



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 2 - Term 1

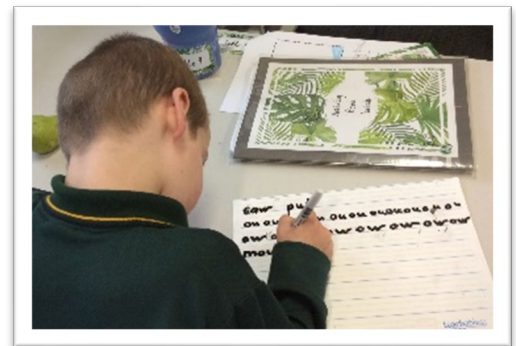
Dear Families,



### **Pupil Free Days**

Next Thursday and Friday are our initial Pupil Free Days for the year. We are excited about hosting one a state-wide training and development on the Orton-Gillingham approach. Teachers from across the state will be joining us for an intensive 5 day course that will be condensed to 4 days and will start early and finish late on each day. We appreciate the time that will be contributed by our teachers on the Pupil Free Days and on Saturday and Sunday.

The Orton-Gillingham approach empowers educators to develop an individualised, structured, multisensory plan to teach reading and vocabulary skills. Orton-Gillingham is a step-by-step learning process involving letters and sounds that encourages students to advance on each smaller manageable skill learned throughout the process. It was the first approach to use explicit, direct, sequential, systematic, multi-sensory instruction to teach reading, which is effective for all students.



### 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

### **Acquaintance Night**

Just a quick note to remind everyone that our Happy Valley PS Acquaintance Night is being held this Monday starting at 5:45pm and continuing until 7:10pm. Sessions are outlined below.

| Time          | Classroom Teachers   | Where  |
|---------------|--|--|
| 5:45 – 6:15pm | Amy Lawson, Angela Kay, Jackie Wood, Vanessa Chaptini & Lesia Phillips | Junior Primary – Unit 1<br>Please meet in your child's classroom |
| 6:15 – 6.45pm | Sally Perry, Dean Carter, Liz Loveday, Merri James & Cameron Wright    | Middle Primary – Unit 5<br>Please meet in the Unit Common Space  |
| 6:45 – 7:10pm | Claire Bosworth, Wendy Lane, Kathy Liscombe                            | Upper Primary – Unit 4<br>Please meet in your child's classroom  |

| Time          | Specialist Teachers            | Specialist Subject/s                      | Where                                    |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 5:30 – 6:00pm | Dean Carter                    | PE & Health                               | Health Room (Middle Primary – Room 20)   |
| 5:45 – 6:15pm | Lauren Rawling & Wendy Nicolle | Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) | SAKG Kitchen & Garden                    |
| 6:00 – 6:30pm | Angela Kay                     | The Arts/ Digital Tech                    | Digital Tech Room (Next to SAKG kitchen) |
| 6:45 – 7.10pm | Anna Charlesworth              | Japanese                                  | Japanese Room (Upper Primary – Room 13)  |

## **Front Office Procedures – Signing students in and out**

The front office is an important part of our school structures, with it being the first contact for our school community and our wonderful administration staff always being there to assist with our daily procedures and help with any queries. If you arrive after the morning bell or are arriving to pick up a student during the day, can you please make sure you come to the front office first so that we can keep track of any adults entering our school grounds and that all students are marked correctly for our attendance records.

## **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.

Kind regards,  
Paul, Jackie and Katharine