



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

As the Chief Public Health Officer has advised in response to **Covid-19**, until further directions are received, we will continue to:

- minimise the number of people coming and going from our site. Wherever possible, please drop and collect your child at the gate and maintain the appropriate physical distance from other adults
- postpone all school events, excursions and camps for the next week
- require all staff and students in years 8 and above to wear masks when indoors, on public transport or on school buses. Please note that staff will not have to wear masks while teaching or working directly with students.

HVPS is accepting **new Reception enrolments**. As part of the round one enrolment process we invite our new Receptions and their families to attend an interview in Term 3 with a member of Leadership. This half hour interview is intended to offer an opportunity for the school to find out specific information about your child and how we can best support their transition and learning in their first year of school. Letters will be sent out in the coming days to arrange interview times.

The **Parent Engagement Survey** is an annual, voluntary survey for parents and caregivers. It aims to gauge the level of parent engagement with your school. The 2021 parent survey is now open. Parents and caregivers of school-aged children and young people are invited to complete the survey, which takes less than 10 minutes. This survey gathers information from parents and schools across South Australia. It gives a broad picture of how parents engage with schools. The department coordinates the survey centrally and you might have already received a link. This avoids adding administrative workload on your child's school. The survey closes Sunday 29 August.



This term we welcome our **Pastoral Care Worker**, Caragh Larsen, to our school three days a week. In addition to her PCW support role, Caragh has attended *What's the Buzz?* training and will be conducting small group's focusing on social and emotional wellbeing. We are lucky to have Caragh at school supporting students in a proactive way.



Thank you to those students who submitted entries for our **NAIDOC Week Competition, Heal Country!** Today we were able to award prizes to the winners of the art competition. First prize was awarded to Benjamin R in Room 2, second to Ava K in Room 4. Winners of the colouring in competition, included, Chloe C, Mao J and Liana T. Congratulations and thank you to Robyn in the library for organising this!



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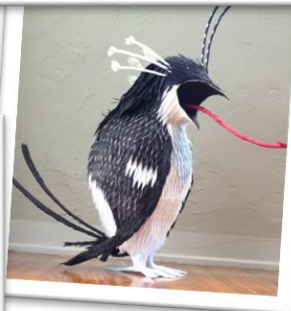
We continue to prepare for the installation of our new **boundary fence**. Further removal of the old wooden fence will carry on this weekend. Tree removal is currently scheduled for our Pupil Free and School Closure days (3-6th September). Len has removed the old scraggly diosmas that ran along the front path that meets with the upper primary unit. Several of the sections of the hedge were dead. This area will be replanted as part of the ongoing revegetation project.



The Department for Education has given the green light for intrastate camps and excursions to go ahead. This means we can continue with our **Year 6 camp to Monarto** on 8-10 September. Notices will be going out today.

Due to the lockdown, we have had to postpone some of our **Science for Real** incursions. Fortunately we have rescheduled the Junior Primary classes to the end of the term and our Upper Primary classes will have their sessions on Monday and Tuesday next week. We look forward to hearing about the students learning!

In Week 6 we will be celebrating **Book Week** for 2021. This year's theme is *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. We will be having an incursion performance by Perform! Education, there will be lunchtime workshops in the library and a **Costume Parade** on Friday 27 August. We will also be running a **competition** for Book Week, inviting students to invent and create their own world. Students can write a story, draw a picture or create a sculpture of a creature that inhabits their invented world. Entries for the competition are due by Monday 23 August.



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Whole school **assembly** was postponed due to the Covid Restrictions. This morning Leadership conducted a mobile assembly in an effort to acknowledge the hard work and participation of students during lockdown by presenting **Learning Achievement Awards**.

We wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Paul and Anthea



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th August
Book Week Costume Parade
Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

Friday 3rd September
Pupil Free Day

Monday 6th September
School Closure Day



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