



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Volume 18

## DATES

**Fri 25/11**

Final Day for  
Book Returns

**Wed 30/11**

Parent Network  
Meeting

**Fri 2/12**

Casual Day  
Fundraiser

**Mon 5/12**

Governing Council  
Meeting

**Tue 6/12**

JP -Christian  
Options Program

**Wed-Fri 7-9/12**

Christmas Stall

**Thu 8/12**

Year 7 Graduation

**Tue 13/12**

Celebration Night  
Food & Gift Drive  
School Reports

**Fri 16/12**

2.15pm Early  
Dismissal

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## NEW RECEPTION STUDENTS

Our new Reception students for 2017 have been visiting Happy Valley over the last two Fridays. The last visit will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of November. Transition visits provide children with a range of activities to support their orientation to school. Children become familiar with the school grounds and classroom environment. They take part in classroom activities and have the opportunity to work with school materials. They are able to explore our play space outside in the Junior Primary and Nature Play areas.



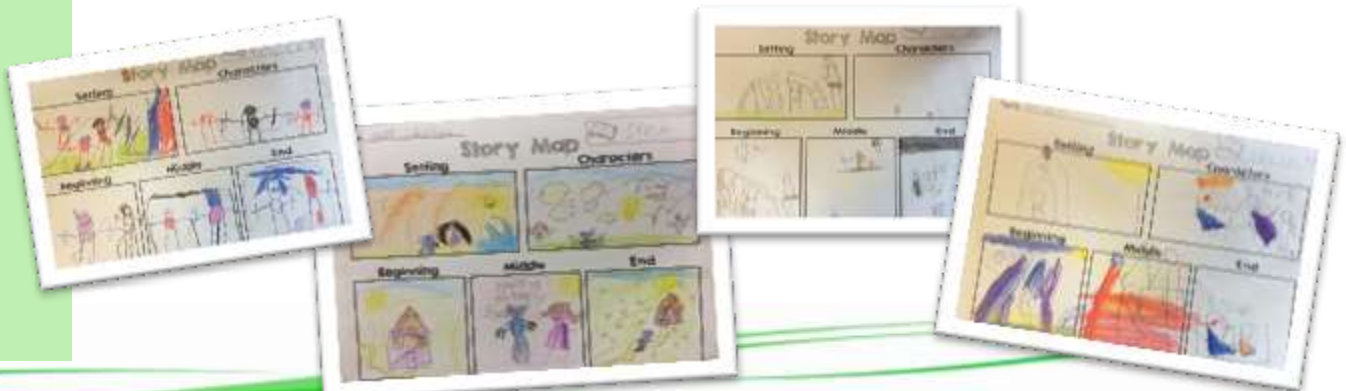
The Yellow transition group brainstormed some ideas of what we might do at school next year. They included: Play – James, Play cool games – Xavier, Read books - Jack, Be careful – Connor & Harlem, Play on the playground – Maisie & Onadee,

We look forward to starting school in 2017 with all of our new Receptions next year!

### *Room 7 Super Kids*

The Room 7 Super Kids have been developing their writing skills this term and have been working hard writing recounts and narratives. We've been learning about how to write sentences which include capitals, full stops and finger spaces.

Some of our recent writing has been about celebrations. Before we wrote our narratives we created a story map. The story map helped us decide on our characters and the setting of our story. Our narratives needed to have a beginning, middle and an end. We want the reader to enjoy our narratives!



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Families,

Many thanks to the dedicated families that supported our school at the working bee on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November your commitment was amazing and your efforts have been greatly appreciated. We are working to improve the outside environment of the school and hope the warmer weather will provide more opportunities to achieve our goals.

We invite all family members to the Celebration Night on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to see our students demonstrate their learning in the Arts, farewell the year 7 students and enjoy the fireworks. Families are encouraged to setup a space early and access the food and drinks on offer in the school grounds. Members of the Governing Council will be roaming the crowd to collect donations to cover the cost of the fireworks that will entertain us after the performances.

