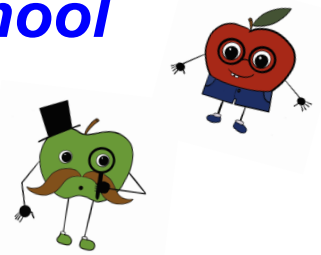




Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 13th February 2026

Week 3 Term 1

TERM 1- 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY 18 TH FEBRUARY	PREP REST DAY
THURSDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY	ASSEMBLY GR 3
WEDNESDAY 25 TH FEBRUARY	PREP REST DAY
THURSDAY 26 TH FEBRUARY	ASSEMBLY STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRESENTATIONS
MONDAY 2 ND MARCH	PARENT TEACHER EXCHANGE ALL DAY
WEDNESDAY 4 TH MARCH	PARENT TEACHER EXCHANGE 3:45PM – 4:45PM
SATURDAY 7 TH MARCH	APPLEFEST – JAMES PARK HARCOURT 10AM
MONDAY 9 TH MARCH	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY 11 TH MARCH	NAPLAN
THURSDAY 2 ND APRIL	LAST DAY TERM 1 – 2:30PM FINISH
FRIDAY 3 RD APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY

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HARCOURT

APPLEFEST
 2026

**BREAKFAST
CLUB**

**FRIDAY MORNINGS
FROM 8:15AM
SCHOOL KITCHEN**

**APPLE PIE BAKING THURSDAYS AND MOST
FRIDAYS IN SCHOOL KITCHEN PLEASE COME
AND HELP NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**



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WELCOME MR TONZING

A little about me.....

'I'd like to say thank you to our wonderful school community for such a warm welcome over my first three weeks. I've already felt incredibly supported and am really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with our students and families.

This will be my fourth year of teaching, and I'm passionate about creating a positive and engaging classroom environment for all learners. Outside of school, I'm a fanatic Richmond supporter, recently got married, my wife also works in education, and I love playing basketball and spending time with family and friends.

I'm excited to continue getting to know everyone across the year and to be part of such a great community.'

PARENT-TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE SESSIONS

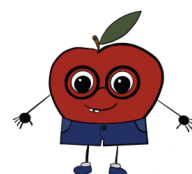
Term 1 Parent/teacher information exchange sessions will be held during the day on Monday 2nd March, and after school on Wednesday 4th March from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Students are only required at school with their parent/carer during the period of their booked time. The parent-teacher exchange session is an important opportunity for parents/carers to discuss how their child has settled into the start of the school year. Bookings are now open on Xuno and OSHC Adventures will be available for families on the day.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Next week, we will continue with our school wide positive behaviour focus centred on: Being Respectful Robert by actively listening to others.

As active listeners we:

- S -Sit up straight in our chair.
- L- Lean our body towards the speaker.
- A- Actively participate in the lesson by asking and answering questions.
- N- nod our head to show understanding or agreement
- T- Track the speaker.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th February commencing at 6:30 p.m. The following School Council meeting will be the AGM scheduled for Wednesday 25th of March. In the lead up to the AGM, I will be calling for nominations for the vacancies on School Council within the coming weeks. I encourage interested parents to nominate for the positions. If you decide to stand for elections, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate, or you are welcome to self-nominate.

As the tenure of School Council positions is two years, the following School Council members terms of office will expire in March of this year:

Sam Verlin, Christine Webb and DET member, Candice Hargreaves.

Thank you to Sam, Christine and Candice for all of their hard work and commitment to the school during their time as School Council members.

Please note, the vacant positions can be filled by new parents, or retiring School Council members can be re-elected or self-nominate.

Nominations for School Council will open on Monday 2nd March and we will have 2 parent vacancies and 1 DET member vacancy. Nomination forms will be available at reception on Monday 2nd March.

STUDENT COUNCIL

To enhance our student voice, I am seeking interested Grade 2 to Grade 6 students to join Student Council this year. There are a number of vacancies and students are invited to write a letter to me explaining why they should be on Student Council. Letters are due by next Friday 20th February. The successful Student Council applicants will be announced at school assembly on Thursday 26th February.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2026 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2026 student leadership positions will be announced at school assembly on Thursday 26th February.

