Winter is approaching fast, with some very cool mornings this week. Please help your child stay warm with a school jacket, clearly labelled in case it is misplaced.

AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PLAYGROUND

It is very apparent that many families are staying around after school using the playground as an opportunity to provide their child with some play time or social time with friends. As in the past, we again ask that parents and families do not play in the playground. Staff are not on "duty" and often need to prepare for the following day. In some instances, sporting clubs have hired the school grounds and we are under contract to provide the venue without interference. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

COMMUNICATION

I have received feedback from a small number of parents about the lack of notification for the last School Development Day. The school provides families with many avenues of communication, the most critical being as follows:

1. The School Newsletter. The newsletter is published every fortnight, it can be collected from the office as a hard copy, emailed to you or downloaded from the schools website. The Newsletter outlines events, celebrations and important information for families.

2. The School Website. The School Website is still growing and provides information about events, community notices, celebrations, policies and class news. It is found at http://helenavalley.wa.edu.au/.

3. SMS. The school utilises SMS for daily follow up of attendance and to provide families with information about critical/emergency events.

4. Assemblies. Showcases your child's learning in a fun way. Special announcements and celebrations are often held at the assembly.

5. Notes Home. Generally notes home are excursion notes or significantly important information for all families.

6. Email. Email tends to be used to disseminate information quickly and on mass. Typically it is information that would traditionally have been sent home via note.

7. Phone calls, notes and letters. These three sources of information are typically used to send information to a family or families via a teacher or co-ordinator.

8. APP - from term 3 2016 the School will host an app that will provide critical information and send notifications directly to your smartphone.

So while I could continue a more exhaustive list of timelines and communication methods, I think it is safe to say that we appreciate the feedback, however would like to ask for families support in taking a few minutes a week to check school bags, emails or SMS so that this information is not lost. After all it is very frustrating for busy families, school staff who produce the information but more importantly to the students when they miss out on an event or don't get to share with their family a special achievement.

Congratulations to staff who worked very diligently on the School Development Day with Sawyers Valley Primary School and surprisingly a last minute request from Clayton View Primary School.

Tamala Wilkinson
From the Deputy

HILLS EDUCATION COMMUNITY SPELLING BEE

Last Wednesday our talented Spelling team travelled to Mundaring Primary School to compete in the annual Hills Education Spelling Bee against the best student spellers in our network. This event was held in two divisions – Year 3/4 students and Year 5/6 students, a total of 40 students from 10 schools. In a very keenly contested spelling bee, our entrants, Elizabeth Guy and Lana Marshall (Juniors) and Morgan Smith and Marcel Fusco (Seniors) performed exceptionally well, proceeding to the latter rounds, with Libby winning the Runner-up trophy in the Junior division. Congratulations to all team members on a fabulous effort. The winners and runners-up from each division were: Junior Winner – Amber McCarten (Chidlow PS); Runner Up – Elizabeth Guy (Helena Valley PS); Senior Champion – Nash Ley (Sawyers Valley PS); Runner Up – Jayde Doyle (Mundaring PS).

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The teachers are currently working late hours preparing your child’s Semester 1 report. This report reflects where your child is now in relation to Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. It is important to remember that this report is an interim one, indicating your child’s development so far. Your child still has another 6 months of learning to complete this year. If you have any concerns after you’ve read your child’s report, please ring the front office to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. Reports are scheduled to be sent home on 27th June.

2017 Enrolments

Parents/carers wishing to enrol their children turning four before 30th June 2017 in Kindergarten are invited to complete an ‘Application for Enrolment’ form. These are available from the school office.

Students who are entering Pre Primary in 2017 will also need to re-enrol. “Application for Enrolment” forms were sent home with students. If you did not receive a form, they are available from the school office.

Applications for both Kindergarten and Pre Primary close Friday 22nd July 2016.

Further information is available by phoning the school on 9294 1062.
Thankyou to Ms Shepherd and the year 1/2 Students from Room 7

**Honour Board**

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**Honour Certificates**

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**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 9 June till Wednesday 15th June.

**Absentees**

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please notify the office via email (HelenaValley.PS@education.wa.edu.au), SMS on 0437 410 293 (text only) or call on 9294 1062 before 9.30am. Please would ALL parents make sure that children who arrive to school after the 8.50am siren report to the front office and take a red late card to the class teacher.
Canteen News

Wow, term 2 is almost over. Thankyou to the staff, parents and the wonderful children for making me feel so welcome.

A huge thankyou to my volunteers for all their support, we have had a lot of fun in the canteen and enjoy the kids so much. Thankyou Penny and Dave for our new aprons and to Lucelle for her cleaning up of the canteen, it is very much appreciated.

An ongoing thankyou to Aunty Tracey who helps every Tuesday her muffins and pikelets are favourites amongst the kids.

We would like more volunteers so please feel free to come in even for an hour.

Thankyou

Donna Lysle