HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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YEAR 4/5 CLASS - CHAD PARRISH

Each Friday kindy students from Chandlers Hill Kindergarten will be visiting our class. The focus for each activity will have a S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) focus. There were many challenges faced by all students as they attempted to build a straw tower using only straws and play dough.



On Friday the 17th of February, the kindy kids came to visit. We made straw towers and used play dough to connect the straws. We got separated into 3 groups and each of us had a kindy buddy to work with. It was fun to try different towers.

Gracie-lee M

On Friday the kindy came to our school to do some activities with our class. The activity we did was building a tower using straws and play dough. I found it really challenging because the play dough wasn't very sticky and my kindy buddy kept pulling the straws out of our small tower.

Ebony L

I found the challenge difficult as the straws wouldn't stick very well to the play dough. My kindy buddy wanted to try and eat the play dough which was another challenge. We found the best shape to build with was a triangle.









28th February Bike Education

1st March School Photos **7th March** Bike Education

8th **March** Coffee Van 9th March

Jordan B

Assembly presented by Junior Primary

10th March Pupil Free Day **14th March** Bike Education

14th March Year 6/7 Aquatics

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Many thanks to all families for attending the Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 14th February. The school was filled with a strong sense of community interest and enthusiasm. The Teachers were well prepared and shared the work students have been involved with to establish an understanding of a Quality Start. We believe that a consistent approach to our teaching and learning processes across the school will support students in their learning as they progress through the year levels.

We are really excited to announce that our new website is up and running please visit us at happyvalley.sa.edu.au for new information about individual classes and the school, updated canteen menus, school policies, uniform code and prices and the newsletter.

Bike Ed starts this week providing students in classes year 4, 4/5 and 5/6 with the opportunity to further develop their skills in bike safety, techniques and road awareness. The Swimming and Aquatics programs start in week 7 and Sports Day trials are occurring throughout the weeks. House Captains met with students on Monday to learn the team songs sending resounding cheers across the school. Please keep Friday 31st March free to join us for a day filled with sporting activities and fun.

Students are engaging in many different learning experiences that require effort and will challenge them to be creative and take risks. If they arrive home tired and grumpy it means they have been working hard at school and may need some time at home to relax and refresh before tackling their homework. Teachers will individually set homework tasks, however, it is recommended that all students read every night from a range of reading materials.

Congratulations to our Governing Council for 2017, we have a fabulous group of enthusiastic parents willing to participate in the decision making of the school. Please feel free to come along to our meetings on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm in weeks 3 and 8 each term.

School fees are now due, please return invoices with payment as soon as possible, if you need assistance contact Julie Saffery to arrange a School Card application or a payment plan.

I look forward to meeting families at the many events planned in the weeks ahead.

Regards

Debbie

FUTURE LEADERS - GIVING STUDENTS A VOICE

Our Future Leaders have been chosen for 2017, their role is to represent students in their class. They are involved in meetings to make decisions in the school giving students a voice.

Representatives from each class are:

Ms Watts - Tianah M, Carter M Mrs Bartlett - Jack C, Dakota Z

Lesia/Mrs Pooley - Ethan C, Elle T Ms James/Angela - Madeline E, Carvin M

Mrs Loveday - Max B, Riley L Ms Williams - Ella M, Elwood M, Mia J, Lilli S

Mrs Read - Bob W, Addison M, Deacon N, Sienna C-S Mr Parrish - Ryder B, Daisy L, Jordan B, Ebony W

Ms Bosworth - Jacob M, Holly M, Finlay P, Georgia W Mrs Liscombe - Tyson R, Praise Z, Luke M, Avery P

Ms Mousley Amelia C, Sam G, Josh E, Ryan K

POWERFUL LEARNERS @HVPS

Powerful Learning is demonstrated when students are:

Being a confident and resilient learner
Having an enduring belief that they can learn and achieve
Have the capacity to apply their understanding to new and familiar situations
Welcoming challenges that stretch their thinking
Being able to solve problems from various contexts particularly those that relate to their lives

We will share examples of students demonstrating Powerful Learning each edition of the newsletter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Happy Valley Primary School class, individual, family and graduation photos will be taking place Wednesday 1st March. Please take a look at the information that was sent home Tuesday 21st February with each child. Say Cheese!!



ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS!!!

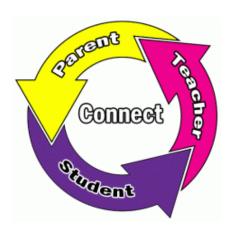


Our target is 95% student attendance every week.

Congratulations we hit 96% this week.



LEARNING CONVERSATIONS



Learning Conversations have been scheduled for Weeks 8, 9 & 10.

This is an opportunity for students, teachers and parents to meet to discuss student achievement and wellbeing.

Times will be made available in the coming weeks through the Tiqbiz App - School Interview.



Dads Tuning in to Kids Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six session parenting program for dads with children aged 2 – 8 years old

* This group will also warmly welcome other male caregivers, including step-dads, foster-dads, uncles and grandfathers *

Would you like to learn how to:

- · help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- · help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- · teach your child to deal with conflict?
- · be better at talking with your child?
- · be better at understanding your child?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- · have greater success with making and keeping friends
- · have better concentration at school
- · are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- · tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ

Where: Woodcroft Heights Children's Centre,

25 Investigator Dv, Woodcroft.

When: Tuesday evenings:

6pm - 9pm, 28th February - 4th April 2017

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