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Term 1 Week 9

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The Star of the Week for Term 1 Week 9
is... Javier Tee!



For his skills in Robotics

What book are you reading at the moment?

Power and Poisons. It's all about animals.

What do you enjoy most about Maths?

Nothing – sport is my favourite subject!

What project are you working on in class?

Virtual Reality. Last week we started putting together our school tour and we are almost finished.

What do you like most about Kitchen/Garden?

Gardening. My favourite thing in the garden is the strawberries.

Do you have a hobby? What is it?

Soccer. I play almost every day at home.

What is your dream holiday? Where? Doing what?

Going to watch the Olympics anywhere. I would love to see the soccer, and the running. And all the sport!

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A professional soccer player



Coming Events

Friday 27th Mar

LDPSSA Cross-Country @
HVPS POSTPONED

Friday 3rd Apr

Kitchen-Garden

Thursday 9th Apr

Last day of term

Principal's message:

A **very warm welcome** to our newest classmates Jaycob and Bentley Manning who joined our school last Wednesday. We are sure you'll really enjoy being a part of the Hannam Vale team!



COVID-19 Update



NSW Incident Alerts

2 hrs · 🌐



NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has this morning encouraged parents to keep their children at home for the rest of the term if they are in a position to do so.

"We appreciate these are uncertain times and we thank all our teachers and all of our frontline workers who are going over and above to keep the community functioning,".

Unless health advice changes, the schools themselves will remain open until the end of term.



We will be putting together flexible learning packs to support families who choose to keep their children at home from school during this time. These packs will take us a couple of days to put together and we will be in contact when they are ready to go home.

It is certainly a different and rapidly changing world we find ourselves in at present due to implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As I write this we are anticipating an announcement from the NSW Premier who yesterday afternoon promised to 'say more' on schools after announcing stricter social isolation measures for the general community and the shutting down of non-essential services. The Prime Minister is also regularly addressing the public to share his latest advice on school closures. In short, it's moving fast. I recommend keeping up to date via the NSW DEC site or schools update app. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus.html>

It is important to note that because these announcements are coming directly from the PM or Premier's office, we are receiving the information the same time as you, via the same public channels.

Our priority is of course students, providing safety, stability and maintaining the provision of quality education as best we can. We have begun work to provide resources to families in the event of self-isolation or school closures. It won't be perfect. I don't usually rely on Facebook as a source of calm or balanced opinion but I saw a great post from a principal over the weekend on expectations. His message was be kind, be flexible and keep the lines of communication open. We do not expect children to be independent learners, online learning is not the same as face to face, we do not expect parents to be teachers and we expect that teachers will need some time to figure out how to operate in this completely different model of working with your child. My main message is that my door or phone line is always open. If you have questions or just want to chat through things I am here.

Family satisfaction survey

Thank you to those families who provided valuable feedback via the **Family satisfaction survey**, particularly those who contributed really considered opinions on what they believe works well and where they would like to see Hannam Vale develop in the future. This information, and the conversations it sparks will be a really important part of how we evaluate and plan for school improvement. Another important aspect will be the ongoing conversations we have about your child's learning and how we can best

support them set and achieve meaningful personal learning goals. It is hoped that we will be able to go ahead with Three-Way Family Conferences early next term (our plan has shifted due to the unforeseen arrival of social distancing and COVID-19). At schools, students have already started evaluating their strengths and areas for development in preparation for these conversations. Families might enter the conversation by asking questions like;

- What do you enjoy learning about and doing?
- What are your strengths?
- What helps you learn at school?
- What things do you find tricky and need help with?
- Are you getting the help you need at school?
- Are you doing your best at school?
- What else could you do to improve or achieve your best?
- For things you don't enjoy as much – why?
- How are your connections with others? (yes that includes both teachers and students)

I certainly appreciate the role of parents in advocating for their children and hearing directly from children is important to us. Of course, WE bring grown up perspectives on what matters for their future and how resilience and growth is created through being appropriately challenged. That's why a three-way conversation is so valuable. In the meantime, my door is always open to chat about your child and what we can do to support their learning and wellbeing.

Speaking of learning here are a few snaps from last week showing how diverse any learning day might be...

Whiteboards are a great flexible 'risk free' way to practise... great for the classroom and at home!



A reptile visitor came creeping past at lunch... why not pretend we are David Attenborough narrating a documentary... all of a sudden, we're exploring technical nouns, sizzling sentences, narration skills and formal presentation tone of voice in the playground.



Robotics underway....





NAPLAN

The nation's education Ministers met on the 20th of March 2020 deciding to cancel NAPLAN for 2020. This decision includes cancellation of:

- NAPLAN Online practice testing, 23 March – 9 April 2020
- NAPLAN Online tests, 12 May – 22 May 2020
- NAPLAN paper tests, 12 – 15 May 2020.

This means that students in Grades 3 and 5 expecting to sit NAPLAN in Term 2 will no longer be doing so. Information from NESA on this announcement can be found here:

<https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/novel-coronavirus>

EXTERNAL VALIDATION (EV)

Due to increased demands on schools in the current pandemic, NSW Department of Education has taken

the decision to hold over EV processes, at this stage until early Term 2. This impacts Hannam Vale's submission as the panel was set to visit in Week 11. When it is rescheduled I will let you know.

Thanks,



Nicole Menzies

P&C News

Hot Meals

Spaghetti bolognese is back!

As per last year hot meals are \$5 each. Please let a staff member know about your order in the morning and leave payment in the school office. Yum!

Uniforms

Our Uniform Shop superstar Magda is available by appointment to help you with all your uniform needs. If you are unable to submit an order form, please text your order to Magda on 0408 090 462.

Also, please ensure you use the P&C Uniform Shop's bank details to make any EFT payments for uniforms. Please do not make payments to the school using the Parent Online Payment tab on the school website.

Hannam Vale P&C Uniform Shop bank details:

BSB: 062 603

Account: 28020970

Quote of the Week



Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

Michelle Dennis
President

TERM 1 2020

Mar Week 9	23	24	25	26	27 LDPSSA Cross Country
Apr Week 10	30	31	1	2	3 Kitchen garden
Apr Week 11	6	7 EV Panel visit	8	9 Last Day of Term Assembly & Hat Parade 2.30pm	10 Good Friday

Cough etiquette

Cover your cough



- When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth
- Dispose of the tissue afterwards
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Wash your hands



- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hands with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand cleansers if you do not have access to soap and water

Remember hand washing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

Anyone with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, regardless of the cause, should be instructed to cover their nose/mouth when coughing or sneezing; use tissues to contain respiratory secretions; dispose of tissues in the nearest waste receptacle after use; and wash their hands afterwards.