



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES

Mon 8/8

Gov Council Mtg

Wed 10/8

Knockout Soccer

Fri 12/8

Knockout Footy

Wed 17/8

R-2 Ambulance Visit

Sat 20/8-Fri 26/8

Book Week

Fri 26/8

Book Week Parade

Wed 24/8

Yr1/2 SA & Migration
Museum Excursion

Wed-Fri

31/8, 1/9, 2/9

Father's Day Stall

Mon 5/9 & Tue 6/9

School Closure Day
Pupil Free Day

Fri 9/9

Premier's Reading
Challenge finish

Fun Run

Disco

Mon 12/9

Gov Council Mtg

Sat 17/9

Choir Concert

Sat, Sun 24, 25/9

24 hr Pedal Prix

Fri 30/9

2.15pm finish

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LISA JENKINS' RECEPTION CLASS

100th Day Celebration

100 days of learning!

100 days of fun!

100 days of wonderful things that we have done!

From the first day of school in Term 1, Reception students have been counting how many days they have been at school. On the last day of Term 2, we reached 100 days!



To celebrate this exciting day, we invited parents to spend the morning with us, playing 100th Day games and activities, and making crowns and necklaces, before the students had a special morning tea.

We are so proud of everything Reception students have achieved so far!



A big thank you to parents who have supported their children in reaching this exciting milestone. Congratulations to our Reception students who have learnt so many new things in their first 100 days of school.

Indigenous Cultures



This term our class will be investigating Indigenous cultures through art. We have been learning about the foods that were traditionally eaten, how and why different places are special to Indigenous people, and what we can do to look after our special places.

Students will be showing their learning by using different materials and techniques in pieces of art.



Keep an eye out for the creations decorating our walls throughout the term!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

Welcome back. We are looking forward to a term filled with high energy learning for all students. A number of new students have commenced their learning journey with us this term, coming from schools nearby and from country locations. We welcome Olivia Resnais to the staff team for the rest of the year replacing Dana Lauck for Digital Technologies. Dana will continue in her role as Co-ordinator Learning Improvement and will work with our partnership of schools to support teaching and learning practices in Mathematics across years 6-9.

In week 4, we will join South Australian schools in the first online trial of the NAPLAN tests. The trials will assess our capacity to deliver the tests electronically and will provide an opportunity for students to practice the processes and systems required to be successful at their year level. This trial will include all students in years 2, 4 and 6 and some students from year 3. The information regarding student achievement will not be used systemically, as the trial will have variations during this phase and will not reflect student achievement accurately across the state or nation. The information collected in the trial will inform processes for the 2017 NAPLAN test.

Regular attendance at school supports student achievement academically, socially, emotionally and physically. We monitor student attendance daily and appreciate notifications of the reasons for student absences. We ask for your support in sending students to school regularly unless they are unwell, attending medical appointments or pressing family issues. If students are unwell it is important to keep them home to contain the spread of infection and to ensure the health of your child.

In week 1, our school was audited for Work Health and Safety practices. During this process areas of compliance were identified as well as those needing improvement. A report will be developed to support future planning and effective WHS practices across the school.

Congratulations to Anthea Bartlett for becoming a finalist in the Early Years category of the Public Teaching Awards for Excellence in South Australia. We are very proud to have Anthea on our team and wish her well in the final judging to be announced at a dinner in October. Great work Anthea we are proud of your achievements.

I look forward to the term ahead.
Regards, Debbie Hemming

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

We have commenced the annual nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability. This will involve the collection of: the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; the level of adjustment provided to students; and where known, the student's type of disability.

Under the Collection model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions. If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information about your child will be included in this year's data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Sue Schmidt at school on 8381 7166. Further information about the Collection can be found at:

<http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.



