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Dear Families,

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we navigate the impact of COVID on our school.

Pupil Free Day

Our Pupil Free day last Friday was very successful with exciting initiatives being implemented school-wide based on best practice. The day focussed predominantly on professional development around DIBELS and a data management system called 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. All classroom teachers and SSOs have now been trained in how to implement DIBELS testing.

The second part of the day we split into Professional Learning Teams. The Reception to Year 3 teachers worked with Jackie on implementing Decodable readers and Explicit Direct Instruction to explicitly teach phonics and morphology, based on the Science of Reading. The year 4-6 teachers worked with Paul to consolidate knowledge about Scaffolding Literacy. Scaffolding Literacy explicitly teaches students how to read, comprehend and write complex texts and develop more sophisticated reading, writing and language skills.

All Happy Valley teachers and SSOs are committed to high quality, evidence based teaching practices. We look forward to sharing more information with our parents and the community in the future.

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. If you would like to nominate for Governing Council, please let the front office know.

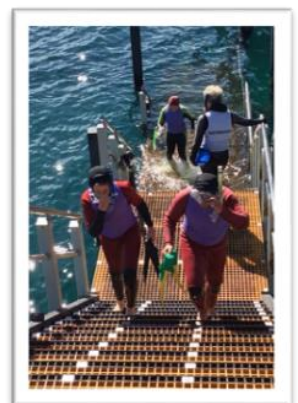
Learning Conversations – Change of Date

Our Term 1 Learning Conversations have been moved to Week 10, starting on Monday 4th April. This is to allow more time for staff to gather student data and we are hoping to continue with face to face meetings. Should the need for Learning Conversations to be held online due to COVID, we will inform you ASAP. Information regarding the booking process will be released next week.



Year 6 Aquatics

On Monday, the year 6 class were lucky to be able to attend their aquatics based water safety program. Everyone travelled to Port Noarlunga Beach for an action packed day of fun. Students participated in snorkelling, kayaking, surfing, body boarding and stand up paddle boarding. A big thank you to Miss Bosworth, Wendy Nicolle and Ollie's Grandma for supervising. What a wonderful opportunity for our senior students!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- AGM & Governing Council – Mon 21st March @ 6pm
- Learning Conversations – starting Mon 4th April
- Year 3-5 Water Safety: 4th – 8th April
- School Tour: Tues 5th April @ 5:30pm
- Last Day Term 1 - Thurs 14th April



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Reception to Year 2 Water Safety

Based upon advice from SA Health and The Department for Education, we had to postpone these lessons. They have been rescheduled to Term 2, week 9 which means all money paid will be transferred to the new dates. New consent forms, with the new dates, will be sent home next term.

Year 3 – 5 Water Safety

The Water Safety program for year's 3-5 students is still planning to go ahead, pending any COVID impact on classroom/ school. As always, we will follow any advice from SA Health and The Department for Education about whether this can proceed as planned or be postponed, and will communicate this to you ASAP.

Canteen

We welcome Margaret Stanley as our new Canteen Manager and look forward to having a continuation of our successful school community canteen. Our start date will be Wednesday 23rd March. Please use the QKR! App for all orders.

School Tours

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have not been able to conduct school tours so far at HVPS. Updated restrictions now allow us to conduct tours with limited numbers and still require masks and social distancing. Our first school tour has been organised for Tuesday 5th April in the school resource centre at 5:30pm. For those interested we will require you to book through the front office to ensure we are adhering to the COVID restrictions.

Kind regards,

Paul and Jackie