



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 4 - Term 1

Dear Families,

AGM & Governing Council

Our Governing Council AGM was held on Monday 20th February with the Annual Report for 2022 being presented outlining the school's achievement and progress in 2022. We had a very successful year with a lot to celebrate. All of our Site Improvement Plan goals being met or exceeded. With a strong focus on Literacy improvement for staff and students, our school performance data was very pleasing and well deserved after a lot of hard work.

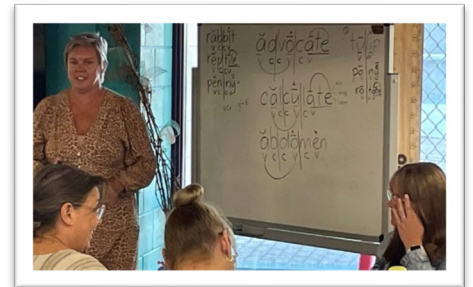
In 2022, our Year 3 student reading results continued to be above the historic range with 97% of students achieving above standard. There was also an increase of students in the Higher Bands with 60% of students demonstrating high achievement. Our Year 5 students improved with 86% reaching above standard. There was also an increase of students in the Higher Bands with 50% of students demonstrating high achievement.

In 2022, we saw an increase in our Year 3 writing results with 97% of students achieving above standard. There was also an increase of students in the Higher Bands with 50% of students demonstrating high achievement. Our Year 5 students improved with 81% achieving above standard with 20% of students demonstrating high achievement.

Orton-Gillingham Training

From Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th of February, we hosted a state-wide training and development on the Orton-Gillingham (OG) approach. The OG 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.

Our staff spent many hours understanding the theory and reasoning of the evidenced based practice. It is a very structured approach and has a thorough scope and sequence of language structures. The daily 50 minute lessons include handwriting, visual and auditory routines, introduction of new phonograms, syllabifications and spelling rules, review of previous learning and dictation.



NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5 Students

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. Next Tuesday 28th February, there is a nationwide NAPLAN practice test which enables students to become familiar with the testing platform. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher. Official NAPLAN testing will occur from Wednesday 15th to Monday 27th March, 2023.

Kind regards,
Paul, Jackie and Katharine

Term 1 - 2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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 – Thurs 13th Apr
- Sports Day - Friday 14th April
- Last day of Term 1 – Friday 14th April - 2:15pm Dismissal