This week we will launch the official Facebook page for the school to showcase our events and achievements. We have allocated school personnel to administer the site and ask all family members to take the time to read the conditions we have established for the use of these pages. I encourage you to like and share our stories with friends and family members. If you have a great picture or item you would like us to consider to post, please send it to Jo Aylmore at [Jo.aylmore471@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Jo.aylmore471@schools.sa.edu.au)

The 2017 class placement exercise has been finalised and we have tried to accommodate requests for consideration of individual student needs. It is a very difficult process and can lead conflicting changes to other student's placements. With this in mind we have accommodated requests where possible but unfortunately cannot guarantee that all wishes have been met. We hope that families will understand the placements have taken into consideration student needs and their requests for friendship groups in the first instance. At this stage we have not allocated teachers to classes but will begin this process shortly.

All teachers are working hard to ensure student progress is accurately reflected in the term 4 reporting cycle. Written reports will be available on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we will post reports to families if students are not at school on the day.

I look forward to meeting families at the end of year events scheduled in the next few weeks.

Regards, Debbie

## HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PROTOCOLS

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### GUIDELINES

Thanks for connecting with us on the Happy Valley Primary School Official Facebook Page. We aim to keep our school and wider community informed with what's happening at Happy Valley. To ensure that this happens in a safe and enjoyable way, we ask that anyone who accesses and posts comments to this page, to agree and comply with Facebook's Terms and Conditions and to our own Facebook Guidelines. Please take a minute to read them and keep them in mind whenever you participate. Happy Valley Primary School reserves the right to remove any comments on posts that don't comply with these Guidelines, which may result in you being banned from the Happy Valley Primary School Facebook Page.

Specifically, we do not tolerate these kinds of comments on posts:

- Abusive, harassing, stalking, threatening or attacking others
- Defamatory, offensive, obscene, vulgar or depicting violence
- Fraudulent, deceptive, misleading or unlawful
- Trolling or deliberate disruption of discussion
- Those that identify or portray members of the community (students, parents and/or staff) in a negative or disrespectful manner
- Spamming in nature

If you have a specific issue or inquiry about your child, we recommend either

- phoning the school [08 8381 7166](tel:0883817166) or
  - emailing [dl.0171.admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0171.admin@schools.sa.edu.au) or
  - by using the Parent Guide to Raising a Complaint found on [www.web.happyvalley.sa.edu.au](http://www.web.happyvalley.sa.edu.au)
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# GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016

We extend a big thank you to our Governing Council members for their work supporting our school this year.



Top: Alice Rawsthorn, Christine Van Gemert, Kylie Caruso, Wendy Lane, Sue Schmidt, Amanda Allen, Trudy McCard, Gerri McGregor  
 Bottom: Debbie Hemming, Nicole Tissen, Julie Coe, James Rundell, Liz whitbread, Shane Bissmire

## Working Bee last Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

A big thank you Andrea Bartlett with Asha & Ruby, Yvette Dowling & Chloe Crompton, Wendy Nicolle, Wilkins family, Sue Schmidt, Bissmire family, James Rundell, Whitbread family, Joanne Buchanan and Trudy McCard

## TRAFFIC MONITORS

Week 7		Week 8	
Monday	(AM) Ewan, Georgia, Pia (PM) Natasha, Jack, Brayden	Monday	(AM) Connor, Joel, Luke (PM) Acacia, Praise, Brayden
Tuesday	(AM) Emily E, Laura, Tyson S (PM) Jordan, Sophie, Cameron	Tuesday	(AM) Shaelee, PeggyLee, Jessika (PM) Seth, Noah R-M, Jessika
Wednesday	(AM) Philip, Natasha, Caleb (PM) Sophie, Abby Wh, Pat	Wednesday	(AM) Ryan K, Kurt, Jess (PM) Katie, Sam, Amelia
Thursday	(AM) Chloe, Ella C, Tyson R (PM) Georgia, Ewan, Pia	Thursday	(AM) Charlotte, Laura, Seoul (PM) Abi, Olivia, Christian
Friday	(AM) Noah H, Jack, Tanisha (PM) Latisha, Tyler, Ella G	Friday	(AM) Jordan, Charlie E, Steph (PM) Monique, Kiaya, Aidan

***If students are unable to complete their duty of being a crossing monitor on any given day, it is their responsibility to make a change and make it visible on all charts in the classrooms.***





Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Week 7) will be a Casual Day for you to wear casual clothes.

Please be generous with your donation for this day as the profits go toward the Fireworks on Celebration Night.

