

HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 2 - Term 2

Dear Families,

Fristly we would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mums and special women in our student's lives. We acknowledge and appreciate the time and effort you put in to raising our young people.

Term 2 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- School Tour Monday 15th May @ 6pm
- Governing Council Monday 15th May @ 7pm
- School Photos Monday 22nd May
- King's Birthday Public Holiday Monday 12th June
- Jam Band & Last Day of Term 2 Friday 7th July

We would also like to extend our thanks to our amazing fundraising team for organising all of the Mother's Day gifts and in particular acknowledge the effort that Karla, Donna and Catherine put in to distributing gifts on the day.

Best Practice in Reading Parent Night

On Wednesday 10th May we held our first Parent Information Night for 2023, which was a resounding success. There was a good turnout to hear about The Science of Reading, The Reading Brain and Scarborough's Reading Rope. The Junior Primary team also outlined our systematic, structured Orton-Gillingham reading approach and the benefits for students of Explicit Direct Instruction. The last



section was on how we can help students and parents promote reading at home and some strategies to assist with their reading development. We look forward to our next Parent Information Night on Monday 19th June at 5:30pm.

Orton-Gillingham

We will be hosting Orton-Gillingham Morphology training on Wednesday 24th May and Orton-Gillingham Maths on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th May. Yoshimoto Orton-Gillingham Advanced Morphology is a one day training course that is designed to provide educators with strategies to enhance the higher level literacy skills of students with special emphasis on morphology for developing, decoding, encoding and vocabulary development. The morphology training will complement the extensive training already completed earlier this year and we look forward to working with other teachers from across the country.

125th Celebration and Time Capsule

Our 125th Celebration is coming up in October and we have a committee that is looking into how we might organise a few activities leading up to the releasing of the Time Capsule from its current position at the front of the school. We look forward to seeing what the committee comes up with and will inform the community of our plans in due course.

PCW

We welcome our new Pastoral Care Worker Jemimah Schubert to our school community. She will be sending out a flyer with some of her information and a permission slip for her to work with students. Please make her feel welcome.



Reception Drawing of King Charles III

Mrs Lawson's reception class has learned a little bit about the recent coronation of King Charles III. They have put a lot of detail and effort into their portraits, I'm sure even the King would give his royal seal of approval.





Kind regards, Paul, Jackie and Katharine