RESOURCE CENTRE HAPPENINGS

ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP

Andrew Joyner visited our school in Term 2 and ran an illustration workshop. Andrew is an illustrator, author and cartoonist based in Strathalbyn. In 2009 his first picture book was published, *The Terrible Plop*, written by Ursula Dubosarsky. Since then Andrew has illustrated many more picture books, including *Too Many Elephants in this House* (also by Ursula Dubosarsky) and *The Swap*, written by Jan Ormerod. He has also written and illustrated the *Boris* series of early-reader chapter books, all about a winsome and adventurous warthog. During Andrew's visit he talked about his life as an illustrator. He explained the craft of illustrating and showed the children some of the books he has written. He encouraged students to use their 'immature imagination' as a way to develop their creative thinking. Andrew's session gave students an opportunity to have hands-on experience with illustrating and supported the children to have a go at illustrating. He provided step by step instructions on how to draw a cartoon elephant wearing clothes.



MEET THE WRITERS FESTIVAL

SAETA (South Australian English Teachers' Association) organised its 23rd highly successful, annual celebration of reading and writing – Meet the Writers Festival. 6 children travelled into the city with staff members Dana Lauck and Denise Lucas. The aim of this experience was to further their interest in writing. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. The students wanted to practice their skills by writing about the experience.



On the 21st of June Amelia, Freya, Charlie, Eden, Lilly and I went to the Adelaide Convention Centre for the Meet the Writers Festival. There were lots of authors. Some of their names were Claire Zorn, Christobel Mattingley, Jack Heath, Janeen Brian, Phil Cummings and Mike Dumbleton. Firstly we ate lunch. We saw Claire Zorn with everyone else in the big auditorium and everyone enjoyed it. The second author was Mike Dumbleton. In the break we got our books signed and we went to see Janeen Brian. After a long day we went back to the auditorium and saw Jack Heath with everyone else. It was time to go back to the car and come back to school. I really enjoyed the festival and so did

everyone else. The best part was listening to what the authors had to say. Written by Laura A

On arrival at the Writers Festival we were introduced to Claire Zorn. Claire spoke to us about her childhood and what it's like to be a writer. We then went to listen to Phil Cummings who spoke about all his books he has written. He was funny. A bell sounded that meant we had to go to the next writer. We moved along to Janene Brian. To be honest she wasn't my favourite writer. Another bell sounded and we all headed back to the auditorium for Jack Heath's presentation. He started off reading some of a book he wrote. I wanted him to read more, it was really interesting! Jack Heath was my favourite writer because he was very humorous. Sadly after Jack's presentation we had to come back to school. By the time we got back it was around five thirty. It was a long day but lots of fun. Written by Amelia C



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The last day for students to submit their Student Reading Record for this year's PRC is 9 September (Friday, Week 7, Term 3) We encourage all students to complete this and hand their form back to their class teacher.

Voting for the 2017 PRC Poster is now open! We have four amazing designs to choose from, two for primary years and two for secondary years. We encourage students and the school community to vote for their favourite ones today

August is Science Month! The Premier's Reading Challenge is collaborating with Inspiring South Australia this year. Have a look at the Science Month page on our website for more information including a great new competition!
www.prc.sa.edu.au

BOOK WEEK

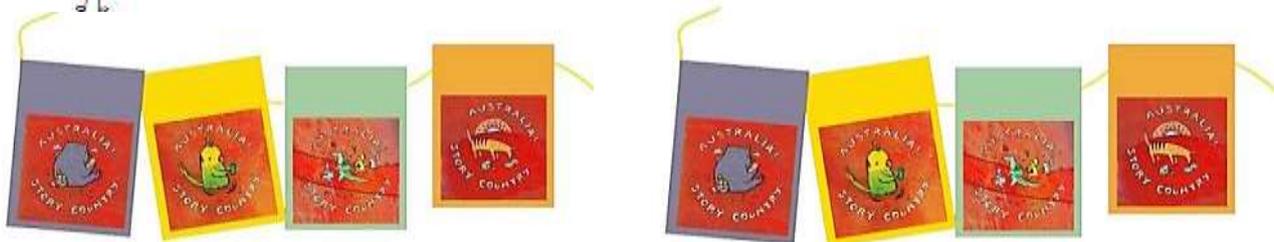
2016 Theme: Australia! Story Country. 20-26th August

The Children's Book Council of Australia annual Book Week nominations have been released. Information is available at www.cbca.org.au Our school has purchased the short listed books and these books are displayed in the Resource Centre. Initially they will be borrowed by the teachers and shared with students to enjoy. Students have an opportunity to vote for their winning book during Book Week during their Week 5 class time in the Resource Centre.



