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Week 4 - Term 4

Dear Families,

Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day marks the date in 1918 when the First World War came to an end. On Remembrance Day every year, all people are asked to observe one minute's silence at 11am on Friday 11th November, to remember those who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Today we held a Remembrance Day assembly at the front of the school on the lawn near our flagpole. Our assembly hosts did a fantastic job of explaining the reason for Remembrance Day and led 'The Last Post' and our National Anthem. Students from each class then laid wreaths and poppies at the foot of our flagpole. The wreaths and poppies that were made have been delivered to Keane War Memorial Gardens in Happy Valley. Thank you to everybody involved.

Student Forum

On Tuesday the 8th of November Katharine Pooley, Emma and Hilary attended the Public Education Student Forum. A range of year levels were represented from Year 5 to 11. This was one of several Forums being held across the state. The purpose of the Forum is to give students a voice and make positive changes to our schooling system. We want to empower young people to take control of their learning and know that they can make a real difference.

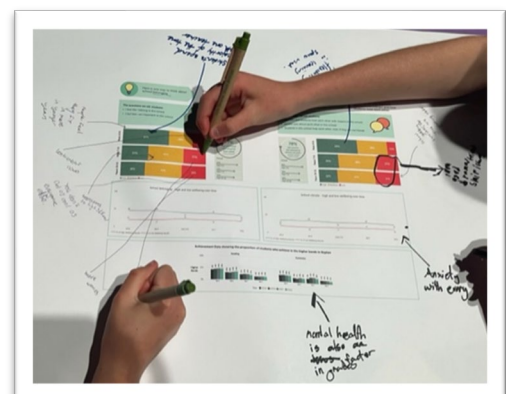
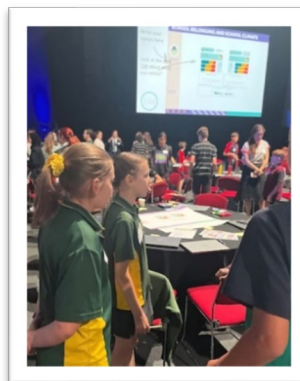
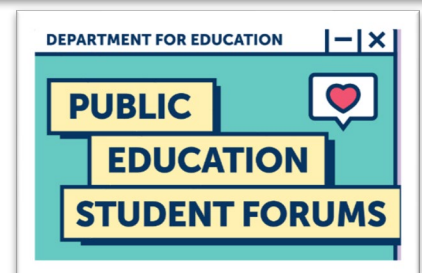
Participants were encouraged to follow the following norms:

- **We are brave and kind**
- **We love, big bold thinking**
- **We show generosity and commitment**

Hilary and Emma looked at student wellbeing data around belonging and school culture and discussed what they noticed. They suggested things that we should stop doing and things we should start doing in schools. They listened and shared their ideas with lots of other students.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Year 6 Footsteps – Continues until Week 6
- Kindy Transition Day 2 - Friday 18th November
- Kindy Transition Day 3 - Friday 25th November
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Thursday 8th December
- End of Year Celebration Night – Tuesday 13th December
- Rec - Year 2 Belair excursion – Thursday 15th December
- Years 3-5 Wallis excursion – Thursday 15th December
- Last Day of Term 4 – Friday 16th December 2:15pm Dismissal



New Reception Transition Day 1

Today we welcomed our new reception students for 2023 for their first of three transition days at HVPS. All of the children settled in quickly and enjoyed some time with our reception teachers learning about our routines and important areas within the school. Parents/Caregivers stayed for a morning tea and had an opportunity to ask any questions about our transition process, QKR, OSHC, Seesaw and purchasing uniform. It was a good opportunity for all our new community members to meet each other and talk with HVPS staff. We look forward to having them all back Friday 18th of November.



Recycling Programs

We are pleased to inform our school community that OUR soft plastic recycling is being utilised correctly – YCA Recycling at Wingfield process the plastic into pellets which is sold on to other companies to make a range of items. After going through an Onkaparinga Council rubbish audit in 2021, the Eco Leaders used the information to improve our own HVPS program which included increased 10c collection for cartons, Green waste for the paper towels and probably the most significant – soft plastic recycling. Research showed we could take all our gathered soft plastics to Woolworths, Coles, Foodland or Drakes to be sent to Redcycle, a company that processes the plastic into pellets.



The Eco Leaders have spent a great deal of time sorting the recycling as well as class education about 'Which Bin To Put It In!' This education has meant less and less contamination, which makes it easier to sort. Other years we had tried introducing NO plastic packaging, but have found this just increased the amount of hard plastic containers lying around.

It has been very disappointing to hear that Redcycle has been having financial difficulties and just storing the soft plastics. We always take our recycling to Drakes stores. Drakes use YCA Recycling, from Wingfield in South Australia.

Our Eco Leaders will continue learning more about recycle programs and hope to encourage both local and state governments to financially support recycling companies if necessary.



Kind regards
Paul, Jackie and Katharine