



9<sup>th</sup> April  
Working Bee

10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Year 7 Canberra

13<sup>th</sup> April  
Casual Day

13<sup>th</sup> April  
2.15pm Finish

1<sup>st</sup> May  
Term 2 Starts

## SPORTS DAY

Friday of Week 9 saw the whole school community come together for our annual Sports Day where our students were able to showcase their learning during P.E lessons. The day started in perfect conditions with the whole school warm up led by Nikki and Jasmine (two ex-students). It was great to see Chandlers Hill Kindy come across and join in.

We then moved down to the oval for the championship sprints where the oval looked a treat. Well done to Groundsman Sam for all his hard work. Each House then sang their song and sounded brilliant. The Kindy dash was a hit and all of the sprints were hotly contested and the sportsmanship of all teams was a pleasure to see.



We then moved into our classes for the tabloid events. It was great to see the effort that everyone put in as they moved from event to event. A huge thankyou to all the sporting bodies that came to help our students. If any student really enjoyed any particular event then come and see me and I will send you in the right direction. My highlight of these events was the determination of our students to complete the 800 metre run.

After lunch we all congregated back in our teams for the relay races. The organisation of our teams was amazing. Well done to all runners for this as it allowed every race to run smoothly. Nicolle came out really strong winning the first three races before every other team got their chance at having a win.



At the end of the day there was much anticipation as we knew the scores were close all day with only 50 points between 1<sup>st</sup> and fourth at lunch time. In a miraculous turnaround from last year, Chandler came from last to first to claim the 2017 Sports Day Shield. Well done to all teams on a great day and all the people who came early to set up and help us clean up at the end of the day. A special mention to Nigel Cock who met Mr Parrish and myself on the oval at 5:45am. That's dedication!

Dean Carter



### Overall standings

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chandler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicolle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mason
- 4<sup>th</sup> Shepherd



## SPORTS DAY in the eyes of a House Captain

An amazing day like that does not come without hard work and on the behalf of team Chandler I would just like to thank those that helped. Thanks to everyone that came and cheered on our competitors. Thank you to all the teachers and staff members that helped out with the day and with house meetings. Thank you to the other house captains for helping with almost all of our trainings. Thanks Mr Carter and Sam for coming out early and staying out late making sure that sports day was a success. And finally thank you Chandler. You didn't make the trainings too tricky and you never once made being House Captain a chore. Sports Day was a huge success and I was so glad to be a part of it.  
Pia.E, Chandler House Captain 2017

The relays usually determine the final scores so each house captain was anxious to see if their training had paid off. Nicolle fought very hard in the relays and won a fair amount but Chandler still showed everyone who's boss. Everyone in every team showed their house captains what they were made of and did us all proud. As Nicolle found out this sports day, you can't win every year so watch out teams as Nicolle are more than happy to rightfully take the place as winners for 2018! GO NICOLLE!  
Sophie M, Nicolle House Captain 2017

"In fourth place we have Shepherd," Mr Carter's voice yelled. To be honest I was a bit disappointed for I was sure we would win but I didn't care because I think we did our best and I wouldn't have changed a thing. We all had an awesome day and hope that Shepherd will come first next year.  
Avery P, Shepherd House Captain 2017

Mason, Chandler, Nicole and Shepherd all tried their hardest. The results for sports day came. Everyone was hoping it was their team that won. Shepherd came last, Mason came third, Nicolle came second and the winner of sports day 2017 was Chandler. Everyone was really happy for Chandler because for once Nicolle didn't win. Even though we didn't win I felt happy for my fellow house captains to have their limelight. Next year Mason will win for sure.  
Praise Z, Mason House Captain 2017



Coming Soon - Sports Day Photos  
to the gallery on the school website  
[www.happyvalley.sa.edu.au](http://www.happyvalley.sa.edu.au)

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Families,

What a fantastic 2 weeks at Happy Valley Primary School; students have been working hard across all curriculum areas. The junior primary students attended swimming lessons with very positive outcomes. The middle primary assembly highlighted the work students achieved in Science this term. Sports Day was an absolute success, congratulations to Dean Carter for organising the day and many thanks to the wonderful volunteers for contributing to the event. Students demonstrated the skills learnt during the term and demonstrated their ability to take risks and have a go. Bravo, to everyone!

