



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 1 - Term 2

Dear Families,

### The Learning Pit – Reception - Room 3

The Learning Pit is an analogy to help students look at their learning as an opportunity for them to keep growing. The Learning Pit analogy helps students understand that they can take control over their own learning, even when it is hard and challenging. The learning pit metaphor is a great way to introduce the concept of growth through challenges to children.

The bear picture on the right is an example of how students at HVPS are learning to work through challenging situations. The task was a directed drawing of an ANZAC bear. The first attempt the student found extremely challenging and had a closed mindset 'I can't do it'. The next day the student redid the task with the mindset of a 'REDO' with great success. This is a great example of children working through being in the 'learning pit' and finding solutions to being a successful learner.

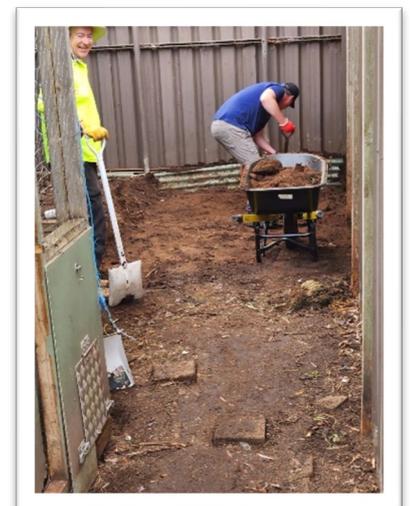
### Working Bee

A small band of enthusiastic parents, grandparents and children helped continue to clean out the chooks yard. The beautiful rich soil was removed and spread at the back of the oval to help improve the soil and drainage. The area is almost ready to put in a new rainwater tank, so student monitors don't have to lug buckets of water for the chooks across the netball courts. Working bee helpers also weeded the new beds of winter crop seedlings. A huge thank you go to Sarah & Mia-Grace, Kim, Josh, David, Annabelle and Harry, Nigel Cock, Paul Taylor and Wendy N.

Our gardens are benefiting greatly because of the amazing work from two of our Grandparents. David Harwood and Roger (Patrick in Mr Wright's class) are keeping our gardens SO much tidier. They didn't rest in the school holidays either! They spent a day repairing our greenhouse which is quickly filling up with seedlings germinated by both David and the students.

### Term 2 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Early Years Literacy Parent Info Session – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May
- School Tour - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 6pm
- Governing Council - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm
- School Photos - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- King's Birthday Public Holiday Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Jam Band & Last Day of Term 2 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July



## **Cross Country**

On Tuesday, Dean Carter took our cross-country team to Thalassa Park to compete in the Southern Valley Cross Country Championships. Whilst it was wet and muddy, it didn't bother our team of little legends. We were able to defend our title as Small School Champions very comfortably.

Well done to Max B who won a gold medal in the year above his age group and Liana T who won gold in the 11-year-old girls' age group.

We now have Elektra, Liana, Skyla, Mia and Rohan competing in the State Championships at Oakbank in June. Well done team!



## **SAPSASA Swimming – Congratulations 3 Gold Medals - Mia**

Today didn't just start today, most afternoons I train from 4:45pm until 7:00pm and the days I don't, I am training in the morning from 5:30am until 7:00am so all together it adds up to six training sessions a week. Some sessions are hard, and some sessions are not so hard, but I put in all the effort to become the best swimmer I can possibly be.

The first race was the 100 free. When it was my turn to race, I was quite nervous as it was the first race of the day, but I didn't let that get to me. I would say my first race was very successful as I took the gold, and I was only a few milliseconds off my Personal Best. Overall, I had a very successful last primary school SAPSASA swimming as I came away winning 3 gold medals and helping Southern Valley receive points for the medal tally. The events I did and came first in were, 100 freestyle, 50 butterfly, and 50 backstroke. Written by Mia

Kind regards,  
Paul, Jackie and Katharine



## Mother's Day Stall Update

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held next Wednesday 10th May.

On this day the children will be taken into the hall with their class teacher to choose their gift.

For your child/ren to choose a special gift you must **PRE ORDER** on Qkr!

Sorry no cash payments will be taken. There is a limited amount of gifts so get in quick so you don't miss out!

This year will offer \$5 & \$10 gifts AND as an extra bonus each \$10 gift order will automatically go into the draw to **WIN** a 'Digital Entertainment Book membership!'

**Orders must be made on Qkr! by 4.00pm Monday 8th May.**

