

## HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

On Monday we held the **Annual General** and first **Governing Council Meeting**. The Annual Report was presented to the community, this can be found on the School website should you wish to see it. We look forward to another year of strong community engagement.

All schools and preschools have been provided with and should now be using a **QR Code** specific to their site. All adults, including staff and parents, are expected to **COVID Safe Check-In** when entering classrooms/buildings on site. At this stage it's not necessary to check-in at the school gate to enter school grounds. If you do not have a mobile device, please Check-In manually in the front office.

Please remember we are having a **Working Bee** on Sunday 28 February, 10am – 12pm.

Our school will be having a **Pupil Free Day** on Friday 5 March. Staff will be working with the Site Improvement Plan (SIP), focusing on literacy.

Next week our Junior Primary students will be attending **Water Safety Week**. Rooms 1 & 2 will be leaving before the bell and students will be required to be here at 8.30am sharp. Rooms 3, 4 and the year 2s from Room 18 will be departing at 9.30am. Please remember to bring all necessary items for lessons and ensure your child's medication requirements have been met.

We understand parking can be difficult at key times before and after school, please remember to abide by all **traffic** and **parking rules** around our school district.

## **Term 1 2021 Wellbeing and Engagement Collection**

The Wellbeing and Engagement Collection (WEC) will be open in term 1 2021 from weeks 8 to 10 and is open to year 4 to 12 students. Further information will be sent out via School Stream once we have received it.

In Week 4, Paul, Anthea & Katharine attended the first two days of a **Reception to Year 2 Literacy** course presented by **Orbis** at the EDC. The Literacy R-2 program has been designed to develop the capability of teachers to explicitly and systematically improve their literacy knowledge, skills and understandings of learners across all subject areas in the classroom. Using contemporary research, best practice and applied learning, this program is focused on developing a deep understanding of the interdependence between oral language, writing and reading that will support you to design engaging literacy learning in all subject areas. The university course will run for 6 months and will complement the work we are doing around our SIP in literacy.

We look forward to seeing our families attend **Sports Day** on Friday 19 March. Look out for hard copy **Special Lunch Order** forms or order via Qkr! Pre-orders of sausages, donuts & watermelon cups will need to be placed by Friday 12 March. These cannot be purchased on the day. It will be great to see the whole community come together again after a difficult 2020!

Regards, Paul and Anthea

