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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope our students and families were able to have some time together over the holidays in preparation for an action packed term.

We finished off Term 3 with a successful **School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion!** on the last day of term. Special thanks to our Fundraising Committee for coordinating the event and to the volunteers who attended – we are very grateful.



The **Transition to High School** preparations continue this term. High Schools have begun meeting with some students and holding meetings with teachers and leadership to ensure a smooth move for our Year 6 and 7 students next year. Many schools have already begun communicating directly with families about upcoming Transition Days and sessions. Additional information can be found in an accompanying pdf.



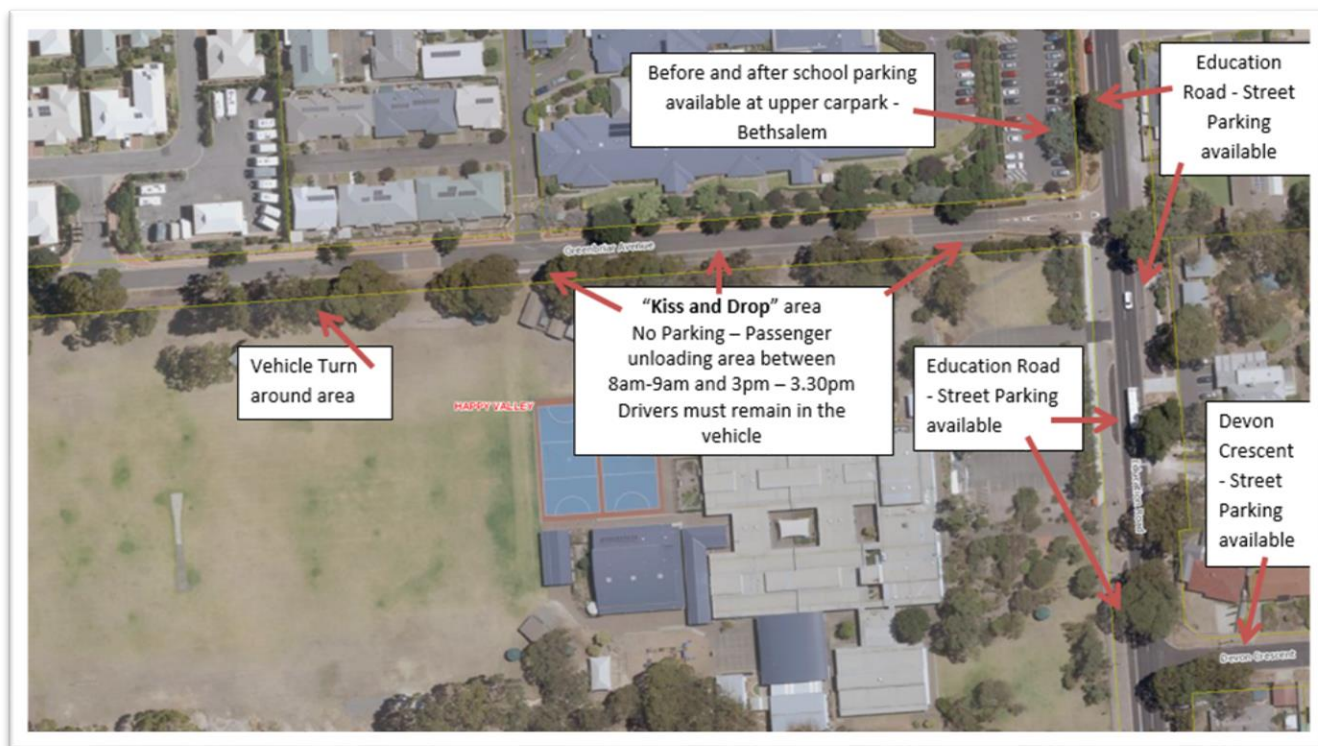
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Today Max H, Tabi P, Zeke D and Cooper C represented HVPS at the **School Sport SA Mountain Bike Championships** in the under 15s competition. The team had two and half hours to do as many 5km laps as possible through the *O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park*. Our team came 46th overall which is a fantastic achievement for our 12/13 year old students, competing against 80 other schools.



Parking around school grounds is notoriously difficult, but we would like to remind families to follow parking directions at all times. This not only supports the safety of our students and their families, it also avoids unpleasant parking fines issued by the council. Whilst we wait for our new fence, we also wish to remind families not to walk through the staff car park or park in this area. Below is a map showing the parking available to our community:



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This week we had some students start playing **Basketball** for HVPS. Our senior teams played Monday night and our two junior teams had a game against each other. We also have cricket starting this weekend. We look forward to hearing about their games this term!



We have recently reviewed our policy in regards to **animals on school grounds**. The Department enforces the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. Animals including dogs will only be allowed on site for educational purposes and permission needs to be sought from the Principal prior to the event.



Australian Classification



It has come to our attention that some of our students have been playing a game which has been recently featured in a **Netflix** series which has a restricted rating of MA15+. Whilst families might stop their children accessing non-age appropriate content using parental controls, unfortunately, due to its popularity it has found its way to other social media and entertainment platforms including *Roblox*, *TikTok* and *YouTube* to name a few. Please have a discussion with your children about the **Australian Classification System** and the reason why all games and shows are given ratings to protect children from accessing inappropriate content.

Please find attached a message to parents and caregivers from **Professor Nicola Spurrier**, Chief Public Health Officer.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend after a great start to the term.

Kind regards,

Paul and Anthea



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