



SAKG HALLOWEEN DISCO



6th November
Fitness
Club/Coffee Van

8th November
Fitness
Club/Organic
market

13th November
Fitness
Club/Coffee Van

15th November
Fitness
Club/Organic
market

16th November
Southern Valley
Beach
Volleyball/
1st Reception
Transition

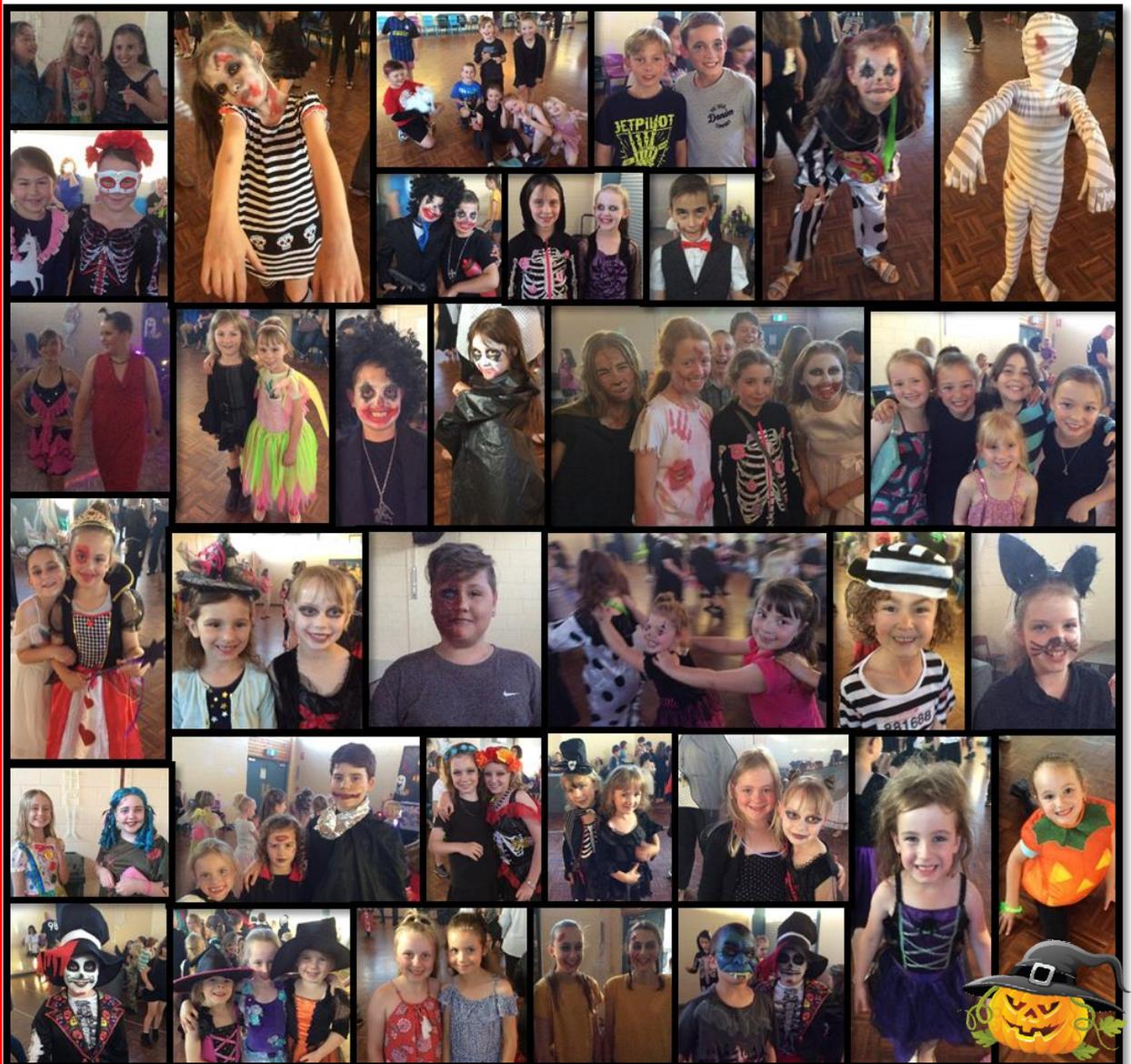
17th November
Christmas
Market
Fundraiser

