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Dear Families,

Thank you to all those people who attended our **Working Bee** on Sunday the 28 February. We were able to finalise the upgrade to the Wetlands project. Volunteers spread rubble over paths, added large rocks to the area and did a general tidy up. It is looking fantastic!

On the **Pupil Free Day**, 5 March Happy Valley PS held training and development for staff focusing on the government priorities for World Class Education, the Literacy Guidebooks, the Best Advice papers and the Big 6 of Literacy.

The purpose was to develop the capability to explicitly and systematically improve the literacy knowledge, skills and understandings of learners across the curriculum. Using contemporary research, best practice examples and applied learning to develop a deep understanding of the connections between oral language and the big 6 of reading and writing.

Staff participated in both practical and theory sessions throughout the day with enthusiasm and hopefully went away with ways to improve the use of oral language across the school.

We have just been informed that our **External School Review** process will commence next week and our onsite ESR will be held in Week 5, Term 2. Leadership will be attending an information session regarding the ESR and we will update the community with any relevant information.

Sports Day is next Friday, 19 March. We look forward to seeing everyone. SA Health advice is that education sites are currently exempt from density requirements. No maximum limit, but consideration should be given to allowing adults to physically distance (1.5m). Whilst we have not put a cap on the number of people who can attend, please be mindful of others and maintain physical distancing at all times. All visitors will be required to check in via QR code stations, a paper copy will be provided for anyone without a device. Please find attached a copy of the Sports Day Flyer.

The **Wellbeing and Engagement Collection (WEC)** will be open in Term 1 2021 from Weeks 8 to 10 and is open to year 4 to 12 students. Please find attached information about this collection.

Aberfoyle Hub High School are holding an information night for Year 6s going into Year 7 at High School next year on Wednesday 5 May. Please see flyer attached.

Regards,

Paul and Anthea



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