DRESS-UP PARADE

As part of the school's celebration of Book Week, we will be holding a dress-up parade on Friday 26th August starting at 9.10am. All students are encouraged to dress-up or wear a hat or mask depicting a character from a book. Start preparing now for this parade! Parents, caregivers and grandparents are very welcome to watch!



PEDAL PRIX

Last Sunday our team competed in the second six hour race of the season held at Victoria Park. The riders are really enjoying the new car! It is SO much easier for them to pedal and the results showed this:

- ✚ We are in the Primary section - Category 1 and came 36th out of 68 teams
- ✚ There were 169 cars racing (Primary to upper High school) and we finished 121st overall.
- ✚ Our team rode 103 laps of the 1,354m track.
- ✚ Lap 13 was our fastest lap in 2.24 minutes ridden by John A
- ✚ Jordan B-W was our race starter and Aidan finished the race.
- ✚ Number of laps by each rider and their best time were:
Jordan-14 laps 3.14, Natasha-8 laps 3.24, John-23 laps 2.24, Scarlett-5 laps 3.08,
Joel-14 laps 2.54, Noah-17 laps 2.46, Acacia-6 laps 3.19, Aidan-16 laps 3.16

Our next race is the 24 hour race at Murray Bridge. ***WE NEED AT LEAST 5 MORE RIDERS FOR THIS RACE.***
If your child is interested, please see Wendy Nicolle



CAR PARK AREAS

We ask all families to use the designated car parking areas for student pick up and drop off. These areas are located on Education Road and Greenbriar Road. The staff carpark is not accessible to the community during these times unless a permit has been issued for disability reasons.

It has come to our attention that some people have been parking on the lawn area north of the staff carpark. This area is not to be used for parking purposes at any time. Unfortunately, the lawn area has been damaged by people using this area as a carpark. We ask that you support our efforts to maintain a safe, attractive school environment by parking in the designated areas.

NETBALL



On the 5th of July, the Happy Valley SAPSASA Knockout Netball Team played their third match of the competition. We challenged Seaview Downs and won 38-8. In previous years, the knockout netball team hasn't made it this far, so the win was a great achievement for both the players and the school.

With a wet court from the rain, we started the game at a lesser standard than what we would normally play. By the second quarter, we had gained enough confidence to control the ball and be in the lead by the end of the first half. As the courts dried up, our team was able to play more efficiently, which led us to victory! On behalf of the netball team we would just like to thank Fiona Woodward and Mr Carter for coaching and helping to set up our games.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Scott Jarmyn for the help and support you provided to our school.

Scott assisted with a broken lock last night ensuring our school was safe and secure. It was greatly appreciated.

RAIN WATER TANK FOR SALE

The large rainwater tank at the front of the school is no longer required for our purposes. We would like to offer it for sale to the highest bidder. Offers close: 4.00pm Thursday 11th August. For further information contact Debbie Hemming on 8381 7166



COMMUNITY NOTICES

NETBALL COACHING PROGRAM

Taught and Bowled are offering specialist and general netball coaching programs for girls aged 9-13 years during Term 3 this year. The program runs over 4 x one hour sessions and includes a weekly take-home program for all participants. The program is tailored for each area of the court so that participants can receive coaching that is specific to their game.



Programs will run on Sunday mornings at two locations – Ascot Park Primary School and East Adelaide School. For further information or to register for the program please go to www.taughtandbowled.com.au or contact Alice at alice@taughtandbowled.com.au or 0412 454 784.