



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DATES

**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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## YEAR 7 GRADUATION PREPARATIONS

Term 4 is a busy time for our year 7 graduates. It's full of new experiences and a final farewell to the memorable years spent at Happy Valley.

Over the past few weeks our graduates have been tutored in dance classes, learning traditional partner dances and a modern individual dance. The Footsteps program has been designed to entertain the parents and families on graduation night showcasing the student's elegance, skill and collegiality.



After the initial teacher student classes of learning the steps and developing their timing they have been practicing for their opportunity to wow their families on graduation and celebration nights.



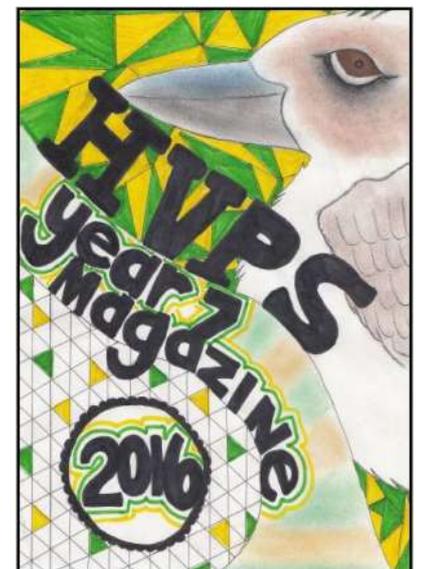
The graduation awards dinner is a highlight of the year 7 calendar where student achievements are recognised and acknowledged, along with a verbal montage of their time at school.

The students have also been working diligently on producing the year 7 magazine as a tangible memory of their last year at Happy Valley.

We look forward to the culmination of our final year with the Graduation Assembly on the last day of school.

*A very big thank you to all our  
volunteers who have given  
their time and effort  
so ably this year.*

*We appreciate you all! 😊*



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Families,

Our year is rapidly coming to a close and I would like to thank all members of the community for the support and confidence you have provided to our staff. The success of our students is due to the partnership we have with families. Our work together contributes to the academic, social and emotional achievements of students. It has been a privilege to work in the school and I feel proud of our many achievements.

The student reports have been completed and are currently being edited before printing and signing for distribution next week. The results demonstrate significant improvement in grades across all classes since the end of semester 1. Teachers have worked hard to accurately reflect the learning of students throughout the year in grades and comments. Congratulations to all students for your hard work and commitment to study. Best wishes for a well-earned break.

Many thanks to teachers, SSOs and our groundsperson for the work you do to protect, support and teach students. Their success is a direct result of the learning environment, the challenges they have been offered and their willingness to take risks and have a go.

We have enjoyed many classroom and community events this year including Sports Day, SAPSASA Sports, Aquatics and Swimming, Music is Fun, Mobile Science Exhibition, the Canberra Camp, the Zoo camp, the Choir concert, Pedal Prix, the Fun Run and various class excursions. All great experiences for the students and their families.

The year 7 students are ready to graduate at a very special ceremony on Thursday night at Flagstaff Hill Golf Club. Mrs Mousley and Mr Parrish created a culture of success in the classroom, nurturing, teaching and challenging students to understand success and failure and learn that these create opportunities for them to grow and develop in their lives. We will celebrate their achievements as primary school students and wish them well as they leave our doors ready to embrace the next stage of their lives. Farewell to a great group of students.

I would like to thank Juno Oka for his work as Japanese teacher for 10 years at our school. He has given our students an understanding of the cultural and linguistic aspects of Japan. The students can exchange many Japanese language phrases and have developed a taste for its cuisine. Juno has contributed his artistic talents throughout the school in murals and the Japanese garden. Good luck at your new school, we will miss you.

Many thanks to Nicole Kendrick for your work as Canteen Manager, we really appreciate your efforts to have food and drinks available to the staff and students, to coordinate volunteers and keep everything running. Your smiling face in the canteen will be missed.

I wish all families a Happy Christmas and hope you have the opportunity to spend some relaxing time with family and friends. To our departing families thank you for your contributions to the school and good luck in the journey ahead. I look forward to our future work together in 2017.

