Term 4 has started with great excitement.

**SCIENCE TEACHER**

We welcome Mr Thomas Hall, who comes highly recommended and has very graciously accepted the role as our Science teacher this term. We thank Mrs Joyce, and understand sometimes life throws us very suddenly on to a different path. We welcome Mr Hall and hope he enjoys his time at HVPS.

**HEC ARTS EXHIBITION**

Last week Helena Valley Primary School hosted the Hills Education Network 'Arts Exhibition'.

The grand opening was attended by close to 200 people, comprising of families across the 11 Hills schools. Those attending provided positive feedback about the quality of art produced across the Network.

I would like to thank Alma Lydiate and Jaye Foster (Helena Valley PS) Christine Morton (Wooroloo PS) and Helena Valley PS Staff for their efforts towards this event.

Congratulations to all the Helena Valley students who were selected to have their art included in the exhibition:

- Gabriel, Mia, Jayden, Reina, Morgan
- Kate, Maya, Jessica, Laysie, Tina
- Wyonna, Mieke, Dominic, Toby, Rachel
- Gabrielle, Imogen, Mason, Audrey
- Adalene, Gemma, Tenille, Dylan, Lana
- Bridget, Holly, Bevin, Ashlea
- Angelique, Elizabeth, Ayden, Alana
- Aaleyah, James, Oscar.

**BUSHFIRE PREPARATION**

On Monday I attended the Mundaring Shire Principal Forum where we discussed Bushfire preparation and the importance of families having a plan. Especially in situations where children, in particular teens, are left at home by themselves and find themselves in the middle of a bush fire. Please use the link to review your home plan and discuss this plan with your children. [https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/prepare](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/prepare)

I would like to thank parents for their use of the school app, especially in regard to notifying the school of student non attendance.

I regret that I cannot attend the P&C disco this week, as my son's school has their school disco on the same night. I hope everyone enjoys the disco, don't forget to dress up!

Tamala Wilkinson
Principal

You can do anything as long as you have the passion, the drive, the focus, and the support. Sabrina Bryan
From the Deputy

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

The inaugural Hills Education Community Interschool Athletics Carnival is being held on Wednesday 2nd November (jumps and throws, middle distance events) and Friday 4th November (sprints, relays and team games) at Mundaring Recreation Ground. Selected competitors have received their excursion notes and should return their permission slip and bus fare as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have done this already.

We are the organising school for this carnival and look forward to your support. Notes have been sent home today with further details and a request for volunteers.

Good luck to all our athletes. We know they will try their hardest and represent our school with pride.

SCHOOLS RUN4FUN

The Run4Fun held on October 13th was again a very enjoyable and exciting event. It was great to see the children and family members taking part, promoting fitness and fun. A huge thank you to families and friends who kindly sponsored the children. The orders for prizes and donations have been rolling in, with the final collection day extended to Monday 31st October. Orders will then be sent off and we hope to be able to distribute prizes in a few weeks. Sponsorship money raised will provide a fantastic boost for student resources.

IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

In-term swimming lessons for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students will be held in weeks 5 and 6 of the term (Monday, 7th November through to Friday, 18th November) at Bilgoman Pool. Excursion notes and enrolment forms were sent home on Monday. Swimming lessons are an essential part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum.

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

The Student Councillors have organised a fundraiser for next Tuesday, 1st November, Melbourne Cup Day. Students are invited to wear a stylish, funny, unusual, sporty or crazy hat to school, and for the privilege they will donate a “gold” coin. Money raised will be donated to the RSPCA to help in their campaigns to prevent cruelty to animals. Please note that students will still need their regular school hats for outside play.

MAX AND KALLAN BROWN BMX SUCCESS

Over the holidays both Kallan & Max Brown competed in the BMX State Championships for Western Australia. Kallan now holds 4WA! He is the 4th best rider for 10 year old boys in WA out of 42 riders. (Last year he was 6WA for 9 year olds).

Max doesn't place until he reaches 8 years old but all riders up to 7 years receive a trophy for participation.
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Batteries and Pop Tops

Just a reminder that we are recycling batteries and pop tops and they can be placed in the bins provided outside the room 2.

The last battery collection for the year will be on 1st November so please try and bring all your batteries in before then. The batteries are weighed and the winning school will be invited to visit the recycling centre.

Thank you - Mrs Budd

Festa Italiana!

Just a reminder, Italian Day will be held TOMORROW! (Thursday, 27th March). Children are encouraged to come dressed in anything or anyone from Italy; or in the Italian colours, green, white and red. Can’t wait to see you all dressed up in your wonderful costumes.

Looking forward to an action-packed, fun-filled Italian day.

