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Term 4 Week 1

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that everybody had a safe, happy and enjoyable term break. This term, staff find themselves updating their first aid qualifications, continuing to develop their sports coaching skills through iPlay, and preparing for our musical. After that, our focus turns to assessment, reporting and swimming.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the newsletter will be published on a bi-weekly basis to lower costs to the school and allow Mrs Odgers and Miss Craig to focus on the busy end of year administration tasks, such as a full library stocktake.

To ensure that communication is still efficient and clear, we have developed a school Facebook page - <http://facebook.com/HannamValePS> - and this will be updated regularly. Like and follow us if you have Facebook. As well as Facebook, our website continues to be updated regularly with news, events, copies of notes and celebrations - <https://hannamvale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>.

Speaking of a library stocktake, please, if you have books that are overdue or at home, return them as soon as possible.

This Friday at 8:30am, we have a P&C meeting dedicated to the organisation of our working bee Saturday morning and the Hannam Vale Open Gardens this Sunday. If you can spare some time, come along and be involved in this rewarding and supportive group.

Attached is a letter from Mrs Everingham advising that she has decided to undertake the next stage of her life - retirement. Due to this, the position of HVPS Principal is currently being advertised to commence on the

Coming Events

Tuesday 16 Oct	Music Lessons
Friday 19 Oct	P&C meeting 8.30am Kitchen/Garden
Saturday 20 Oct	School/Garden Working Bee
Sunday 21 Oct	Hannam Vale Open Gardens
Tuesday 23 Oct	Music Lessons
Thursday 25 Oct	Mr Small – 3MAPS Principals meeting Camden Haven Community of Schools meeting
Friday 26 Oct	Kitchen/Garden
Wednesday 31 Oct & Nov 1	NSW PSSA Athletics Championships
Thursday 1 Nov	3MAPS Staff meeting

First day of Term 1 2019. I am unable to apply for this position due to my appointment as Assistant Principal at Beechwood PS, but I will continue to manage and support HVPS until the new principal takes over.

Thank you Mrs Everingham for everything that you have done and continue to do for our school. We are so fortunate that your skillset and presence continue to benefit our school and our students. We are sad to hear of your retirement, but, are happy for you and appreciate all of your continued support!

Thanks everyone for your continued support,

Sam Small
Teaching Principal

Value of the Fortnight Absorption

When you are using this learning muscle, you...

- Become engrossed in what you are doing
- May not be aware of the passing time
- Find being absorbed satisfying and rewarding
- Like the feeling of being stretched in your learning

GROWTH MINDSET

Ideas for Creating a Growth Mindset Environment at Home Part 8:

The Importance of Backstory – Part 1, Pablo Picasso

There is a fable about Spanish artist Pablo Picasso that goes along these lines.

Picasso was sitting on a park bench when a young woman came up to him and asked, "Could you draw me a picture, please?" Picasso got out his sketchpad and pencil and quickly sketched a portrait of the young woman. She beamed as he handed her the sketch. "Oh, it's so lovely!" she exclaimed. Before the young woman turned to leave, Picasso said, "That will be one million dollars, please."

"A million dollars!" she said in surprise. "But it only took you two minutes."

"Actually," said Picasso, "it took me a lifetime."

This fable highlights the true value of expertise.

While we often place value on the end product, the true value of expertise is derived from the years spent developing abilities that make it possible to produce the end product.

The real value lies in the backstory.

The backstory is of critical importance in education. Too often, our students ask, "Am I like Picasso?" or, "Do I have the abilities of an Einstein?" They look inside themselves and ask, "What abilities do I have?" They don't expect to have to build their own backstory. They expect to just have the abilities.

The notion that we are born with certain talents and abilities is the Fixed Mindset view of the world. Students with a Fixed Mindset expect to "discover" their talents and abilities. They believe people like Picasso have always had their abilities and that's why they can create art. These students believe being an artist comes before doing the art. They don't see the artist's backstory.

