



## YEAR 7 CANBERRA TRIP

### dates to Remember

**9<sup>th</sup> May**

Fitness Club/  
Garden Market

**10<sup>th</sup> May**

Mother's Day Stall

**12<sup>th</sup> May**

Mother's Day

**13<sup>th</sup> May**

Principal Tour  
6:00 – 7:00pm  
Governing Council  
Meeting

**14<sup>th</sup> May**

Fitness Club/  
Coffee Van  
NAPLAN

**15<sup>th</sup> May**

NAPLAN  
Kidz Biz 6/7's

**16<sup>th</sup> May**

Fitness Club/  
Garden Market  
NAPLAN

**17<sup>th</sup> May**

Assembly  
presented by Miss  
Bosworth's Yr 5's

**21<sup>st</sup> May**

Fitness Club/  
Coffee Van  
NAPLAN

**22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Bike Ed  
NAPLAN  
Kidz Biz 6/7's

**27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**10<sup>th</sup> June**  
**QUEENS**  
**BIRTHDAY**

In week 11 of term 1 the year 7's were lucky enough to spend four fun packed days in Canberra. It all started at 5am; yes, we said 5am at Adelaide Airport. We were all tired but excited at the same time. We collected our boarding passes, went through security, met at Gate 25, said goodbye to our mums and dads (few tears were shed) and boarded the plane. Our trip had officially started.



We landed in Canberra eager to start our tour. We began by driving up to Mount Ainslie where we had a bird's eye view of Canberra. We had an excellent bus driver, David, who explained what all the different buildings were and what made them important. Then it was off to Parliament House. Lara took us into one of the rooms and we carried out a role-play on how to pass a Bill in the House of Representatives. Some of us got to dress up, Peter was the Sergeant in Arms and Hugh was the Prime Minister. We passed a bill that Wi-Fi should be free on all public transport. We also visited the actual House of Representatives and the Senate with our guide Shane. He was very funny. Later we went to the Australian War Memorial museum before attending the Last Post Ceremony. Peter and Alice laid a wreath at the Pool of Remembrance. It was very moving. We arrived at our hotel very tired. It was a case of tea, shower, write-up our journals and straight to sleep.



Over the next three days, we visited a variety of amazing and interesting places. We visited the National Museum of Australia. We created an earthquake at the Geo Science Centre and saw our Earthquake recorded on the seismograph. When we went to visit the Governor General's house, we were very impressed by the size and style of the house. We were very fortunate that day as when we were being taught about the role of the

Governor General, Peter Cosgrove suddenly appeared and he invited us to ask him questions. He told us that he was about to meet the Prime Minister that week to discuss the election. During the tour Lachie was lucky enough to sit in the Governor Generals' seat in his private office. The tour of his house was great but we were constantly reminded to keep off the grass or we would get in trouble.

## CANBERRA CONTINUED...

Whilst at the Royal Mint we saw Titan the 4.6 tonne machine that moved all the unmarked coins ready for pressing at the Mint. We learnt the history of 'money' and how coins are made and distributed. Most bought a Commemorative Coin in the shop. At Old Parliament, we learnt the meaning and history of democracy. We then took part in a mock voting poll, where we chose our favourite fruit. We learnt how preferential voting works. Apple was the winner. Next we went to Old Parliament House where we visited the original House of Representatives where Hugh and Daisy dressed up as judges and MPs. We had a great tour of the High Court, unfortunately there were no cases being heard but it was still great to see the different courts and to see how grand most of them were.



On the final day we visited the Glassworks and had a great tour before making our own glass drinking coasters. It was fun trying to cut the glass in to the correct shapes. Our final activity was at Questacon. It was awesome. We were free to explore seven levels of interactive scientific activities. On the way to the airport, the teachers arranged for us to stop off in McDonalds for frozen drinks. Next it was straight to the airport to fly home. We met our families at the airport safe and sound. It was a great trip.



The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding to assist each student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program (PACER) towards those costs.

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DAY  
MONDAY  
27<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**QUEENS  
BIRTHDAY  
MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup>  
JUNE**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Welcome back everyone. I trust everyone had a great break.

What a busy term this is going to be. We have already had the Pedal Prix team competing very successfully in the first event for the year in Loxton last weekend and the very wet Southern Valley Cross Country trials last week. (see articles in this newsletter). There were also successful events that occurred at the end of first term. Congratulations to Jane Kennedy and the fundraising team for organising the fair and to Kathy Liscombe, Wendy Lane and Dean Carter for organising and accompanying our Year 7's to Canberra. Please check out the Happy Valley School Blog <http://happyvalleyprimary.edublogs.org/> to see more information and photos.

Our year 3, 5 and 7 students are preparing for NAPLAN testing in weeks 3 and 4. Happy Valley is one of the many schools that will be doing the test online this year (The Year 3 writing is being done with paper and pencil). We have been preparing for online NAPLAN for some time, ensuring our IT network is ready and preparing our students for the online environment. If you wish to know more about NAPLAN, please visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au). Information has been sent home for parents of Year 3, 5 and 7. NAPLAN is a snapshot of achievement. We know that everyone tends to be a little anxious around NAPLAN time but our teachers have prepared our students well and will be encouraging everyone to relax so they can do their best.

