



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd July 2018

Respect

Responsibility

Integrity

Miss Resnais Year 3/4



5th July
Fitness Club/
Organic Market

6th July
Reports going
home/
2.15pm finish

**HAPPY AND SAFE
HOLIDAYS**

23rd July
First day back for
term 3

29th July
Pedal Prix 6hr race
at Victoria Park

31st August
**School Closure
Day**

3rd September
Pupil Free Day

In Room 18 we have been learning about natural and man-made materials in Science. We decided to plan and create a giant mandala using all natural materials around the School. We invited our buddies to help make the giant mandala to celebrate the Winter Solstice which is the shortest day of the year.

Rory Atkins from the Adelaide Crows visited Room 18 in Week 9. Students had the opportunity to ask Rory questions and they also taught him how to play their favourite fitness game! Students enjoyed this exciting opportunity as Rory provided them with support and advice on always giving their best in everything they do.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the term comes to a close I would like to thank all families that have offered support in many different ways to the school, classrooms and the students. We appreciate your help as we work together to help our students gain the skills and knowledge that will support them in life.

The student reports have been completed and are now being proof read, printed and signed ready to be distributed on Friday when school finishes for the term. The grades reflect student achievement to date and will assist in the establishment of individual goals for the remainder of the year. Please take time to read the reports and congratulate your children on their efforts and offer encouragement for the next two terms. If you have any concerns please make time to meet with the teacher to discuss how you can work in partnership to support your child.

We are hosting six University students on their third year Practicum for the first 4 weeks of term 3. The Pre service Teachers are experiencing an orientation this week developing an understanding of the school, our students and the teachers. We look forward to working together, supporting them as they increase their confidence as potential teachers of the future.

As a school we are facing many issues with student behaviour and safety. In the past week we have dealt with a number of students stealing goods from a classroom and others displaying behaviours that have caused distress to their classmates. In all instances we have used these situations as opportunities to educate students about the choices they have made and our expectations as a community. We contact families in an effort to work together to support students to overcome their difficulties and to develop skills that will help them to cope in the future. In all instances we apply the most appropriate consequence for the behaviour demonstrated. We consider it essential to engage students in Restorative conversations to repair relationships and establish understandings of each other. We ask families to support us by reminding children of our school values RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and INTEGRITY and the expectation that we all have to reflect these values in our behaviours as a community.

Congratulations to the Future Leaders for their Nude Food Day initiative. Students were asked to consider the foods they are bringing to school and the amount of packaging used in processed products in an effort to encourage healthy eating and reduce waste in the yard.

We look forward to the holidays as a time to refresh and revitalise for the next two terms. I hope that families have a chance to spend time together and can reflect on progress achieved and reset goal for the remainder of the year.

Regards

Debbie



School success starts
with attendance



*Congratulations we hit
95%
attendance this week.*

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

PARENT INFORMATION

Written Student Achievement reports are distributed to families via their child at the end of terms 2 and 4. At the request of parents we can produce additional copies for separated families and have them available at the front office for collection.

If you require a separate copy please contact Jo or Courtney at Reception.

Reports will be copied and placed in a sealed envelope for you to collect on or after the advertised distribution date.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families,

Term 2 has been a busy and learning filled term. There has been so much happening throughout the term for students and staff it's no wonder we are looking forward to the break!

The students in our specialist digital technology program have created a blog that showcases their learning. This collaborative group work together to share and teach each other their technical knowledge. The Tech Cadet Blog displays a number of different learning experiences that the students are involved in. The group would like to invite you to view the blog they have created. You can access the blog with the details below:

Web address: Techcadets.edublogs.org

Password: happycadets

Well done to this group on a fantastic presentation of your learning!

At the beginning of next term we will focus once more on our schools Learning Blast Off program. The program aims to extend students skills in self-regulation and problem solving skills. The focus will be on 'how to progress from a capable student to an expert student'.

What is an Expert Student?

An expert student is able to independently, and with a positive attitude, accept challenge and apply effective strategies to their learning. They do this by:

- Maintaining positive learning attitudes
- Making decisions based on sound evidence
- Skillfully solving problems
- Dealing proactively with new situations
- Communicating effectively in a variety of forms
- Setting goals for their learning

The Learning Blast Off program is one aspect of the schools Behaviour Education curriculum and all students are supported to develop problem solving skills for both academic and social learning. The teachers will offer learning tasks that guide this development at age appropriate levels.

I would like to wish you and your family a relaxing, fun and safe holiday. I look forward to working with everyone to focus on strengthening positive learning attitudes.

Warm Regards,

Dana Lauck

PEDAL PRIX DISCO

Our Pedal Prix Disco on Friday night was a huge success, with the money raised going towards our Pedal Prix team.

The team have just completed their first 6 hour race, and have their next 6 hour race on the 29th of July.

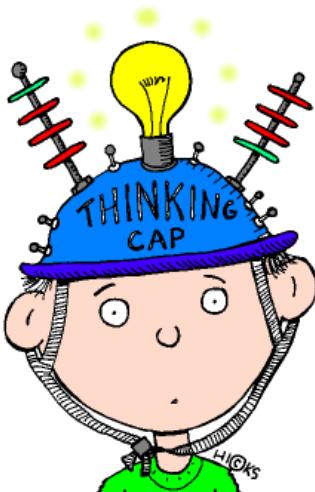
The children were on their best behaviour with the DJ complementing how impressed he was.