When Picasso states it has taken him a lifetime to produce the drawing, he is crediting his ability to his backstory – a lifetime spent developing his talents. The fact it only took a few moments to create the beautiful sketch is irrelevant. It could not have been created without Picasso's backstory of developing his abilities.

Students with a Growth Mindset understand Picasso's point. These students don't look inside themselves, expecting to discover their abilities. They understand they need to develop them. They understand that to become an artist (or anything else), they must go through the process of becoming – they must build their own backstory.

Picasso didn't spend a lifetime painting. He spent a lifetime working out how to become a better painter. In the process, he created many paintings, some of which are worth millions of dollars today because they are the reflection of a lifetime of becoming a better painter.

Next newsletter – Mozart.

Would you like to know more? –

<http://www.hannamvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/growth-mindset-culture-at-home>





**Stephanie Alexander
Kitchen Garden**

Kitchen/garden will be held this Friday. Don't forget your \$2 contribution towards this wonderful program. Mrs E has donated some new chooks and they are settling in well to their new home. We will need to get our gardens ready for the Hannam Vale Open Garden Day so any help will be gratefully accepted.



Reward Day at Planet X

We all had a wonderful time at our end of term Reward Day!



A few spills but lots of fun!



P&C News

Welcome back to everyone for the busy last term of the school year! We hope that everyone had a great (and possibly restful) holiday.

Open Gardens


The Open Gardens is upon us again and we will need all hands on deck to make it a success and ease the burden for others. If you are unable to help on the day, assistance will be required with baking, early set-up, pack-up and shopping.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the attached volunteer form and return to the office asap. This is a very important fundraiser for us and we are hoping to make it as successful as possible.

We will be holding a special logistics P&C meeting this Friday morning at 8.30am for volunteers. I will catch up with anyone who can't make it after school.



Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm, as you get older, remember you have another hand: The first is to help yourself, the second is to help others.



Audrey Hepburn
Actress
(1929-1993)

QuoteHD.com

As always, thank you for your support
Michelle Dennis, P&C President



TERM 4 2018

October Week 1	15 Newsletter School resumes for students and staff	16 Music lessons	17	18 Mr Small – Instructional Leadership training	19 P&C meeting 8.30am Kitchen/ Garden	20 School Working Bee 21 HV Open Gardens
October Week 2	22 Visit from Mr Obrien CHHS for Y6	23 Music lessons	24	25 3MAPS Principals meeting ½ day COS meeting 12pm	26 Kitchen/Garden	
Oct/Nov Week 3	29 Newsletter	30 Music lessons	31 NSW State PSSA Athletics	1 NSW State PSSA Athletics 3MAPS staff meeting 4-5pm	2 Celebration Assembly	
November Week 4	5	6 Music lessons	7	8 RFS Fire safety workshop 11.30 – 1pm	9 P&C meeting 8.30am Kitchen/Garden	
November Week 5	12 Newsletter	13 Music lessons	14 Musical	15	16 Kitchen/Garden	
November Week 6	19 GG Van	20 Music lessons	21	22 3MAPS staff meeting 4-5pm	23 Celebration Assembly	
November Week 7 Swimming	26 Newsletter	27	28	29 3MAPS Principals meeting full day	30	
Nov/Dec Week 8 Swimming	3	4 High School Orientation day	5	6	7	
December Week 9	10 Newsletter	11 Music lessons	12 Presentation Morning	13	14 P&C meeting 8.30am Garden	
December Week 10	17	18 Reward Day	19 Final day for students	20 3MAPS School Development Day	21 3MAPS School Development Day	

Hannam Vale Open Garden Day



Visit the beautiful Hannam Vale valley

View private country gardens

Morning tea and lunches and lots more available in the Hannam Vale Reserve in the heart of Hannam Vale

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018

P&C volunteers wanted!

Remember to return your P&C Café volunteer note if you are able to help. Spare notes available in the school office.

This is the P&C Association's annual major fundraiser for the school. Please volunteer your time and baking skills, to help raise much-needed funds for our small school!