



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DATES

Sat 17/9  
Choir Concert

Fri 23/9  
Future Leaders  
Assembly

Sa, Su 24 & 25/9  
24 hr Pedal Prix

Tue 27/9  
State Athletics Day

Wed 28/9  
World Teacher's  
Day

Thu 29/9  
Soccer Grand Final

Fri 30/9  
LAST DAY  
2.15pm finish

Thu 27/10  
Halloween Disco

Fri 28/10  
Pupil Free Day

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## YEAR 6/7 CLASS - CHAD PARRISH

During maths this term we have been learning about angles. To display some of our knowledge of angles we have been instructed to construct a spaghetti bridge. In order to make the bridges successfully we had to research which angles would be the sturdiest to hold weight. With a rough idea of what we wanted the bridge to look like we made a plan in our maths books. The criteria for the construction was to be a minimum of 10cm wide by 30cm long. To meet this criteria we needed to pre-cut the spaghetti into the desired lengths before we could start the construction.

With the help of our partner we glued the bits of cut pasta into the shapes needed to construct our bridge. Once each bridge has been completed we will be hold a competition to declare which group's bridge can

hold the most weight. The weights will start at 500g and if the bridge can withstand that, the weights will go up to 1kg.

If your bridge can hold the 1 kilo weight then we will put another 500g on it and so on until it breaks. There is a prize in store for the bridge that holds the most weight. May the best bridge win!



## TRAFFIC MONITORS

Week 9		Week 10	
Monday	(AM) Tyson S, Tyler, Joel (PM) Amelia, Abi, Eden	Monday	(AM) Charlie E, Tyson R, Brayden (PM) Jordan, Monique, Tanisha
Tuesday	(AM) Olivia, Jack, Georgia (PM) Dylan, Ryan C, Pat	Tuesday	(AM) Charlotte, Christian, Noah (PM) Ryan K, Tyson S, Casey
Wednesday	(AM) Latisha, Kalell, Aidan (PM) Ashlee, Seoul, Kiaya	Wednesday	(AM) Jessika, Stephanie, Amber (PM) Caleb, Ewan, Ella
Thursday	(AM) Tyler, Emily, Laura (PM) Chloe, Jessika, Kurt	Thursday	(AM) Tyler, Emily, Laura (PM) Lily, Avery, Luke
Friday	(AM) Katie, Shaelee, Joel (PM) Jess, Seth, Amelia	Friday	(AM) Sophie, Liam, Kurt (PM) Amber, Natasha, Peggylee

***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.***

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Families,

This week our Partnership met with members of the Executive team to discuss and review our progress this year. All schools and preschools analysed their data and provided responses to questions regarding our practice as educators and the ongoing achievement of students. The review identifies areas of strength for the individual sites and as a partnership and assists us to set directions of improvement for 2017. We showcased our work through a video demonstrating the connectedness of learning for students across our partnership.

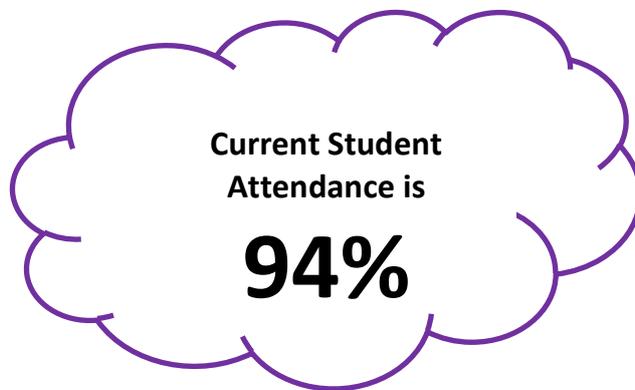
All students enjoyed the Fun Run on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of September; it was a fantastic event involving students and their families throughout the morning. Many thanks for your help on the day and to Dean Carter and members of the Fundraising Committee for organising the event. The students really enjoyed the addition of the obstacle course and the challenges it offered.

Lesia Phillips has taken long service leave for the next four weeks. Olivia Resnais will work with Katharine Pooley to continue the classroom program. The students are familiar with Olivia due to her work as Digital Technologies teacher.

