



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Thank you to those families with **2022 Receptions** for booking into an interview time. These interviews are a fantastic 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. We encourage all new Receptions to take advantage of this, including students who have older siblings who already attend Happy Valley Primary School. Interview times are filling up quickly, please book your interview as soon as you can.

Our **External Review** is now available via the school website. Please take a look to see the outcomes of the thorough External Review conducted by Katherine Homan and Rebecca Read.

Outcomes of the External School Review 2021

Staff, students and parents of Happy Valley Primary School have a strong sense of community. Through the external review process, parents shared their support towards the school's stability and appointment of a Principal for more than 1 year. They appreciate increased visibility and access to the leadership team, more regular communication, additional support and opportunities for their children, as well as staff commitment. Staff are extremely collaborative and supportive of each other and students. They reflect on their practice and how it impacts achievement, while being committed to improving student learning outcomes. The Principal will work with the Education Director to implement the following directions:

Direction 1

Collaboratively analyse the data through review and evaluation to assess the impact on student achievement and prioritise the next goals for the Site Improvement Plan.

Direction 2

Strengthen task design that allows multiple-entry points and provides stretch and challenge for all students.

Direction 3

Further develop staff understanding of using assessment for goal-setting review and renewal in an ongoing process to increase student ownership for their learning improvement. Based on the school's current performance, Happy Valley Primary School will be externally reviewed again in 2024.

On Tuesday our year **5/6 netball team** travelled to Tatachilla Lutheran College for our 2nd round of the School Sport SA Netball competition. 1st up we had a really close match against Coromandel Valley eventually falling short 34-37. We then took on a really strong and tall Tatachilla. The girls put up a fantastic fight and should be very proud of how they represented Happy Valley. We lost by "a bit" but each player should be very proud of themselves!

A reminder that the **Parent Engagement 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.



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Science is an important curriculum area in all schools. This week our Upper Primary students took part in a **science incursion** run by **Science for Real**. The students enjoyed the various hands on activities which demonstrated energy and forces. Due to the lockdown, our Middle and Junior Primary students will have their incursions in Week 10. Their topics will be 'Magnetism and Electricity' and 'Fun with Science'.

National Science Week is held from 14 to 22 August. There are lots of great activities that families can access. Check out the official website for more information: <https://scienceweek.net.au>



The removal of the old fence continued last weekend. Thank you to Paul, Helen and Neive Morgan. Tree works will begin in the upcoming weeks in preparation for the **new boundary fence**.



Today the **Eco Leaders** today looked at information and videos put out by Recycle and Replas, the companies that recycle soft plastics. It was VERY informative, we all learned something today. Did you know squeeze yoghurt containers can be put in soft plastic recycling? In the **garden** today Madden and Jack removed a huge root in the orchard.



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Our Partnership has employed Tish Fortune as our Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO).
The role of an ACEO is to:

- work with school leadership to contribute to site learning plans and individual learning plans to improve Aboriginal students' social, wellbeing, and learning outcomes
- support teaching staff to develop and maintain relationships with Aboriginal students, parents and families
- participate in the development and implementation of strategies to support Aboriginal students
- promote Aboriginal community voice in educational decision making
- establish and maintaining positive relationships through ongoing contact with Aboriginal parents, families and caregivers
- supporting school staff by providing advice on the cultural diversity of Aboriginal groups.

We look forward to meeting Tish next week and introducing her to the students of Happy Valley Primary School.

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

COMPETITION REMINDER FOR BOOKWEEK

In Week 6 we will be celebrating **Book Week** for 2021. This year's theme is *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*.

Students are invited to invent their own world. They 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**.



HVP'S BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

INVENT ANOTHER WORLD

YOU CAN:

- WRITE A STORY ABOUT YOUR WORLD OR
- DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR WORLD OR
- CREATE A MODEL OF A CREATURE FROM YOUR WORLD

ENTRIES DUE MONDAY 23RD AUGUST

PLEASE SUBMIT THESE TO THE LIBRARY FOR DISPLAY

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE BOOK WEEK COSTUME PARADE ON FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST


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