Please remember to be "Sun Safe"  
Future Leaders and Mrs Loveday.



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## SAKGARDEN in 2016

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Due to the weather this year, we have had more indoor garden lessons and less time outside keeping the garden looking tidy. The lessons in term 3 and 4 were spent learning about bees and their waggle dance (that is one way bees communicate), using venn diagrams to look at how soils differ, the life cycles of plants and plant adaptation.

The students have helped me 'catch up' with weeding, bed preparation, old crop removal and mushroom compost moving, as well as planting our summer crops. So far we have planted tomatoes, cucumber, capsicum, eggplant, pumpkin, basil, zucchini and lettuce. A huge thank you to our volunteers who make garden classes so much easier.

The Halloween Disco was well attended. The funds raised provide new equipment for the garden and kitchen program. We have purchased shovels, forks, hand trowels & forks, wheelbarrows, watering cans, straw and will buy new dolomite for the paths.

To the chook monitors delight, a chick hatched last week, which supported the learning of the year 3 and 4 students on life cycles. They have been keeping their eyes on the chick to see just how fast it grows.



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## KITCHEN

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We have had a brilliant year in the kitchen thanks to our keen gardeners. They produce so much food for us to use that sometimes we can't even eat it all. Kitchen class is always fun and busy and we always eat what we have made together which makes for great social skill development not to mention improving our table manners!



We can't wait until next year to welcome our new batch of master chefs moving up from Year 2! I know they are keen to get their hands and mouths on our delicious Happy Valley vegetables!

We have focussed on Pulses and Legumes this year as it is International Year of the Pulse. Each fortnight we have combined our school grown produce with a different pulse, enjoying dishes such as: Black Eye Bean Salad, Cheesy Lima Bean Pizza and Beetroot Ravioli with Bacon and Cannellini Bean Filling!

I am so grateful to the 6 happy bands of parent/grandparent/great aunt volunteers in Kitchen. You know who you are and staff and students say a BIG THANK YOU for your help in 2016!

Merry Christmas from Clare!



# CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFT DRIVE

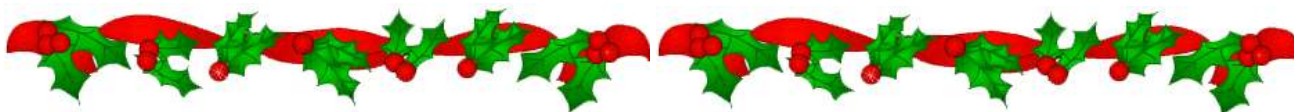
Please continue to bring in your donations of hamper goodies:

- assorted cans, tins
- dry meal bases
- pasta, rice, oats
- sweet and savoury biscuits
- long life custard, puddings
- jams, jelly, tin fruits
- canned tuna, salmon
- christmas treats – fruitcake, chocolates
- bonbons, lollies

Thanks!



Please bring these in by **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. They will be taken to Our Saviour Lutheran Church for distribution.



On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (Week 8) the Junior Primary classes are taking part in an interactive presentation called The Gift of Jesus which will explore the history of gift giving at Christmas time. The presentation is being delivered by local church volunteers using a Scripture Union Drama presentation. The children will be entertained with a drama and then split into small groups to explore Christmas traditions and decorate a tree.



They will all take part in making some craft decorations which they can take home.

This is a Christian Options Program so if you would prefer your child **not to** attend then please let your Junior Primary Class teachers know. Regards Elise Kennewell, Pastoral Care Worker

**SA Water**  
**VACSWIM**  
WATER AWARENESS - WATER SAFETY - WATER CONFIDENCE - WATER SKILLS - WATER FUN!

**FREE COME & TRY VACSWIM EVENT**

Where  
**Port Noarlunga Beach**

When  
**Saturday, 3 December 2016**

Time  
**9.45am – 11.50am**

To book in your child, click [HERE](#)

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## ANNUAL BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER

*Thank you for your wonderful support  
\$1,450 was raised for new books*

*In addition to this, your purchases made from the Book Club brochures during this year, allowed us to order \$2,147 worth of new books from Scholastic.*

*This is fantastic support of our Resource Centre – Thank You*

**Please return  
all borrowed books  
to the Resource Centre by  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Ready for our annual stocktake.**