Grazie,
Signora Jones

Book Club

Book Club will be handed out today and there will still be a collection box in the office for those that cannot do their order online. This means no change can be given. Correct cash, cheque (made out to Scholastic) or credit card. This can be done from Thursday 27 October till Monday 31st October.
Book Fair

Book Fair was once again a great success, selling nearly $4000 worth of books. The library was a hive of activity and looked fantastic. We would like to thank the whole school community & families for their generous support. The school has earned many new books and library resources as a result.

Competition winners

Boys Raffle: Connor Newman
Girls Raffle: Siobhan Sudholz
Guess the Lolly’s Jar: Luca Pearce

Special thanks go to Jess Leiper, Karen Goronski, Christine Sudholz and the students who helped out during the fair. Everyone’s enthusiasm and hard work helped ensure the Book Fair’s success.

Sandy Thoms
Library Officer

Students Absent from/Late to School

Please notify the office before 9.30am via:

- SMS on 0437 410 293
- Phone on 9294 1062
- Email on HelenaValley.PS@education.wa.edu.au
- The absentee form on the new HVPS School App.

LATE TO SCHOOL - would parents please ensure that children who arrive to school after the 8.50am siren report to the front office and take a red card to the class teacher.

EXTENDED ABSENCE - please notify the office in writing (via email on HelenaValley.PS@education.wa.edu.au) prior to your child being absent from school for an extended period. This is a Department of Education requirement and will be forwarded to the Principal on receipt.

Immunisation

Maintaining a high level of immunisation within our community is very important to controlling many communicable diseases.

It is important for parents to make sure that their children have received all of the childhood vaccinations. This includes Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), and polio vaccines before school entry or from three and a half years of age. If you are unsure, phone 1800 653 809.

If your child has missed out on vaccinations, a doctor or immunisation nurse can provide ‘catch-up’ vaccinations.

Make an appointment with a GP or

Visit the local FREE Immunisation clinic run by Health Department

please phone 61511308 for bookings
The P&C are again very active this term with the Halloween Disco this Friday and the ‘Scrooge the Panto’ pantomime. With over $6000 raised during last term, including over $1000 from the 5c challenge alone, I’d like to thank students and parents for strongly supporting our school P&C last term. At last week’s P&C meeting we had a chance to see the wonderful refurbishment/reorganisation that is happening in the library with the support of P&C funds. It looks to be a vast improvement with two learning areas for our children and their teachers.

As we head for the end of the year I’d like to acknowledge Catherine and Michael Swanton who are moving to Queensland as they have played a large role in the P&C this year. Their efforts with the uniform shop and school banking have been integral to our function. We wish them the very best in their future endeavours. As a result, we are currently needing to urgently fill 2 volunteer positions in our Uniform Shop prior to the end of 2017.

Sales Manager
This role will take approximately 4 hours per week. This role can also be shared. It is primarily a customer service role, that manages all email inquiries, opens the uniform shop at least once per week, manages stock on hand, distributes orders, completes stock take once per term, completes all financial records and issues receipts, receives monies, shares responsibility for counting and banking money, liaises with Treasurer and Stock Control, organises notices for newsletter. Must be available for uniform shop open day, first week back of school, and preferably for kindy orientation also (date changes each year). Training and hand over provided prior to 30 November 2016.

Uniform Shop Treasurer
This role takes approximately 2-3 hours per week. Manages financial records, prepares financial records for audit, is responsible for managing account and paying invoices, shares responsibility with sales manager for counting and banking money at the end of each week. Training and hand over provided prior to 30 November 2016.

Both of these roles work closely with Stock Manager who is responsible for liaising with suppliers, ordering stock from the manufacturer and who supports both the Treasurer and Sales Manager with their duties.

We need volunteers for these roles URGENTLY. Please contact Catherine by emailing hvpsuniformshop@gmail.com if you think you can help.

Our next P&C meeting is Monday 28th November at 6pm in the Library.

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Fundraising

School Banking

Term 4 School Banking Competition:

Every time you bank with us in term 4, you will receive an entry ticket to enter into our raffle competition. There will be 3 prizes on offer, the more you bank the more chances of winning.
1 prize for Senior students years 4-6
2 prizes for Junior students Kindy - year 3.
Only students that attend the school are eligible to enter the raffle. Competition closes on Tuesday 6th of December and winners will be announced that day (drawn by School Staff).

School banking is every Tuesday morning 8:20am - 9:00am in the Library.
For more information about school banking or opening an Dollarmites account with the Commonwealth Bank, please contact Penny Sneddon 0415 908 645 or Catherine Swanton 0400 994 883.