



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 7 - Term 3

Dear Families,

Staffing Update

We would like to share some staffing news with our community. Liz loveday has taken leave for the rest of term three, and we welcome Emma-Kate Lindsay who is working alongside Merri in Room 18. Emma-Kate has been a regular relief teacher at our school and has fit in very well.

As some of you may know, Courtney Matthews (Classroom Student Support Officer) will take maternity leave starting in term 4 and we will welcome Karla Brown as her replacement. We wish Courtney all the best as her family grows. Karla has been a regular volunteer at our school and participates in numerous committees including Governing Council, Fundraising, Out of Hours Sports and also Canteen.

Kieran Buhagiar (Classroom Student Support Officer) has renewed his Teacher's Registration and from term 4 will now be working as a relief teacher at schools around the district. We thank Kieran for his efforts supporting students and hope to welcome him back as a relief teacher in the future.

Phonics Screen Check

Last week our year 1 teachers conducted the Phonics Screen Check which is a statewide assessment to ensure students are tracking well with their phonics knowledge. We are thrilled with the results that 84% of our year 1 students exceeded the pass rate which is a significant improvement on previous years (76% in 2022 and 61% in 2021). Most students were very close to the benchmark and are already receiving intervention. This is a positive indication of the hard work we have put into improving our Literacy across the school. A wonderful achievement for our Year 1 students and teachers, Reception teachers and SSOs!

125th Celebration

We really excited that this is the year we celebrate our school being open for 125 years! This means we also get to open the Time Capsule which was buried in 1998. We would like to invite our community, past students, parents, educators and anyone else who would like to come to celebrate this huge achievement with us on Saturday 28th October from 10am until 2pm. We will gather on the school oval where you can catch up with new and old friends and purchase food and drinks from a number of stalls (or bring your own). There will be displays in the hall of past memorabilia and some classrooms will be open for you to see how they have changed over the years.

If you have any photos or memorabilia to share, please contact the front office.

Term 3 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Governing Council – Monday 11th September
- School Tour – Tuesday 12th September
- Year 6 Camp to Monarto – 13th – 15th September
- Festival of Music Performance – Thursday 21st September
- Assembly – Room 17 & 14 @ 9.30am Friday 22nd September
- Crazy Hair Day – Friday 22nd September
- Colour Explosion School Run for Fun – Friday 29th September
- Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 29th September – 2:15pm finish

HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
125th Celebration
Saturday 28th of October
10am - 2pm
Happy Valley Primary School

Centenary Time Capsule Contents on Display
Tours of the School
Display 'Over The Years'
Pavers for Sale

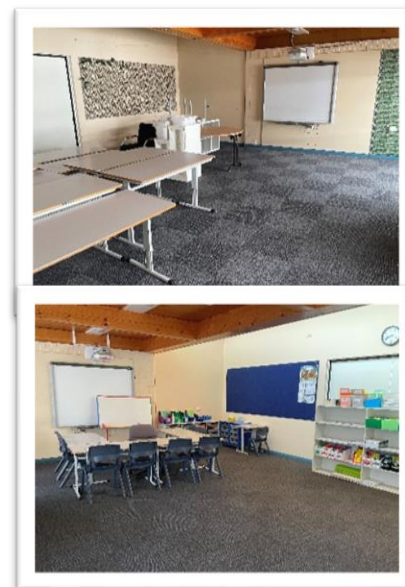
CWA Scones, Pedal Prix BBQ and much more!
Do you have any photos you'd like to share? Let us know!

Pupil Free Day

On Friday 1st September staff focused on preparing for their reading fluency daily lessons.

"Reading fluency makes comprehension possible and motivates students to read. When our students develop the fluency skills to read with reasonable accuracy, at an appropriate rate, with good expression – making what they read sound like speech - deep understanding and enjoyment of reading can happen." - Drs Hasbrouck and Glaser, Reading Fluency: Understand – Assess – Teach

Fluency is the ability to read text accurately, quickly and with expression. It occurs without conscious effort when all the component skills of reading are in place so the reader can focus on the meaning of a text. Fluent readers can maintain their skill over very long periods of time and can generalise across texts.



Staff also set about preparing for our 2 new classrooms which will be located in our Junior Primary building. We will be ordering new furniture and replacing the older style smartboards with new interactive screens ready for 2024.

New Flag Poles and Garden Upgrade

We have 3 new flag poles on the northeastern corner near the carpark entrance. They will replace the old weathered one at the main entrance to the school. It will be an eye-catching addition to Happy Valley Primary School especially when driving along Education Road.

We are also in the process of revamping our front garden beds in the coming weeks.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us for a day of fun and laughter! We are looking for volunteers to help with our incredible Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun on Friday September 29 after lunch (help set up/squirt colour on the kids/hose them down/help pack up).

If you would like to help with our fundraiser, please express your interest to Donna Backo or contact the front office.

We appreciate you helping us make our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun the best day at school!

Kind regards,
Paul, Jackie and Katharine