The year 7 students are very excited to receive their senior jumpers acknowledging their final year at primary school. They arrived just in time for the annual camp to Canberra where they will proudly represent our school. We wish them well on their journey and feel excited for the knowledge and experience they will acquire while they are away. Many thanks to the teachers for organising the hands on learning experiences, accommodation and travel.

Lauren Williams will take maternity leave at the end of term. We wish her well as she takes on the very important role as a Mother. Olivia Resnais has been working closely with Lauren and the year 3 class and will confidently fill this position. Merri James will take leave for the first 4 weeks of term to travel; we are currently negotiating a replacement for this period of time. Wendy Nicolle will be on leave for 4 weeks to travel overseas and to enjoy her son's wedding. We wish them both safe travels and amazing adventures.

The Learning Conversations are the first reporting process for the year. It is an opportunity to discuss learning progress and establish new goals for the next term. Please contact the school if you have not had a chance to meet with teachers and would like to make a time.

I would like to thank our families for supporting the staff and school this term, working in partnership is important for increased student achievement. We appreciate your involvement in the work of educating our students.

Best wishes for Easter and the holidays.

Debbie

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### ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS!!!

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Our target is **95%** student attendance every week.

Congratulations we hit **95%** this week.



## POWERFUL LEARNER AWARDS – presented at assembly on 30<sup>th</sup> March



**For being a confident and resilient learner**  
Ruby B, Ashton C, Hugh L, Georgia W, Bradley L

**For welcoming challenges that stretch their thinking**  
Finn G, Liam L, Maisie M, Harry A, Daniella M, Daisy L, Chloe W,  
Jessica O

**For having an enduring belief that they can learn and achieve**  
Della S, Charlie K, Annie P, Max B, Shayla L, Peter V, Amelia C

**For being able to solve problems from various context  
particularly those that relate to their lives**  
Tabi P, Joshua B



### MATHS SURVEY - Dana Lauck

*What do you think Mathematics means?*

Maths is in all parts of everyday life. Maths skills help me plan, measure, design, estimate and calculate.



*How do you use maths in everyday situations?*

I am continually using Maths - to know when to fill up the car with petrol, following a recipe when baking, designing my garden patch, building shelves, making greeting cards, planning my calendar and working out how much spending money I have.

*What is your favourite maths thing to do?*

I enjoy using shape, location and positioning. I use these skills to create a pattern and cut fabric when designing clothes. Although I am not good at drawing I like to use shape and colour when working on art pieces.



### KOOKABURRA CANTEEN

A huge thank you to Anita Pachot for all her work in the canteen this term.

With her band of dedicated volunteers, students have enjoyed delicious food to keep them healthy and happy!

Special thanks to all volunteers in particular Jo and Wendy for all their help and support.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### CASUAL DAY

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Please bring a gold coin donation - all money will go to UNICEF and Syrian refugee children.

Thanks,  
From the Future Leaders

#### DRUM LESSONS with Ed

Lessons during school, AMEB exam preparation, learn theory and full songs in the first term!



Contact Ed on: 0458 290 211

## 2017 ICAS (*International Competitions and Assessments for Schools*)

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ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program that helps schools and parents gain insights into:

- Student performance in comparison to peers nationally.
- Pinpoint their child's strengths – which skills they excel in.
- Identify skill areas to be worked on, either for remediation or skill development.
- Track educational performance as their child moves through school.

Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	Fees (Inc. GST)
Digital Technologies	3-10	23 May 2017	\$8.80
Science	2-12	30 May 2017	\$8.80
Writing	3-12	12-16 June 2017	\$18.70
Spelling	2-7	14 June 2017	\$12.10
English	2-12	1 August 2017	\$8.80
Mathematics	2-12	15 August 2017	\$8.80

Please note closing dates for Digital Technologies is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of April.

Permission Form and Dates & Prices have been made available on Tiqbiz or contact Sue Schmidt for further information.

For more information visit [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about)

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### **PARENT WORKSHOPS**

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**Connect, Coach and Take Charge** – free sessions for parents being offered by child psychologists from **Developing Minds**.

We are pleased to be able to offer free sessions for our parent community. Sessions will include support and information for parents who have children who have difficulty managing frustration, anger, anxiety and can be non-cooperative and distressed.

Dates: Monday evenings 6.30 – 8.30pm – 8 May to 19<sup>th</sup> June (no session 12 June)

Where: Happy Valley Primary School

Commitment to the 6 weeks is required.

Places are limited. Bookings need to be made by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

To reserve your place, please contact Sue Schmidt for more information.

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