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Term 2 Week 8

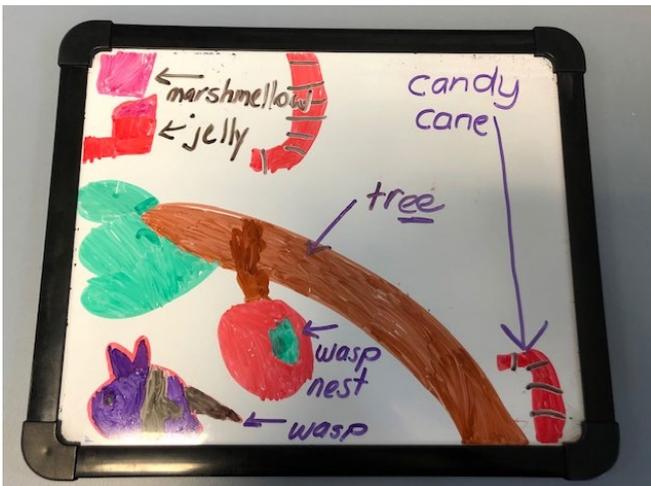
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The Star of the Week is Jayden

For great work in Maths and Visual Arts!



What is your favourite subject at school and why?

Maths. Because I can get lots of help.

What book are you reading at school the moment?

I can't remember but I like having books read to me.

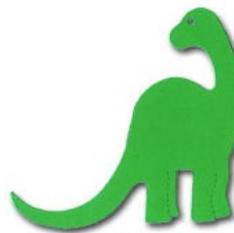
Do you have any pets?

I have five cats. Their names are Leo, Marley, Makeara, Macho and Ebony. Leo is black and white.



What is your favourite colour?

Green!



Do you have any hobbies?

Playing games and playing on the iPad and playing the Wii.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

I don't know yet!

Coming Events

Friday 19 th June	Kitchen Garden
Friday 26 th June	Year 5 Opportunity Class applications close
Friday 3 rd July	Kitchen Garden Last Day of Term 2



Principal's message:

Well here we are Week 8! Time flies when you are having fun and learning a lot!!

Update on school operations

Last Friday, I e-mailed all families the updated *Guide for Parents for return to face-to-face learning*. In line with Dept of Education Guidelines, there will be no change for adults for the remainder of Term 2. Student seating in the classroom is back to normal. We will revisit and advise you of any changes for Term 3. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to give me call, drop me an e-mail, or a shout out from your car at pick up time.

Modified Semester 1 Reports

A reminder that in line with directives from NSW Department of Education, our school reports for Semester 1, 2020 have been adjusted to consider students learning from school and at home during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Semester One reports will be issued to families on Wednesday 1st July.



We're validated!!

Last Thursday I met (via Microsoft Teams video call) with an expert panel to complete External Validation (EV). Each year, schools complete a self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework (SEF) and collect evidence to support their judgements. Every 5 years, schools submit their collection of evidence and analysis to a panel of experts so that it can be independently reviewed. This process is not an inspection, but rather a conversation, an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about the school's practice, the evidence that underpins their judgements and to explore areas for future development. For this reason, EV is designed to support schools and principals make transparent, valid and consistent judgements that inform school planning.

As we come to the end of our 2018-2020 School Plan and begin to look ahead, there is no better time to be involved in EV! It was a great way for me to 'dive deep' and objectively explore the 'Teaching, Learning and Leading' happening here at Hannam Vale. The feedback from the panel was very positive and I certainly concluded the meeting feeling validated on behalf of us all!

And since we all should practice what we preach... and I tell our students that sharing positive feedback when you have worked hard on something and can be proud of your efforts isn't bragging, even if it feels a bit weird doing it... Below is a message I received from the Panel convenor that I'd like to share with you all...

Hi Nicole

I just wanted to say a big thank you for the time you took to work with Michelle and I at yesterday's External Validation panel for Hannam Vale PS.

We both really enjoyed the opportunity to see and hear more about your school and the great work being done there. You did a fantastic job of clarifying many aspects of the school processes and achievements and it is clear that you have engaged wholeheartedly in your Relieving Principal role. I know that this is a really demanding role and that the completion of an External Validation for any small school principal is challenging. Being new to the role adds another layer of challenges, but it is clear you are up to it. It appears to me that your leadership capacity has been enhanced by this experience and by your very positive and forward looking approach.

