



Happy Valley School

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News letter

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SPECIAL EDITION

CLASS PLACEMENTS

With this Special News Update you will find your child's learning report for 2004.

In addition for students enrolled for the 2005 school year, you will also find their class teachers/s and location. As previously published, making decisions to place students into classes and teachers is complex, managing the many competing demands to achieve an optimum learning environment. We have achieved this through previously published criteria, endorsed by the Governing Council. This focuses on achieving positive learning environments for students and teachers, taking into consideration:

Priority 1 - A balance in:-

- Year level numbers
- Gender
- Academic ability
- Behavioural issues

Priority 2 – Consideration of:-

- Peer relations (friendships)

In the vast majority of cases we have achieved placements considering both priorities but in a small number of cases maintaining all 'friendships' caused clashes. This meant focusing on students and the learning environment was the final consideration when formulating classes.

Also may I remind us of the physical geography and facility Happy Valley School has for the teaching and learning of students. We have a mixture of 2 and 3 teacher collaborative learning environments, together with a limited number of single units. Current teachers have nominated to teach in their respective areas and many are planning collaborative ventures together. A map is included with this newsletter to assist in class and teacher locations.

The school structure for 2005 is,

Year Level	Teacher	Location
Reception/Year 1	Stephanie Kakoschke	Unit 4
Year 2	Sue Higgins	Unit 4
Reception (Term 3 intake)	TBA in Term3	Unit 4
Year 1/2	Sandra Bailey	T 10
Reception	Margaret Neemann	Unit 5
Reception/Year 1	Shelley Saunders	Unit 5
Year 1/2	Carmel Nicholson	Unit 5
Year 3/4	Jim Graham	Unit 3
Year 3/4	Helen Whisson	Unit 3
Year 3/4	Carol Atherton	Unit 2
Year 6	Daryl Draper	Unit 2
Year 6/7	Barb Williams	Unit 2
Year 6/7	D'Arcy Jones	Unit 1
Year 5	Scott Francis / TBA (New)	T 5
Year 5	Simon Mueller	T 6
German	Tanya Morris	T 1 and 2
Teacher Librarian	Phyllis Carn	Unit 3 Resource Centre
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SPECIAL SILENT AUCTION

Just a reminder to let you know about the SILENT AUCTION we are having. There is a Power Team Poster signed by Warren Tredrea and Matthew Primus, beautifully framed by Ray Skippen, 10 Easton Road, Happy Valley.

We also have a signed Crows football signed by Mark Ricciuto and Gary Ayres and is beautifully presented in a glass case made and donated by Les and Anne Skinner of Tudor Glass.

Bids for both items will commence at \$50 each. Considering their value, the fundraising group has set a reserve which if met the SILENT AUCTION will conclude at 8.00pm on Monday 6th December. An announcement will be made at the Christmas get together of the outcome. If the reserve is not met, these wonderful football mementos will form part of the 2005 fundraising initiatives.

Get your bids in to be part of this wonderful competition.

Finally, don't forget the Christmas raffle tickets for some wonderful prizes, which can be viewed in the Resource Centre. You have to be in it to win it!

Sandie Sherriff on behalf of the Fundraising Committee



LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of items in our lost property area which is located on the racks near the Resource Centre. Please take a few minutes to look through these items when next at school

We also have two watches in the front office, one is a well known brand ladies dress watch which was handed in some weeks ago and the other is a gent's which was found only recently. If you believe it could belong to you, please speak to Denise in the front office.

We welcome to our Happy Valley School community Stephanie Kakoschke currently Acting Deputy Principal and Year 1/2 teacher at Paringa Park Primary and Margaret Neemann, currently a Reception teacher at Black Forest Primary. Both of these appointments are for one year. We also welcome Jim Graham back to our school for a further year as a Year 3/4 teacher. Scott Francis will continue to have a high focus on the Physical Education program and Year 5 class responsibilities, however as yet no appointment has been confirmed to work collaboratively with Scott as a Year 5 teacher in T5.

Sadly we say thank you and good-bye to Nola Foster, Trudie Petho and John Pope. As yet we cannot confirm their future school locations. All have been placed in schools near their homes to be allocated to vacancies in mid January next year. Further updates will be provided in next weeks final newsletter for 2004.

So please look out for this important folder celebrating your child's achievement in learning, effort and attitudes towards their learning.

CHRISTMAS EVENING

Monday December 6th

Food available from 6.00pm

Entertainment from 7.30pm

Music, performances, fun, food and fireworks await you at our annual Christmas Evening on the oval.

A \$2 Gold Coin donation per person at the gate will assist in offsetting the cost of the fireworks.

There will be community carol singing so come in good voice with your picnic tea.

The School Christmas Raffle of approx. 40 prizes will be drawn on the night.

A Barbecue will be organised by Pedal Prix Families

We ask families to bring a donation of a can or packet to provide for food hampers, which will be distributed to needy families in our community.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



YEAR 7 GRADUATION

This is the time of year when preparations are well advanced of the Year 7 Graduation climaxing on **Thursday 9th December at 7.00 pm.**

In addition there are some activities involving Year 6 students, which highlight the proud history and values Happy Valley School emphasis with its students and community.

All Year 7 students have worked on a piece of prose for entry in the School's Bettie Deering Memorial Prize. The prize will be presented on the graduation night along with the Jo Mellor Maths Prize and Student Leadership Awards. Year 6 students are also involved in submitting a piece of prose for entry in the school's Sandra Kopli Memorial Prize, which will be presented at the final assembly on Friday 10th December.