TENNIS CLINIC

A reminder to families that students are welcome to attend Cal's before school tennis clinics held on a Monday morning commencing at 08:00 a.m. For supervision purposes, families are required to be present during the clinic.

APPLEFEST

Thankyou to the families that have made time to date, to help bake some of our famous apple pies in the lead up to the Harcourt Applefest. With only 3 weeks to go until the Harcourt Applefest, our apple pie baking team have set a goal to try and bake in excess of 400 apple pies and are well underway with having already baked more than 50 apple pies. Considering we have experienced such a tumultuous start to the year, this is a wonderful effort. Thank you to our terrific baking team. We will be also selling other baked goods at Applefest if you would like to plan something to bake for our stall.

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew

2026 Voluntary Contributions HVPS

We appreciate each family paying the voluntary contributions so we can cover the cost of purchases for our school.

We are not funded for items such as books, stationary, online learning subscriptions, iPads/Netbooks etc. We also will not be able to continue to provide these subscriptions, iPads and Netbooks without the contributions of each family.

Please come into the office to pay for your child's voluntary contributions to ensure our wonderful school doesn't run into a deficit.

Please feel free to come ask about setting up a payment plan whether it be weekly, fortnightly or monthly contributions, any contribution helps support our school.

You can also pay via Direct Deposit:

Account Name – Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB- 063 509

Acc No: - 1004 2656

Amount per student - \$330 or set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership.

All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$400 for school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the

[Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy](#) – describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to:

[Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#).

Every Thursday @2.45pm – Come in or watch via Webex!

School Assembly Webex:

Meeting number : 2653 371 2854

Meeting password: Thyn33i83D4

School Office Information

XUNO
FAMILY

XUNO FAMILY

XUNO Family is the school's communication portal for families. All our correspondence is sent through the app. Weekly newsletters, attendance, absence's, teacher communication, school information, all done through our family portal. We encourage all families to use this portal moving forward to ensure all our school community is always up to date with everything happening at HVPS
If you can't seem to get the app working or are unsure on how to use it just give the office a call or pop in at any time and we can assist you.

Student Absences - How to notify the school if your child is absent:

Xuno – Parent Web Portal or Family App

1. Log in to your XUNO parent portal or XUNO Family app.

2. Via the **XUNO web portal**: From the **School** menu click on Attendance, or on the dashboard, click the **Attendance Today** tile.

Via the **XUNO Family app**: From the main menu, tap **Attendance**

3. If you have more than one child at the school, select the name of the child you are reporting an absence for.

4. Click/tap on the **Send absence note** button

Email: harcourt.valley.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Telephone- 5474 2266

Mobile – 0478 435 770

from 8.30am

School Bank Account Details:

Account Name: Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB: 063 509

Account Number: 1004 2656

Reference: e.g.: Surname

School Uniform

Over the Christmas break, we transitioned the school's uniform to the local uniform shop in Castlemaine, called Beleza. Beleza Uniform Shop will stock all our uniforms moving forward. Pop in and say hello to Kerry and she will help you with all your child's uniform needs.



Beleza School Uniforms
CASTLEMAINE STORE
207 Barker Street
3450 Castlemaine, VIC
Australia
Phone: (03) 5401 3483

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for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
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www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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fresh fruit friday

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Partners: Bluebird, Kool Kool, Mooloolooloolooloo, PUPPY, MIPACSA, Adroit, LTS, Vireish, KILLA, D, red arena

A collage of logos for various foundation partners, including Bluebird, Kool Kool, Mooloolooloolooloo, PUPPY, MIPACSA, Adroit, LTS, Vireish, KILLA, D, and red arena.

FREE TENNIS PROGRAM TERM 1 2026

BEFORE SCHOOL
TENNIS
HARCOURT VALLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL



STARTING FEB 2ND

8:00-8:45

BASKETBALL COURTS

OPEN TO ALL AGES

SIGN UP: INFO.DROPSHOTTEENNIS@GMAIL.COM

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