A big thankyou to the teachers who helped supervise and the Pedal Prix parents who helped run the canteen.

Thankyou also to the riders, Lachlan B, Josh B, Josh T, Hugh L and James h and some year 7 girls, Jess M, Sienna B and Mel A who helped sold tickets and run the canteen.

The disco raised \$860.00 for the Pedal Prix which will go towards upgrades for the bike this year and saving for a new bike in the years to come.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS presented 29th June



Being a confident and resilient learner

Lauren A, Sophie W, Eden P, Eddie B, Onadee M, Zac C

Having an enduring belief that they can learn and achieve

Olive E, Eleanor G, Ayden B, Lily T, Emily H, Nicholas O, Jasmine C

Having the capacity to apply their understanding to new and familiar situations

Lily R, James M, Neive M, Wyatt B, Rylee C

Welcoming challenges that stretch their thinking

Noah R, Skyla K, Sienna B, Freya C, Lincoln B

Being able to solve problems from various contexts particularly those that relate to their lives

Alexis R

NAT COOK - DRAWING COMPETITION

Nat Cook is holding her annual Drawing Competition for receptions-year 4. This year's theme is "Friendship". If you haven't already and would still like to enter, we have forms in the front office. Entries have to be back in to the front office, by Wednesday the 25th of July, the first week of the new term.

Awards will be presented in week 3, at the schools assembly, on the 10th of August. Nat Cook, will attend the assembly to present the awards to the prize winners.

MUSIC IS FUN

On Thursday 21st of June, the Music is Fun band performed at our school. The band sang lots of songs, had lots of hilarious and colourful costumes and told us about many different instruments.

It was exciting when students participated by playing instruments, acting out characters and getting dressed in wonderful costumes to join with some of the acts. At the end of the performance the whole school danced with great enthusiasm. Music is Fun was fantastic and made for a great mid-year celebration.

Many thanks to all the teachers and students for a great afternoon

Angela Kay – Performing Arts



What was your favourite part of Music is Fun?



Ms Bosworth's BEE HOTELS

As part of STEM in Ms Bosworth's year 6 class, students researched the native bees then drew plans for their bee habitat design.

There are over 150 species of native bees in South Australia. The bee 'hotels' are quite popular at the moment in gardening magazines. The students have learnt that native bees are solitary so do not live in a hive. Their natural habitat is earth banks, old wood borer holes in trees or other natural holes. The students have used bamboo, cement and logs to imitate the nature habitats. Once completely finished the 'hotels' will be placed in various high spots around our gardens. We have learnt that native bees can be even better pollinators than their European cousins because some species wings beat very fast.

The students are now in the process of completing the STEM assignment by recording the changes they made to their original design and why.



WINTER SOLSTICE MANDALA

On the 21st of June, it was the shortest day of the year, this is also known as the Winter Solstice. On this day,

we have the shortest amount of daylight.

In recognition of the Winter Solstice, two of our buddy classes, Olivia Resnais and Isabelle Watts', built a natural Mandala (means circle in an ancient Hindu language) underneath the COLA between OSHC and the Resource Centre. The classes said the circle represented the passing of time from season to season.

The natural Mandala was made out of natural (flowers and leaves from the garden) and man-made materials.

The classes had a great time working with each other and creating the Mandala, and encouraged other classes and families to add to the mandala.



SAPSASA SPORT

Round 3 of the SAPSASA Boys Soccer was played on the 22nd of June, at Nativity against Nativity.

The boys unfortunately went down 3-2 in a penalty shootout. We were 0-0 at full time and again at the end of extra time. Unfortunately in the penalty shootout, Nativity was able to score one more than us.

Whilst the boys are shattered they can hold their heads up high as they represented the school with the highest of Happy Valley spirit.



Year 4 NETBALL RESULTS

Saturday 23rd June – Lost 8-3 vs St Josephs
Saturday 30th June – Won 4-2 vs Westbourne Park



AUSKICK SUPERCLINIC

On Monday 25th of June, a group of our Auskicker's with their coach, Nigel Cook, attended a super clinic at South Adelaide Football club that was hosted and run by some Adelaide Crows Football players.

The kids had the opportunity to learn drills from Crows players such as Rory Sloane, Sam Jacobs, Darcy Fogarty, Kyle Cheney and Curtly Hampton



WRITERS FESTIVAL

On Thursday 21st June a group of our students had the wonderful opportunity of meeting John Marsden, Dan McGuiness, Jackie French and Jack Heath at the 'Meet the Writers Festival.'

After Jackie French (author of over 250 books) gave an inspiring address we formed groups and participated in 'Meet the Writers' small group sessions.
It was a very enjoyable, informative day!

*"I liked Jack Heath because he was funny and he told us how to become Human Lie Detectors.", By Shaela
"Jackie French was so awesome, hearing the round of applause and watching the authors faces light up was amazing!" *Too long.....too short! By Holly*

*"Phil Cummings is the best! He is very good at storytelling and the information doesn't bore you!" By Alice
"The most inspiring author was Phil Cummings. He put things from the world and his own life into books in such an amazingly creative and funny way that it holds your interest." By Olivia*

*"We saw an inspiring story from the one and only, Jackie French. She told us that she had a very rough childhood and almost starved! Without books she wouldn't be here, famous world-wide, she wouldn't even be alive.
By Hugh*

*"What I liked most about the writers festival was seeing Jack Heath. He gave us lots of tips about writing books."
By Sinead*