The Year 7 students have now selected a book, which will be presented to them on the Graduation Evening. Thank you to Parent Club for once again funding this gift. Footsteps Dance Studio has been working with the Year 7's on instructions and practice in formal dance lessons, which occur on Graduation Night.

Graduation Evening is about including every student. It is planned for Thursday 9th December commencing at 7.00 pm. It will include presentations held outside



in the southern yard, followed by dancing and refreshments indoors. We ask that all graduating students bring a small plate of food for supper, and if there are parents, who could help with setting up the supper, please speak to us.

Luke and Chris will be performing on Graduation Night

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES

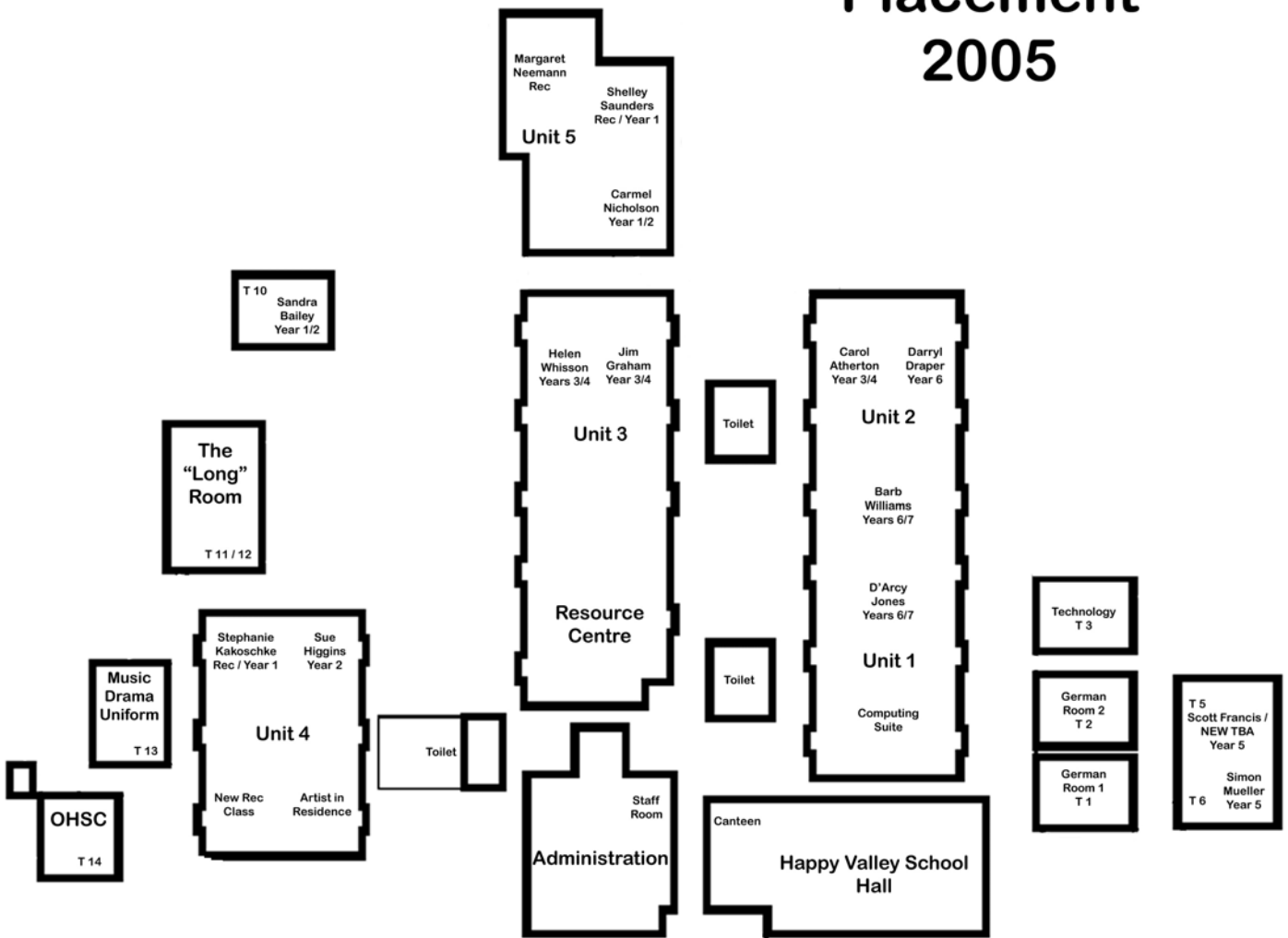
The materials and services charge for 2005 has been set by the Governing Council at \$196. The Education Minister has set the legally enforceable Materials and Services Charge for 2005 at \$171. An additional materials and services levy of \$25 has been approved by the Governing Council for the purchase of the resources for education department programmes. All students attending the school in term 1 will have the benefit of attending Come Out 2005 activities and the cost of these activities has been included in a performance levy of \$44.00 for 2005.

Fees invoices and further information regarding the charges for 2005 will be sent home with students on Wednesday 8th December.

In 2005, the Application for School Card requires the verification of the primary cardholder's *Centrelink Customer Reference Number* and a declaration by the applicant that their combined gross family income fell within the School Card income limits. ***Further information will be made available when it becomes available.***

Payment of fees on an instalment plan will be available.

Class and Room Placement 2005



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