19th November
Fundraising
Committee
Meeting

**19th-23rd
November**
State
Cricket/Tennis
Carnival

23rd November
Assembly
presented by
Prue Cawley
Year 1 Class

On Friday the 2nd of November the school had its SAKG Halloween themed Disco. A huge thank you to everyone for making Friday Nights Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program fundraiser so successful. It was obvious that both parents and students had gone to a great deal of effort with some amazing and thoughtful costumes. Everyone's behaviour was impeccable, it was great to see so many happy, laughing and dancing students! Thank you to Sinead C, Lily R-S, Sarah H, Lachlan B, Hugh L and Josh T as well as Natasha A and Ella C from year 8 for helping with the year reception to year 3 disco and parents Alice R and Nichola C for crowd control. Thank you to Mrs James, Lesia, Prue, Miss Watts, Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Loveday, Mrs Lane and Sue Schmidt and a special thank you to Jo Aylmore. Our amazing staff are so supportive. The Amazing Magic Mike was Amazing, playing some great music and being very entertaining. We raised just over \$1,000 which will go towards new tools for the garden and appliances in the kitchen.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

The Fundraising committee is hard at work organising the Market Day on Saturday 17th November between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm. We are looking forward to a fabulous day filled with fun, activities, food, entertainment and items to purchase. If you can offer support in any way please contact Jane Kennedy or Julie Coe to register interest.

We thank families for supporting our Pupil Free Day on Monday, all staff participated in the analysis of student achievement data to identify areas of strength and areas for growth. This year's data indicated that 50% of our year 3 students achieved scores in the higher bands in literacy, 90% of our year 2 students are reading above level 26 and 75% of our year 5 students achieved in the higher bands for Numeracy. We further examined the data to define new goals for our 2019 Site Improvement Plan. It was a very productive day setting the directions for our work to increase learner growth and achievement next year. Staff worked extremely hard to analyse and interpret data, identify trends and develop strategies to improve learner achievement.

Congratulations to Xander Hessler who won Children's Week Awards, Demonstrating Outstanding Achievement Primary Category, from the Minister for Education, the Hon. John Gardner for his initiative Beanies for Baldies in support of cancer patients. Xander received his award at our assembly last Friday.

Our first Transition visit for new Reception students will commence on Friday 16th November from 8.55 am to 10:30 am. New students will be involved in orientation activities for the classroom and school and parents will have a chance to meet each other and view the uniform. We look forward to meeting our new families and welcome them into our community.

Regards

Debbie



School success starts
with attendance

Congratulations we hit

94%

attendance this week.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Recently, the government has confirmed that year 7 public school students will be taught in high school **from term 1, 2022.**

This move will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students. Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each year 7 student the opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and great independence and responsibility.

For more information visit www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs

ASSEMBLY AWARDS presented 2nd November



For being a confident and resilient learner

Abbey B, Lacey H, Rory T, Heath S, Belle L, Jayden L, Deacon N, Ruby G, Rohan T

For welcoming challenges that stretch their thinking

Saxon D, Cooper C, Jimmy C, Matilda A, Jordan Brown

For having an enduring belief that they can learn and achieve

Mark E, Emma A, Matilda C, Tinika C, Lexi M, Lachlan B

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

Benjamin V, Jessica B, India M, Shaelee K,

DONATIONS FOR CELEBRATION NIGHT RAFFLE



As the end of the year draws near, we begin to organise for our end of year Celebration Night. Part of our Celebration night we offer a Christmas Raffle, which is drawn on the night. To ensure this raffle is successful we ask for donations from families according to the category allocated to each classroom.

The collections boxes are now in rooms and donations of items will be gratefully accepted. Please make your donations before Friday the 30th November according to the list below. We would greatly appreciate any volunteers to help assemble and wrap the boxes in Week 8.

Mrs Bartlett – Stationary

Miss Watts – Christmas Theme

Prue/Miss Williams – Kitchen

Lesia/Mrs Cowell – Lollies

Ms James – Chocolate

Mrs Loveday – Toys

Ms Resnais - Sports

Mrs Lane/Angela – Summer

Miss Tilling – Pampering

Ms Bosworth – Toiletries

Mrs Read – Books

Mrs Liscombe – Garden

RECOGNITION OF GEORGIA'S EXCELLENCE

We have lots of outstanding students within our school community, and Georgia W, is no exception. Georgia decided this year that she wanted to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Type 1 Diabetes affects more than 1.7 million Australians with no cure available. All the money that Georgia raised will go towards research at the JDRF.



Overall, Georgia raised **\$10,280**, this was the most money raised in South Australia. Georgia started raising money at the end of August. In that time she has held a garage sale, where \$3,000 was raised, hosted a cupcake sale at the school, where \$134.35 was raised and sold lucky squares. Many family and friends donated to her fundraiser as well as the wide community.

We are extremely proud of all the hard work that Georgia has put into this fundraiser.

RECEPTION EXCURSION – BABBARRA STUDIO WORKSHOP

On Wednesday the 24th October, our receptions students attended a Babbarra Studio Workshop and created hand printed textiles. The students then had a cultural tour of the permanent collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture at the Art Gallery of South Australia. To finish off their day, they had a play at the Princess Elizabeth Playground.



