours will be daily at 10.00am and 2.00pm. Please telephone the school for a convenient time to join a tour. 8278 6777.

Seaview High School's Open Day 2004

19 May

9.45am – 10.45am Yr 8 Centre & Principal's Tour

5.30pm – 8.15pm Whole School Open.

Meet Principal 6.00pm & 7.15pm.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. Hope you all had a relaxing holiday.

This term we will have our Mother's Day stall for Junior Primary on 5th May and a Pie/Lamington Drive later in the term. Stay tuned for more info. later.

Our first meeting this Term is on Tuesday 4th May at 9.00am in the Long Room. All are welcome especially new parents to the school.

Uniform Hours are Wed. 2.45 – 3.45pm

Fri. 8.30 – 9.30am

Sharon Kreslin – Secretary

SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER

There are still a few vacancies for years 2,3,4,5,6 & 7 girls and some years 3,4, & 5 boys. Please phone 8387 2230

A reminder that games kick off this weekend.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We currently have vacancies in our Before and After School Care. Please come and see us if care is needed for your child/ren.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Monday 10th May in the OSHC room. All welcome.

Roxanne Longbottom – Director, 8322 2411 or 0417 898

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KOOKABURRA CAFÉ

Welcome back from Easter and the holidays.

We will have a new price list this term as there have been a few changes in prices, but not many.

WINTER SPECIALS

Hot Spuds on Wednesdays ONLY

Butter & Cheese \$2.20

Butter, Cheese & Bacon \$2.40

Butter, Cheese & Coleslaw \$3.00

Light Sour Cream \$0.40 extra

The lot inc. light sour cream \$3.40

Toasted Spaghetti or Baked Bean Sandwich \$1.40

McValley Burger with Lettuce, Cheese, Sauce, Mayo \$2.80

Chicken Burger with Lettuce & Mayo \$2.55

Hot Ham & Cheese Roll \$2.45

Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll \$2.50

Dinkum Dog with sauce or cheese & mustard \$2.20

Don't forget we have HOT MILO & HOT NOODLES

If anyone has any suggestions regarding what they would like to have on the menu, please come and see me or phone 8322 6579.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon. 3 May Rebecca McBride

Tues. 4 May Jenny Brown

Wed. 5 May Jeannine Feautrill

Thur. 6 May Julie Day

Frid. 7 May Sharon Clarke

Mon. 10 May

Tues. 11 May

Wed. 12 May Andrea Chapman

Thur. 13 May

Frid. 14 May Jean Thomas

If anyone would like to help in the Canteen it would be appreciated. Just one day per month would be a great help.

Regards, Helen