It was a pleasure to meet and work with you Nicole. Best wishes for the remainder of the year and for whatever opportunities come next for you.

Kind regards

David Willard

Principal, School Leadership – Forster

Of course, EV is a point in time snapshot/analysis of the work consistently done to provide high quality teaching and learning, so a **big high five** belongs to our teachers, staff, students and our super supportive community.



And speaking of teamwork, on Thursday I'll be meeting with 3MAPS Principals and our Educational Director, Andrew Kuchling.

Have a Gr8 Week 8 everyone!

Mrs Menzies



Education

Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- A new test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Classroom Fun

Along with the return of robotics last week the students also worked on an art project inspired by Kandinsky. They are exploring the elements of line, colour, value and shape and learning to blend watercolour paints.





Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Kitchen Garden Report - Week 6

It was very beneficial for all of us to have 2 weeks in a row of Kitchen/Garden, it will be on again in two weeks on 19th June. Because we have had a reasonable break there was plenty to do in our garden. Kitchen students and Mrs. Stevenson got the opportunity to make more of that **green tomato jam** - so it's still for sale everyone!

Last week's photos sent into the Stephanie Alexander website, were featured on the main SAKGF webpage.



The Zucchini group got very busy planting cabbages (from seed) and making a cover for cabbages. The mound in front of the chook pen was weeded and planted with a winter mix of permaculture seeds then mulched. 2 rhubarb plants were planted, and lemon myrtle leaves were harvested and dried.



Broccoli Group were involved in seed saving of marigolds and sunflowers, weeding and preparation of the old potato patch happened, and mint and oregano were planted. There was a lot of mulching completed also.



The Harvest basket!

The Eggplant group cooked up delicious Omelettes of the Imagination, and tasty Basil Pesto served with a spoonful of tomato jam! We harvested kale, basil, eggplants, parsley and tomatoes from the garden.

A Yummy lunch for everyone! Thanks to Andie and Harry for all of those eggs. PLUS our clever little pullets are producing 3 eggs a day now. This is a great thing!





HVPS has been invited to become a leader school by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Group... which sounds wonderful, however, requires a report be sent to them which is quite comprehensive and requires a bit of a history over the past 6 years! I am on it!

A leader school will be asked to support other schools usually demonstrating how a session is organised. Of course this will not be happening for a while under the present health restrictions and circumstances.

Looking forward to our next session. Take care everyone!

Happy cooking and gardening,

Mrs. E.

P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be confirmed once we have the go ahead to hold meetings onsite.

All parents and community members are welcome to attend our P&C meetings which are usually held monthly on alternate Friday mornings and Monday afternoons.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Hot Meals

The freezer has been restocked with delicious spaghetti bolognese. Perfect for the colder days! Meals are \$5 each.

Let staff know if you would like one on the day and they will defrost one ready for lunch time. Thanks Magda!

Uniforms

Please text Magda on 0408 090 462 if you need to arrange an appointment to buy uniform.

Quote of the Week



*there's a different
point of view awaiting you,
if you just look up.*

*Jack
Many Poppino Returns*

TERM 2 2020

May Week 8	15	16	17	18 3 MAPS Principals meeting with DEL	19 Kitchen Garden
May Week 9	22	23	24	25	26 Year 5 Opportunity Class applications close
May Week 10	29	30	1 Reports go home	2	3 Kitchen Garden Last Day of Term 2

Good for Kids good for life

DICE FITNESS

Try this fun, simple fitness activity as a family to get moving at home!

Equipment needed:

- Dice (if you can, one between two)
- A piece of paper with your six exercises clearly written (put this where everyone can see it)
- Enough space to move safely

Procedure:

- In pairs (or in a small group, or individually) roll a dice.
- Do the exercise that matches the number on the dice once. For each roll, do another repetition (for example, do the exercise twice on the second roll, three times on the third roll).

Try the exercises suggested below, or come up with your own ideas! Anything that gets you moving should work.

Exercises:

1. Burpees
2. Lunges
3. Squats
4. Mountain Climbers
5. Sit Ups
6. Push Ups



Challenge: Run or side gallop to the other side of the room/garden and back between dice rolls!