CHRISTMAS MARKET REMINDER



HAPPY VALLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS TUNDRA

Saturday 17th November 2018

9:30am - 2:30pm

18 Education Rd, Happy Valley SA 5159

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Elf Hunt, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Raffles & visit from the Man in Red, Santa



Our SAKG program is having a Plant Sale at our Christmas Market Day.

17th November

9:30am – 2:30pm

Please bring them to the garden room any time including morning of the Market

RECOGNITION OF XANDER'S EXCELLENCE

During term 3 Xander H, sold handmade Beanies to raise money for the OTIS Foundation in support of Breast Cancer. Xander and his grandma worked tirelessly to make lots of unique beanies for the community. Xander's efforts for this cause was magnificent. Natalie Tilling nominated Xander for the 'Children's Week Awards, Demonstrating outstanding achievement – Primary Category', which he won. Xander will be featured in the Southern Times.

We are extremely proud of the hard work and effort by Xander.



MESSAGE FROM GOVERNING COUNCIL

Dear Families,

With 2018 very quickly coming to an end, the Governing Council and HVPS staff would like to thank all volunteers for their support this year. From those who dedicate their time on committees to canteen volunteers to the highly dedicated (but under 'manned') grounds team, the school would not be the place it is without you! Thank you!

Increasingly we have noticed that there is a desire from families wanting to contribute to the school, and likewise, the staff and Governing Council has identified that we are increasingly needing you!

Sadly, as is the case with many of us, work, family and simply just 'life' pressures can limit what we have the capacity to contribute to. This is exacerbated by the simple fact that we just do not know what, where or how we can support the school, staff and each other.

With this in mind, The Governing Council and staff have come up with a simple list of things that you can do to be involved!

1. Join a committee. This is without a doubt one of the most fulfilling ways to be involved in the school and although the Governing Council is at capacity, there are plenty of spaces on the OSHC, Grounds, and Fundraising committees. Committee commitments are two nights a term and a great way to not only be involved but to network with staff and other families.
2. Kookaburra Cafe. It is a well-known fact that our dedicated team have made this one of our s strongest assets! It is open Wednesday to Friday and your involvement can be a little as a few hours a month! If you are interested please have a chat with one of the schools admin staff!
3. Fundraising is a very rewarding way to be involved in the school. From sausage sizzles at election time to events like our school disco, there is always something going on, and you don't even need to be a committee member! Keep an eye on Flexibuzz if you would like to be involved!
4. Grounds team. Have you ever noticed that when 'day one' of term comes around the yard looks AMAZING! We can all thank Shane and his team for their hard work! Sadly, this is desperate need of community support in the form of bodies on the ground. Every term Shane and the crew have a working-bee that you are all invited to! Keep an eye on Flexibuzz for details of the next one or have a chat with Shane or Nigel! In the same theme we are keen to chat with any avid gardeners out there who would like to share their knowledge and time!
5. An easy way to be involved is simply speaking to the teachers who are always on the look-out for people to help on excursions and other activities. How about assisting with some reading in classes or covering books in contact at the start of the year? Start the conversation today!

We are looking at better ways to communicate upcoming events and opportunities moving forward. In the meantime, keep an eye on Flexibuzz, talk to staff and committee members and be proactive!

With all that in mind we all understand that not everyone has the time or energy to be at every event. The key message is do as little or as much as you can; volunteering is not an obligation, it is simply a fun way to support the school, to meet new people and have a little sense of pride in our community. So, if you can, get involved!

Many thanks again to all out volunteers and we hope to see some new faces in term four!

Warmest Regards,

The HVPS Governing Council

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

On Thursday the 1st November, our school participated in Outdoor Classroom Day. Outdoor Classroom day is a day to celebrate and encourage outdoor learning and play. All of our classes spent some more of their day outside, completing some of their learning outside and enjoying the fruit that our educational committee provided. The fruit was kindly donated by O'Halloran Hill Fruit Mart.



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

As we are now in preparation for our Celebration night I thought that it might be a good time to inform you of some things we consider while we are planning and rehearsing our items.

The year 7 curriculum in particular requires that the students take part in planning and structuring their performances. As such the year 7s choose their own songs to perform. This is with guidance and I retain a veto (over riding vote). When we begin discussing their song choices we talk about the language and the theme or context/content being appropriate for our whole school audience. Sometimes this is not obvious to the students and I may veto without discussion about the topic if discussion is not appropriate at school.

Sometimes a song will be suggested where there is more than one version. For example a clean or radio edit. These are acceptable within reason but sections may be removed or shortened if need be. Please be aware that at school clean or radio edit versions are used. You may need to be mindful of the different versions available if your child/ren are searching for and listening to the songs at home.

When discussing costuming I outline that any clothing the students wear for their performance should still fit within the school uniform policy in terms of sun safety, length of clothing, and appropriate logos or wording.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding these issues.
Angela Kay