



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 9 - Term 3

Dear Families,

### **Wear Something Yellow to School Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Please remember Monday is a Casual Clothes Day to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Awareness month. We are encouraging students to wear casual clothes with a splash of yellow (eg. Tshirt, socks or hair ribbon) and bring along a gold coin donation to support this important cause. We will have yellow ribbon available that students can wear if you do not have something at home.

### **Sports Day – Early start 8.45am and Finish at 2:15pm**

Our much anticipated Sport Day is being held next Friday on the last day of term. There will be full canteen facilities available on the day as well as a BBQ (preordered). Some sausages, chips, drinks and iceblocks will be available to purchase on the day. Rebel Alliance Roasters will also be setting up a stall. **Students need to be at their classrooms before 8:45am.** We are looking forward to seeing families coming along to support their children. **Remember to wear your team colours!**

### **Orton Gillingham Training**

Last week Lesia Phillips, Amy Lawson, Jackie Norris and Katharine Pooley attended five days of intensive training in the Orton Gillingham approach. This approach to teaching reading and spelling, builds on the fantastic work we have already implemented with Explicit Direct Instruction. Orton Gillingham is a multisensory and flexible approach to teaching reading and spelling based on research for best practice. The teachers are looking forward to sharing their learning with their colleagues and implementing it in classrooms.



### **Festival of Music**

On Tuesday evening, Angela Kay took our Choir students to perform at the Festival of Music. It was an excellent performance and they represented our school wonderfully. Thank you to Angela who has guided and lead the choir students all year.

### **What's the Buzz? Social Skills Program**

One of the social skills programs that we run at Happy Valley Primary School is *What's the Buzz?* This program benefits all students and helps them to be socially and emotionally confident. It teaches getting along, managing emotions, and working effectively with others. There is a program for early learners and primary aged students. This year we have identified students to work in small groups with Deb (PCW) and Katharine Pooley (Learning and Wellbeing Coordinator).

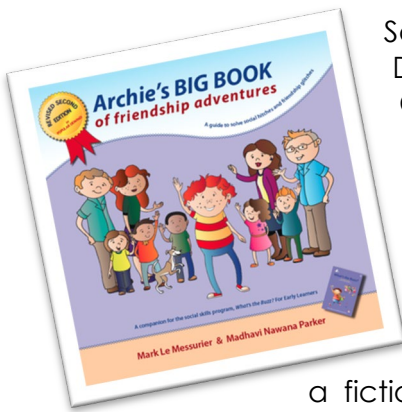
### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wear something yellow to school – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September
- Sports Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – early start 8.45am
- Last day Term 3 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – early finish 2.15pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 4 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Yr 6 Footsteps – Commences Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October Week 1 - 6
- Principal Tour - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Kindy Transition begins Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November



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Some of the topics taught in the Early Years are Making Friends and Discovering Differences, Joining in, Sharing and taking turns, Cooperation, Waiting, Winning and Losing and many more. The Primary program builds on this and focuses on Meeting People, Seeking attention, Peer Pressure: when to follow and when to go your own way, Being friendly, Competition: winning and losing, Dealing with disappointment, just to name a few.

Students learn these skills through explicit teaching, stories about a fictional schoolboy named Archie, role play and games.

Last week one group brainstormed ways Archie could have responded in a graceful way when he lost a game. The students had to remember that ***It is important to show kindness even though we might feel unhappy about losing.***

## Being a graceful loser

What could Archie say?

- It's OK Tobias, you win!
- Next time I might win.
- I'm fine, I might win next time.
- "Good Game, Tobias"
- Congratulations, you won.
- You were really fast, you win.
- I'm sad that I lost but that's the way it goes.
- Thanks for the game.

### Working Bee

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September we held another successful Working Bee. We were very lucky with the weather, no rain until we had completed tank moving, Bush Tucker seedlings planted and heaps of weeding. Thank you to Nigel for organising some strong Dad's to help him move an old storage rainwater tank into the edible garden; parents, students and a group of Eco Leaders planted about 30 Bush Tucker plants into the Reconciliation Garden and the Wetlands and then weeded the Edible Garden.

Thank you to Nigel, Kim, Annabelle, Dianne, David, Cas, Brooke, Evie, Mitchell, Sarah, James, Ben, Darren, Henry, Yvette, Nikki as well as a group of Eco Leaders - Sadie, Chloe, Emma R, Della, Fenella, Yuri.



### Eco Leaders

Our Eco Leader students have been very busy this term. All students helped plant seedlings in the new Glenthorne National Park in week 4. These seedlings are a small part of the 90 000 seedlings to be planted this year. Thank you to Nigel Cock and Sarah Rundell for transporting the students. We had a wonderful afternoon with the rain clouds circling but not dropping any on us. It is great to watch the new National Park becoming more vegetated. Areas of large circles are being vegetated to build new habitat for insects, reptiles and birds. Our job was to add more bushes to make the habitats thicker.

In week 6, the older Eco Leaders attended the 2nd YELP session held at Coromandel Valley Primary. After a 'get to know you' session, we walked across to the wetlands at the back of the school where we met a lady who shared her knowledge on bettongs. Coromandel Primary are part of a program encouraging these little native animals to move back into our area.

At our last session we had a visitor, Lilli S, a past student and Eco Leader has been accepted into the Youth Council, a high school version of YELP. Lillie's is hoping to make bee wax containers for her project and come back to ask our students for their ideas. It is wonderful to see the success of our program in this way.

The recycling at school is continuing to be successful with less contamination of bins.

## Royal Adelaide Show

Happy Valley Primary School's first Royal Show Scarecrow entry was in 2010. We have entered every Show since except 2020. In 2021, the scarecrows spent a week on show at the Botanic Gardens. This year the Garden Room was a hive of activity every lunchtime preparing the following Scarecrows:

*Moonface (Magic Faraway Tree)* – Della S, Jess B, Billie T & Ava W Placed **2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Shrek* - Finn G **Placed 3<sup>rd</sup>**, *Elsa* – Dakota, Elle, Halle, MacKenzie and Yuri

*Cinderella* - Belen, Emma & Isabella

*Olaf* - Mia, Indie, Joel, Emma & Hilary

*Costa Garden Gnome* – Abbey, Sadie, Chloe and Fen.



The Kitchen also entered School Kitchen Garden classes. Our results were Harvest Basket **2<sup>nd</sup>**, Herb Bouquet **2<sup>nd</sup>**, Patch to Plate **3<sup>rd</sup>** and Salad of the Imagination **3<sup>rd</sup>**.

The following students come into school on the student Free to harvest and put the entries together: Hilary, Emma, Billie, Halle, Finn, Fen and Tyler.

## Assembly Awards

Do to the length of this week's Leadership Update, we will publish all of our award recipients in next week's Update.

Kind regards

Paul, Jackie and Katharine



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