



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2, we hope to continue with our successful start to the year!

Sam Matthews, our Groundsman, has won a job in bio security with PIRSA. We wish him good luck with this endeavour. We are currently looking to fill this position for the rest of this term.

Anthea Bartlett will continue in her role as Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year as will Jackie Wood in the Reception/Year 1 class.

We welcome Danielle Butcher to our team who will be co teaching with Merri James in our Year 2/3 class.

We wish to congratulate Hazel Robertson on winning the position of Principal at Echunga Primary School. Mrs Robertson will be sorely missed at HVPS, we wish her all the best!

*Hi there,*

*I wanted to reach out to you all and say a final farewell as I start my tenure at Echunga Primary. I have very much enjoyed my time at Happy Valley Primary and I want to say a big thank you for making me feel so welcomed.*

*Happy Valley is a special school community with supportive families and Governing Council, dedicated staff and amazing students. I will miss you all and hope to pop in and visit from time to time.*

*Wishing everyone a great 2021 and beyond.*

*Warm regards,  
Hazel Robertson*

Yesterday HVPS competed in the Southern Valley Cross Country Day. HVPS started really well dominating the under 10 girls and boys. The older kids put in a great effort representing our school and were very excited to hear that we took out the Small Schools Shield. HVPS

would have come 3rd overall if we were in the large schools. We had 8 year olds Liana, Tilly and Jack win medals even though they were underage as well as Mia and Beau. The following students will now represent Southern Valley at the State Cross Country Championships at Oakbank later this term. Mia.W, Ava, Beau, Braxton, Della and Mia C.

What a terrific effort from everyone involved and thank you to the parent volunteers for driving and chaperoning students, we can't do it without you! Big thanks to Dean Carter for his organisation, enthusiasm, dedication and support for our students.



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This week our Year 6 and 7 students received some information about moving to secondary school and the process for application. Families would have received a unique email for the identifying the children's preferred school. Please find attached an update about the process.

This week our Learning Conversations started for all year levels. Thank you to those families who have already attended and we look forward to continuing to share our student's learning. This opportunity for a 1:1 interview is highly valuable for students, parents and teachers as it provides everyone with the opportunity to reflect on progress to date and be able to identify goals to work towards for the rest of the semester.

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.

This term our school will be completing the **NAPLAN online** testing from May 10 to May 21, parent information is attached. We will also be conducting the **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.

On Monday of Week 4, 17 May, our students will be having their **school photos**. Order forms were sent home early in the week, please bring these on the day.

This 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. This will occur in Week 5, with a pre-review in Week 3.

Here is a photo of Mrs Lawson and Mrs Taylor's class enjoying the last of this lovely warm Autumn weather. We hope you have just as much fun over the weekend as they did today!

Kind regards,

Paul and Anthea



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