



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

COVID-19 Update

A range of restrictions will be removed from the start of week 5. It is intended that these arrangements will apply from the start of week 5 to the end of week 8 in term 1. We are still waiting for confirmation from The Department for Education regarding parents coming on school grounds to pick up/drop off students. We will let you know as soon as we receive clarification.

From the start of week 5 (28 February 2022) the following can resume:

- Day excursions and incursions (held outdoors where possible).
- Interschool sporting competitions.
- Extra-curricular activities at the school, including choirs, band practice, instrumental lessons attended by a non-school employed music teacher.
- Work experience and work placements.
- Assemblies that are held outdoors.

Visitors in schools can include:

- attending the school for specific events held outdoors (eg spectators attending outdoor sporting games)
- volunteers required by the school
- instrumental music teachers

All adult visitors must wear a face mask when indoors, practise physical distancing, and not attend the site if they are unwell.

Visitors attending indoor venues and outside specific events to continue to be minimised.

COVID-19 settings that remain in place:

- Face masks continue to be required (when indoors) for:
 - all adults, except when it impedes ability to teach
- Face masks are strongly encouraged for students in years 3 to 6 (when indoors).
- Current testing, isolating and quarantine remains unchanged, including classroom contacts.
- Staff to continue to minimise use of staff rooms where possible. Use outdoor areas and separate rooms for breaks where possible.
- Outdoor learning encouraged where possible.
- Continue to open windows and doors or use air-conditioning set to fresh air intake where possible.

Permission Forms

Today your child/ren would have received some permission forms which are required to be signed and then returned to their classroom teacher by Friday 4th March. Please let us know if you didn't receive them.

AGM & Governing Council

Our Annual General Meeting for 2022 will be on Monday 21st March at 6pm. Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions it will be required to be online. Anyone interested in participating in the AGM need to contact the front office to be added to the Teams meeting scheduled. Governing Council nomination forms will be sent out on Seesaw shortly and need to be returned to the front office by Friday 11th March.

<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u>
• Pupil Free Day – Friday 11 th March
• Monday 14 th March – Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup Day)
• Year 6 Aquatics: Monday 15 th March
• R-2 Water Safety: 15 th – 18 th March
• AGM – Monday 21 st March
• Year 3-5 Water Safety: 4 th – 8 th April
• Thursday 14 th April – Last day term 1 – 2:15pm dismissal



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Pupil Free Day – Friday 11th March

Our Pupil Free Day in Term 1 will be on Friday 11th March which will back onto the Adelaide Cup Day long weekend. The focus of the day will be on DIBELS and our new Literacy database Amplify.

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills. They are designed to be short fluency measures that can be used to regularly detect risk and monitor the development of Literacy and reading skills in reception through to Year 6.

R-2 Water Safety and Aquatics – Week 7

At this stage Water Safety for students in reception to year 2 and Aquatics for year 6 will go ahead in week 7. Consent forms have already been sent to the students in classes that are participating, can all forms please be returned as soon as possible to help with the planning over the next few weeks.

We require quite a number of volunteers to ensure child safety. If you would like to volunteer with Water Safety or Aquatics, please ensure your information is up to date with appropriate clearances. More information can be found at the front office. Please note that due to COVID, spectators will not be allowed to attend and we can only take a certain number of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please organise your paperwork ASAP.

Canteen

We are finalising the process for finding a new canteen manager. We will let you know asap when we can open, as we know you are all eagerly awaiting this!

Kind regards,

Paul and Jackie