To support our ongoing improvement cycle we ask Parents to complete a survey regarding your opinion of various aspects of the school. Your feedback will be anonymous and we will value your responses and honesty. The survey will be sent to all families on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 via the email address we currently have on file. A link will also be sent out via the Tiqbiz App for easy access and in case we do not have a current email address. The survey will close on the 30<sup>th</sup> September; we hope that you will make time to provide your feedback. Please contact the front office if you require a paper copy.

Our student attendance levels have been good averaging 94% for the last two weeks. The winter illnesses have been noticeable, when children are sick it is best to keep them at home and rested. We congratulate all families for supporting regular attendance which is the greatest contributor to student achievement.

Regards  
Debbie



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## SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Run 4 Fun last Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Special mention to the teachers who also participated with their classes! It was great to see so many of you running, catching, climbing, dodging and weaving! We would also like to thank Mr Carter for setting up a great obstacle course, and to all the parent helpers who came to watch and helped out on the day.



We are finalising and collating all the forms returned, and will know soon how much money was raised. Every little bit was a great achievement and everyone should be proud of a great event! The prizes should be delivered early in Term 4. Fundraising Committee.



Sabian M and Xavier P won a State wide prize  
for the best Multimedia Presentation in the Year 5 category.

They have won a class prize of a \$100 Dymocks vouchers.



Students from Years 4 - 7 entered the 2016 Schools Fire Safety Competition held by the Metropolitan Fire Service. The children were asked to work in groups or individually to produce an advertisement or awareness document to educate children on home safety. The children were able to choose between a poster, a PowerPoint presentation, a cartoon or video. As this task was presented as a component of the children's digital technology lesson, the document needed to include digital technology elements and demonstrate creative and critical thinking.

Many of our students entered the competition and strived to complete their projects during digital technology lessons and class project time. Some students chose to further challenge themselves by working on their document during lunch times and for homework. Many of the entries were of a high quality. Well done to all the students that entered.

***Well Done! Sabian M & Xavier P***



## STUDENT CREATIVITY ON SHOW

A competition was run by the Kitchen Garden team. Well done to all the students who used their creativity and made some wonderful items. They are all on show in the Kitchen. There is also a People's Choice vote yet to be announced.



### DECORATED POT R-2

1<sup>st</sup> prize Kallum P, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Jack B,  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Tahlia G



### ICED BISCUITS R-2

1<sup>st</sup> prize Emma M, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Riley B,  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Cerys T



### JAR OF HOMEMADE JAM YR 3-7

1<sup>st</sup> prize Chester T, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Alice P,  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Daisy L



### MADE OF WOOD YR 3-7

1<sup>st</sup> prize Shaelee K, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Heath S  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Josh B



## ROYAL SHOW KITCHEN GARDEN COMPETITION

Congratulations, Clare Bruce, our kitchen specialist who won the inaugural Kitchen Garden competition in the '*Salad of the Imagination*' section of the Royal Adelaide Show!

This is a photo of our winning entry!



## KOOKABURRA CAFÉ

Hi Everyone,

**Just a reminder to put two options on lunch orders as we're running our stock down due to the end of term.** Thank you to all students and families for your support over the term. A big thank you to my year 7 volunteers and to Wendy and Marianne for all your hard work and support over the term. Thank you. Nicole - Canteen Manager.

## CANTEEN SURVEY

Thanks to all who responded to the survey asking for your opinion about Online Ordering for lunches at the canteen. We had 75 responses and they indicated that we should pursue Online Ordering. We will now look at this in more details. Ordering at school and paying with cash will always be available. The Canteen Committee.

## PEDAL PRIX 24 HOUR RACE 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Next weekend our Pedal Prix team will be heading to the Sturt Reserve, on the river bank at Murray Bridge for the 24 Hour Race. Riders will be leaving Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep to set up camp and practice.

The race begins at noon on Saturday and finishes at noon on Sunday.

We welcome any spectators on either day to support the team. We are located at Pit 152 on the river bank. The race can be seen near here, so there is no need to pay to enter the track. The Rural City of Murray Bridge will be placing directional signage in appropriate locations.