Regards  
Debbie Hemming

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## MATERIALS & SERVICES 2017

We recently held a poll for parents to vote to make the Materials & Services a Prescribed sum of \$320.00. The vote was a resounding success.

Thank you to all those who participated.





## SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE KEEPING SA SAFE

Recently your child's school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5, 6 and 7 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor's directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you

Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN  
Program Co-ordinator Road Safety  
South Australian Police

## TRAFFIC MONITORS



Week 9	
Monday	(AM) Liam, Casey, Josh (PM) Bradley, Emily, John
Tuesday	(AM) Avery, Tyson S, Dylan (PM) Ryan C, Josh, Bradley
Wednesday	(AM) Ella, Caleb, Philip (PM) Jessika, Sam, Georgia
Thursday	(AM) Joel, Noah H, Kurt (PM) Avery, Emily, Seth
Friday	(AM) Amelia, Pat, Luke (PM) Kiaya, Acacia, Jessika

***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.***

# PARENT NETWORK

We would like to thank to the families who have contributed to, donated to, and supported the Parent Network activities this year – the Cake Stall at Sports Day, Mother's and Father's Day Stall, Christmas Stall, the end of year Raffle and our very successful 5 cent fundraiser.

Due to all your efforts we have been able to purchase shirts for all the school Netball teams, farewell gift novels for our 25 Year 7 students, four iPads – as requested by the Future Leaders, a donation towards the sound/staging and fireworks at the end of year Celebration.

Thank you all.  
The Parent Network

## SAPSASA TENNIS

In week 6 Josh and I played SAPSASA tennis - Southern Valley. Josh was asked to play as number 6 as there was not enough boys in to the team. I was number 1 after the trials and stayed there for the whole week.

The boys lost most of their games: 7 to 57 sets. The girls did really good winning most of their matches: 33 to 38 sets. We played 9 teams from all over South Australia.

Josh would like to improve on his backhand. His accuracy and serve is good. Olivia would like to improve on her footwork and her drive volleys. She is aiming to be more positive when she's down in her games and her general rallying. We finished second to last and move back to Division 2. We hope we have a team next year and can do it all over again. By Olivia W and Josh E



**DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.**  
2017 Athletics Holiday Development Clinic

The Dream, Believe, Achieve, Athletics Holiday Development Clinic conducted in the January school holidays is open to all age groups from Under 6 through to Under 18.

The clinic is designed to provide opportunities for skill/technique development in the participants desired athletic track and field events through coaching from some of South Australia's best young coaches.

Our aim is for you to dream...believe...and achieve... personal best results!

UNDER 9 – UNDER 18	UNDER 6 – UNDER 8
<b>Date:</b> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> of January 2017	<b>Date:</b> Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> of January 2017
<b>Location:</b> SA Athletics Stadium, 143 Railway Terrace, Mile End 5031	<b>Location:</b> SA Athletics Stadium, 143 Railway Terrace, Mile End 5031
<b>Times:</b> 9AM – 1:00PM (each day)	<b>Times:</b> 9AM – 1:00PM
<b>Cost:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Two Day Registration – \$90.00</li><li>One Day Registration – \$50.00</li></ul>	<b>Cost:</b> \$30.00

For more information or to register, head to [www.sadac.org.au/holidayclinic](http://www.sadac.org.au/holidayclinic) or [athleticsa.com.au/holidayclinic](http://athleticsa.com.au/holidayclinic).

**Contact:** U18e Athletics SA - 08 8332 8133  
Athletics SA - 08 8354 3477

Thursday • Coaching Day (4 x 45 minute sessions)

Friday • Mini Olympics (Photo finish will be used, and results can go towards qualifying for State Challenge & SC's. Not all athletic events are altered on this day).

**Jobstar**  
**U18e Athletics SA**  
**Athletics South Australia**

**BUSHFIRES**  
**START**  
**WHEN WE**  
**STOP**  
**PAYING**  
**ATTENTION**

**THIS FIRE SEASON, BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS, RECKLESS OR NEGLIGENT BEHAVIOUR THAT MAY CAUSE A BUSHFIRE.**

Call police on **131 444**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
enact to act

**GOVERNMENT**  
of South Australia

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
1800 353 500