

## HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## 09/04/21

Dear Families,

We hope our families had a relaxing **Easter** break and you were all able to take some time to spend with family and friends. We recognise that our students have had a long and busy term and the mini break was just what we needed!



Tuesday night our school hosted two **Kidz Biz Family Evening Sessions**. Keryn Carter ran the sessions which focused on where babies come from and a second session for older students with a focus on puberty. Thank you for the families who attended, we had a fantastic turn out with 55 attendees in the first session and 40 in the second. After the information sessions, Keryn had a range of publications to support families at home. Thank you Keryn!

The bookings for **Learning Conversations** have now closed. These will be conducted early next term. We look forward to the opportunity for our students to reflect on their learning with their families and teachers. If your circumstances change and you are not able to attend a booked session, please get in contact with your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

On Wednesday we had a visit from students and staff at **Reynella East College**. Our year 6 and 7 students met with the peer support students who delivered the *REC Roadshow*, an interactive presentation about what school life is like for students and the programs they offer.



This visit supports our year 6 and 7 students with their transition to high school.

The Department continues to require visitors to check in using the QR codes in Term 2 as part of **COVID-19** procedures. These are positioned throughout the school and near classroom doors. Thank you for your cooperation.





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Next term our school will be completing the **NAPLAN online** testing from May 10 to May 21.

In Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2, our Year 4 to 7 students will be attending **Growth and Development** sessions as part of the Australian Curriculum.

Along with most schools around the country, our school has been asked to participate in the fourth **Australian Early Development Census – the AEDC**. It's a national census that measures development in groups of children in their first year of full-time school.

In Term 2 we welcome **Danielle Butcher** to our teaching staff. Danielle will be working with Merri James in Room 18 on Thursdays and Fridays.

On Monday of Week 4, 17 May, our students will be having their **school photos**. Order forms will be available early next term. Please add the date to your diary.

Next term our school will be undergoing an **External Review** as part of the Department for Education's ongoing commitment to improvement. We look forward to showcasing our school, its programs and facilities with the review team.

It has been a busy Term 1 with JP Water Safety Week, UP Aquatics, Sports Day, the year 4/5 camp to Arbury Park, MP Water Safety Week just to name a few. We look forward to continuing the learning in our classrooms. We will continue to focus on our school values of *Respect*, *Responsibilities* and *Integrity*.

We wish you all a happy and safe holidays. Take care and we will see you all on Tuesday 27 April.

Kind regards,

Paul and Anthea

