



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2021 school year! I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday and are looking forward to the new school year! Just in case you were wondering the Taylor family had lots of time with extended family and friends prior to the New Year, with a few days of fishing snuck in at Kingston as well.

We have an exciting year ahead with a Quality Site Improvement Plan (QSIP) that will guide our direction, professional learning and resourcing for 2021. There will be lots of opportunities for learning with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy which will build on the work we have been doing over the past couple of years (particularly in Literacy).

I congratulate Anthea for taking on the role of Deputy Principal for Term 1, she and I are really looking forward to working with you all again this year, hopefully with a lot less interruptions and challenges. I would also like to congratulate Hazel on her appointment at Echunga Primary School, Echunga is lucky to have a very supportive leader.

We welcome our new teaching staff Vanessa Chaptini, Amy Lawson, Adele Taylor, Jackie Wood and Jack Beaton. Lauren Rawling (previously Williams) returns from maternity leave to work alongside Liz Loveday along with our teachers returning in 2021; Lesia Phillips, Dean Carter, Katharine Pooley, Merri James, Angela Kay, Claire Bosworth, Cameron Wright, Wendy Lane and Kathy Liscombe.

Our Student Support Officers include Jo Aylmore, Jo Hines, Cheryl Huxtable, Wendy Nicolle, Robyn Overduin, Courtney Nicolle, Chrissy Thomas, Miriam Edwards, Trudy McCard and Sam Matthews. This year we welcome Carlee Hay to our classroom SSO team and Sam Slattery to the Front Office.

Sheena-Margot Lavelle will return as our Kitchen Specialist and Caragh Larsen in her role as our Pastoral Care Worker.

This term's activities begin with **Acquaintance Night** on Tuesday 9 February with a slightly different format to previous years. We are still working out the logistics around COVID 19 protocols and will send out the information as soon as we can.

Our **Governing Council AGM** will be held on Monday 15 February at 7.00pm in the Library at which the Annual Report will be presented outlining the school's achievement and progress in 2020. Happy Valley PS has an active and committed governing council. We meet regularly, twice a term to talk about the direction for the school. If you are interested in joining our Governing Council, forms are available from the front office to register your interest.



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COVID will continue to be a talking point with the continual on and off border restrictions. We will have to take it week by week to see how the start of the year pans out. Below latest advice around the COVID 19 restrictions.

## **Term 1 2021**

*The following activities can resume/continue providing government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed:*

- *parents, volunteers, departmental support and other service providers may enter school and preschool grounds*
- *school assemblies, graduations and concerts*
- *all intrastate camps and excursions (SA Health approval is not currently required)*
- *all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions*
- *inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities*
- *school formals, socials and discos*
- *playgroups and occasional care*
- *professional learning activities.*

*Please ensure you are familiar with current SA Health advice on gathering sizes and catering, particularly for offsite events.*

*For example, a gathering limit of 200 people with a maximum density of 1 person per 2 square metres is currently required for private functions at licensed venues. For events held both on and off site, please note food and beverages must not have shared utensils.*

Our Front Office staff are preparing student information packs that will be distributed during Week 1. These will include a Materials & Services invoice, medical consent forms, permissions slips and other administrative documentation which is to be returned to class teachers by 12 February 2021.

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Wednesday 27 January ready for learning. I know that our staff are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Regards,

Paul and Anthea



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