



# HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 11 - Term 1

Dear Families,

Thank you to all our community for the ongoing support of your children and our school throughout this term.

It has been an action-packed term with a wide range of high-quality learning activities for children across all our classes. Professional learning for staff has included Orton-Gillingham, Scaffolded Literacy

Coaching, DIBELS Assessments, and our MiniLit Sage intervention program. We are grateful every day for the opportunity to lead our school and to work alongside such a highly committed and professional team who strive to support each child to be the best they can be. We will continue to focus on our school values of *Respect*, *Responsibilities* and *Integrity*.

## **Sports Day**

Today the entire school competed in our annual Sports Day. After watching the weather forecast for the best part of two weeks, we were blessed with near perfect conditions. The four houses of Chandler, Nicolle, Shepherd and Mason had put in a lot of practice in preparation for the day. The purpose of Sports Day at Happy Valley is to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and healthy competition among students.

It is an important event for students as it allows them to showcase their physical skills and teamwork, and it also helps to build a sense of camaraderie and school spirit. Sports Day is a great opportunity for students to bond with their classmates and teachers, and to develop a healthy attitude towards sports and physical activity.

We began the day with the whole school warm up presented by ex-students Mel, Tahlia and Charlie. When we were all warmed up, students moved to the oval to sit in their House groups to cheer on the runners in the Championship Sprints. Some great individual performances and a few close races had everyone on the edge of their seats. A highlight of the day was the staff tug of war, with the Junior Primary Team taking out the honours.

## 2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Working Bee – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April
- First day of Term 2 – Monday 1st May
- Kids Biz Growth & Development Yrs 4-6 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Early Years Literacy Parent Info Session – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May
- School Tour - Monday 15th May @ 6pm
- Governing Council - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm
- School Photos - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- King's Birthday Public Holiday Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Jam Band & Last Day of Term 2 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July



Athletes then separated into their classes and moved off to their tabloid events. Year 3-6 classes competed in Track and Field events including 100 metres, 800 metres, Long Jump, Shot Put and Hurdles. Our R-2 students got to sample a wide variety of sports including Basketball, Tennis, Aerobics, AFL, Baseball and Cricket. These clinics were provided by either local clubs or our State Sporting Bodies. It was great to see our students supporting each other and hopefully after today pursuing a sport that they enjoyed further.



After lunch it was time for the relays that our teams have been practicing for all term. Some great teamwork and loud cheering saw some great races and some exhausted looking kids. We then waited with bated breath to see who would be crowned 2023 Sports Day Champions. After a quick clean up, Chandler was announced as this year's winners.



The final scores were:

Chandler - 2815

Shepherd - 2406

Mason - 2188

Nicolle - 2147

We sincerely thank everyone for attending and supporting our school sports day. Thank you especially to Dean Carter our PE/ Health Specialist teach for organising and running a highly successful event.

### **Growth and Development**

We had a huge turnout from the community to our parent information sessions held last night. Thank you to Katharine, Dean and Kerryn for organising it.

In Weeks 1, 2 and 3 of Term 2, our Year 3 to 6 students will be attending Growth and Development sessions as part of the Australian Curriculum. Workshops by Kidz Biz Education are designed to educate and promote personal and social development health and well-being among young people, they provide the positive stimulus to develop the skills and knowledge and to explore values and attitudes so that students can address the myriad of issues that confronts them daily.



### **School Photos Term 2**

On Monday of Week 4, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, our students will be having their school photos. Order forms will be available early next term. Please add the date to your diary.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Take care and we will see you all on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Kind regards

Paul, Jackie and Katharine