



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES

11,14,15th Nov
Annual Book Fair

Fri 25/11
Final Day for
Book Returns

Wed 30/11
Parent Network
Meeting

Mon 5/12
Governing Council
Meeting

Wed-Fri 7-9/12
Christmas Stall

Thu 8/12
Year 7 Graduation

Tue 13/12
Celebration Night

Fri 16/12
2.15pm Early
Dismissal

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JAPANESE – OKA SENSEI

There are 2 components for the Japanese program. They are language learning and culture learning.

Here are some of the examples to show of what has happened in the Japanese room at HVPS recently.

For Upper Primary, we have an annual event called 'Mid-Year Japanese Challenge' which has recently been completed. Students are assessed on the following criteria this year.

- 1 Reading, writing and speaking skills
- 2 Intensive vocabulary learning
- 3 Planning and organisation
- 4 Consistent and positive learning attitude

"This year's MJC is quite a fun one. It's a great way to get to know the language because people are motivated to finish for the chance to win a prize. It also allows kids to interact with each other because they will be testing themselves". – Eden.



"The Mid-Year Japanese Challenge is really incredibly fun, specially finding out if you made the top 10". – Casey.

"I think the Mid-Year Japanese is a great way to motivate kids. It makes them feel like their hard work is paying off. It's a very fun way of learning Japanese". – Praise.

The top 3 students from each year level will be presented with an award and a gift to celebrate their achievement.

Watch this space!!

Middle Primary produced brush painting artworks, using ink and a traditional Japanese brush which is very common in classrooms in Japanese schools. It is called Sumie/shodo. Students had a wonderful time and created some amazing artwork.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

Many thanks to Governing Council and the school community for supporting the Pupil Free Day on the 28th October. Teaching staff focussed their day on the review and refinement of the literacy agreements for finalisation and implementation in 2017. We examined our understandings of maths and numeracy and started documenting our practices in these subject areas. The day also included an analysis of the staff survey; the results will be used in conjunction with the parent and student survey information to determine our improvement focus for next year.

The students in years 4 and 5 are participating in the SA Bike Education Program on Mondays for six weeks this term. It is fantastic to see the smiles on their faces as they ride around the school developing their skills in the balance and manipulation of their bikes. The program focusses on safe riding, awareness of road safety and the skills to support them when in danger. Many students have faced challenges in this program and experienced success with the support of the 3 experienced instructors and our teachers.

Year 7 students are preparing their finale at primary school by learning some very cool dance moves with Footsteps Dance Company. We will see their work at the Graduation ceremony and on Celebration night.

We welcome new families and students on Friday this week for our first Reception transition visit. Thirty four students will arrive for the first time to learn about school and for us to develop an understanding of the children and their needs. We will enjoy meeting families in an informal get together after the students have settled.

We have started drafting classes for 2017; students will be placed into groups according to their learning needs and strengths, their friendship groups and teacher judgement. We will consider the information collected from parents regarding individual student learning needs in placement decisions however, we are not able to accommodate requests for class type or selected teachers.

On Sunday the Grounds committee will be running a working bee to tidy the garden and other areas of the school. We would love to have your help and support between 10 am and 12 noon – many hands make light work! I look forward to catching up members of the community in the next few weeks.

Regards
Debbie

TRAFFIC MONITORS

| Week 5 | | Week 6 | |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| Monday | (AM) Caleb, Bradley, Kiaya (PM) Praise, Natasha, Emily | Monday | (AM) PeggyLee, Josh, Charlotte (PM) Tanisha, Jessika, Ella G |
| Tuesday | (AM) Charlie E, PeggyLee, Brayden (PM) Luke, Seth, Monique | Tuesday | (AM) Joel, Katie, Brayden (PM) Chloe Wh, Kiaya, Latisha |
| Wednesday | (AM) Chelsea, Tyler, Seoul (PM) Sam, Noah H, Avery | Wednesday | (AM) John, Kurt, Ella C (PM) Ryan K, Pat, Sophie |
| Thursday | (AM) Connor, Abby Wh, Christian (PM) Aidan, Jess, Tyson R | Thursday | (AM) Jessika, Noah R-M, Abby Wo (PM) Praise, Philip, Liam |
| Friday | (AM) Tanisha, Amelia, Ryan C (PM) Abi, Cameron, Acacia | Friday | (AM) Casey, Steph, Caleb (PM) Luke, Dylan, Shaelee |

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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON FOOD & GIFT DRIVE

For most of us Christmas is a joyful time filled with lots of fun, fellowship, food and presents to share with our friends and family. But unfortunately for some people Christmas time can be a very difficult time financially and they struggle to afford the extra food and presents.

During this season of the year, we seek to collect donations to help those in our local community who are in need and struggle at Christmas. We are collecting donations of non-perishable food (cans, meal packets, pasta, rice, food staples and Christmas treats) and also gifts or toys suitable for young or older children. It has been brought to our attention that presents for those in a 14+ age group are especially needed.

Please drop your donation to the front office and place it in the wrapped Christmas box. Our Saviour Lutheran Church community will distribute them to those most at need in the community.

Thanking you for your generosity.
Elise Kennewell, Pastoral Care Worker



Feeding the Community



Collection for the

Christmas Raffle

Which category does your class have this year?

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|-------------------------|---|
| Mrs Bartlett..... | STATIONERY |
| Miss Jenkins..... | CHRISTMAS ITEMS |
| Ms James..... | GIFTS FOR WOMEN |
| Mrs Loveday..... | GIFTS FOR CHILDREN |
| Leisa & Mrs Pooley..... | GIFTS FOR MEN |
| Miss Hughes..... | HOME AND GARDEN |
| Mrs Read..... | BOOKS AND MAGAZINES <small>(various ages & topics)</small> |
| Mrs Lane..... | BE ACTIVE |
| Mrs Liscombe..... | ARTS & CRAFT |
| Ms Mousley..... | CHRISTMAS ITEMS |
| Mr Parrish..... | CHOCOLATE |


Boxes will be collected by the Parent Network on **Monday 28th November**.

* Please ensure any foods have good used by dates.



Thanks for your help...

The Parent Network



Our ANNUAL BOOK FAIR is coming to the Resource Centre

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Fri 11th, Mon 14th & Tue 15th November

8.30-9.00am
3.00-3.30pm