During the holidays, many of our staff, both teachers and staff attended a day's "MAPA" training at Happy Valley Primary School. The training was delivered by our Support Service Behaviour coach, and centred around understanding, responding to and working respectfully and safely with students who, at times, present with challenging behaviours.

We welcome back Katharine Pooley who has returned to Happy Valley after taking leave. She will be working on Wednesdays in Liz Loveday's class and taking Digital Technology on Thursdays.

The focus of our professional development on the pupil free day on Monday, 27th May is phonics and reading. We look forward to sharing more information with you.

We are looking forward to a busy, productive term and continuing to work in partnership with you all.



every day counts  
ATTEND TODAY -  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

**Congratulations we hit**  
**96%**  
**attendance this week.**

## FUNDRAISING EASTER FAIR

Our Fundraising Committee was very pleased with the success of our inaugural Easter Fair. Financial benefits of course - the fair raised **over \$3000** for our school – and also because of all the positive community feedback. After the success of our Christmas Market in November 2018 the committee was inspired to organise an even bigger day this year. Because Christmas can be so busy, Easter seemed like the right time for our second big fundraiser! The day consisted of over 55 craft type stalls; both in the hall and out on the courts; food stalls, side shows, community groups and performances. We thank the huge number of sponsors who donated prizes for our raffle and bread for our school run BBQ and also to the students, staff, parents, families and the Fundraising Committee who made such an effort to ensure this day was successful.



## PEDAL PRIX – LOXTON RACE

Happy Valley Primary School Pedal Prix's first trip to Loxton has been a great success! Lachlan B, Dylan C, Josh T, James H, Josh B and Bailey W showed their experience by completing some very good lap times early in the day placing us in a very cool 8<sup>th</sup>. They then stepped up when our newest riders Max H and Cameron C not only posted good times, but in Max's case rode two more laps than the older boys! This inter-team competition was enough to encourage our riders to aim for more speed and stay in the bike longer! As the day went on our position in the race improved; so much so that we ended up 5<sup>th</sup> out of 33 primary teams. A big congratulations to Lachlan B who came away with the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time of all the primary school students. Hugh L injured himself last week but his family still brought him up to camp and cheer the riders on! He tried hard to convince his Mum that a fractured collar bone and damaged ligaments was not a good enough reason to not ride. The team stayed Saturday night in the caravan par. The fire ban finished just in time to have a toasty fire for everyone to sit around.

Our riders' behaviour over the weekend was amazing, the boys were a credit to our school.

Thanks to Lyn, Nikki, Trent and Allan for all their effort with the team and rebuilding the bike, Aveline for dinner, Cheronn for Marshalling and Toasties and everyone for pitching in on the day or in preparation. Well done to the riders and their families on a successful trip away.



## SOUTHERN VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 30 students braved the rain and the mud and competed at the Southern Valley Cross Country trials. We had a number of great performances including our 6 under agers. Our School finished second in the Small School's Category!

Congratulations to Phebe, Oscar, Daisy and Ebony who came in the top 6 of their race and will now represent Southern Valley at the South Australian Cross Country Championships at Oakbank Racecourse in a few weeks.

## SAKG

Currently in Garden Lesson's, Miss Viki's class has been learning about Garden Science. The students carefully tipped soil halfway into milk cartons with plastic windows before adding a broad bean seed and topping the carton up with more soil. The students then watered them and took them back to their classroom. They used spray bottles to water the seeds each day.

How exciting! Just a fortnight after the bean seeds were planted and look at them! The 'window' lets the class see just how many roots the bean has. If you look closely at the picture you will see the seed was actually planted upside down! The green part of the seed turned around and went towards the sun and the roots turned around and went searching for more water. How clever is nature!!



## ECO LEADERS

**The basis of this project** is to educate and inspire a group of 15 students from year 5 to 7 (Eco-Leaders) to learn from our Aboriginal Community, their own research and then their own experiences and share this new knowledge and enthusiasm with our school students, the school community as well as the wider community.

**This project started** in 2018 when Dana and Wendy N met with Michael Field, our Governing Council Chairperson and Jeremy Gramp, our school's NRM consultant. After discussing the ideas we have and NRM explaining what they could help us achieve, students were asked to apply to become part of this project. A final 14 students were chosen and we had our first meeting with a visit from Jeremy Gramp. He joined us for a walk around the southern side of our school and explained our idea of bringing the reserve into our school grounds. Jeremy shared his knowledge of the types of vegetation we already have and gave us ideas for more.

**Easter Fair Plant Stall.** The next couple of Eco-Leader lessons in term 1 were spent preparing for a joint SAKG and Eco-Leader plant stall at the schools Easter Fair. The students painted direction and information signs and readied themselves to answer questions from interested public at our Fair. Our stall was quite successful raising our SAKG program \$213. A huge thank you to Mya M, Jess M, Olivia M, Tabbi P and Emma C for helping to sell donated plants. Of course we would not have made money without people donating these plants. Thank you to the families and grandparents for your kind donations.

## EARN AND LEARN STICKERS



This year our school is collecting the Earn and Learn Stickers. It is a fun and easy way for our school to earn new equipment. The more stickers that our school collects the more equipment we can earn. So get your friends and family to help collect the Stickers. It is very simple, simply spend \$10 or more at Woolworths and you earn a sticker. We have Sticker booklets available in the office to help you get started.