



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 1 - Term 1

Dear Families,
Welcome back everyone. It has been very nice to start the 2023 year with some sort of normality compared to the contrasting years prior.

It has been a smooth transition into all classes, and we are looking forward to a successful year with some exciting new initiatives.

Room One and Two

Mrs Lawson and Miss Jackie
Two of our new reception classes have had a wonderfully smooth start of the year. Every morning our classes have started the day with some play-based learning that has provided children with time to transition out of their caring parent's arms and into the classroom.

The children have enjoyed participating with various fine motor activities and playing with toys. All of these have provided the children with an opportunity to socialise with friends throughout the day. Everyone has also participated in the beginning of our social and emotional program for the Junior Primary year called Kimochis. This week we all learnt about our friend Lovey Dove.

We have also visited the library and borrowed our first library books!

Staffing Update

We welcome our new staff to HVPS and will enjoy having them in our community. Sally Perry will be teaching our 1/2 class in room 19, Anna Charlesworth will be teaching Japanese on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Kieran Buhagiar will be joining us as an SSO for Term 1. We also welcome back Courtney Nicolle to our SSO team from maternity leave.

Katharine Pooley will continue as our Learning and Wellbeing Coordinator on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Pupil Free Days

HVPS has a commitment to providing world class education and as a result, we need to stay up to date with the latest professional development. Teachers will be involved in a rigorous 4 day training (Thursday to Sunday) with a focus on explicit teaching of fundamental literacy skills through the Orton-Gillingham

Term 1 - 2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Acquaintance Night – Monday 13th February
- Pupil Free Days - Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February (OSHC available)
- Governing Council & OSHC AGM - Monday 20th February
- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday - Monday 13th March
- Year 6 Aquatics – Tuesday 14th March
- R-2 Water Safety – Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th March
- Year 3-5 Water Safety – Monday 3rd April – Thursday 6th April
- Good Friday - Friday 7th April
- Easter Monday - Monday 10th April
- Growth & Development Family Evening Session – Thursday 13th April
- Sports Day - Friday 14th April
- Last day of Term 1 – Friday 14th April - 2:15pm Dismissal



approach. As all teachers and SSOs will be involved, there will be 2 Pupil Free Days – Thursday 16th and Friday 17th of February. OSHC is available if required.

Road Safety

Just a reminder to all community members to take care with parking around the periphery of the school and to please adhere to the line markings that designate the available areas to park. Please don't park on footpaths, as pedestrians need to use them to stay safe. We try to be as kind as possible to all our neighbours and endeavour to work together to ensure the safety of our children. I also ask community members to please use our crossing when entering the front of the school, we are all role models to the students and we encourage them to be safe and cross where it is designated.

Volunteers

We have had a lot of interest for volunteering at HVPS. Here are some ways that you could volunteer at school:

- Camps & excursions
- Canteen – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
- Cooking in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden – Thursday
- Gardening
- Water Safety – Term 1
- Pedal Prix
- Transporting students to sporting events

The Department for Education requires all volunteers to complete a Working with Children Check, RAN training and an online induction. A volunteer pack with all requirements can be obtained from the front office. If you need assistance to fill in forms or access the internet, please let us know.

Student Home Internet Program

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home.

Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the department's website.

Kind regards,

Paul, Jackie and Katharine