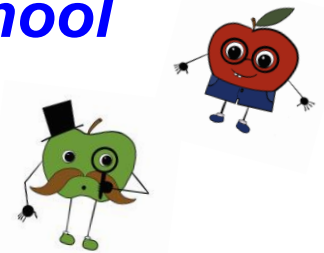




Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 13th March 2026

Week 7 Term 1

TERM 1- 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| THURSDAY 26 TH MARCH | WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION FOR CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL |
| FRIDAY 27 TH MARCH | GR 3-6 SPORTS DAY WESLEY HILL |
| TUESDAY 31 ST MARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFL FOOTY CLINIC BENDIGO BRAVES READING PROGRAM |
| THURSDAY 2 ND APRIL | LAST DAY TERM 1 – 2:30PM FINISH |
| FRIDAY 3 RD APRIL | GOOD FRIDAY |

INSIDE THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts..... Applefest was our BIGGEST success this year thanks to our wonderful HVPS community and beyond we are forever grateful... nearly \$14,000 was raised, 680 pies sold and a WHOLE lot of community love.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



TERM 2- 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| MONDAY 20 TH APRIL | CURRICULUM DAY STUDENT FREE DAY |
| TUESDAY 21 ST APRIL | 1 ST DAY BACK TERM 2 |
| SATURDAY 25 TH APRIL | ANZAC DAY |
| MONDAY 27 TH APRIL – THURSDAY 30 TH APRIL | BOOK FAIR |
| THURSDAY 30 TH APRIL | BENDIGO BRAVES READING PROGRAM |
| THURSDAY 7 TH MAY | MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST |
| SUNDAY 10 TH MAY | MOTHERS DAY |



HVPS FACEBOOK PAGE

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BUSHFIRES

Free demolition of structures damaged or destroyed by the January 2026 Victorian bushfires is available for eligible property owners
Help to clean-up your property is available if you are uninsured or underinsured.

Emergency Recovery Victoria will remove eligible damaged homes, businesses, and community assets at no cost.

Community assets are social and cultural spaces. They include things like town halls and sports facilities.

Supporting structures, like sheds, may also be eligible.

Visit vic.gov.au/register-for-clean-up or call the Emergency Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760.

APPLEFEST

Funds raised at the Applefest Stall totalled \$13,938.20. Congratulations to everyone on a wonderful effort! A very big thank you to everyone that was able to assist with our major fundraising event for the year. At our next School Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 25th March, School Council will commence discussions on how our locally raised funds can be best spent to support the learning and engagement of all students. Families are most welcome to raise possible suggestions as to how the funds can be spent by either contacting me, or our friendly School Council representatives.

ART SHOW

Congratulations to all students on their completed art work and having the terrific opportunity to have their work on display throughout Applefest. I received numerous comments on the high quality of art work created by all students. Well done HVPS!

Thankyou to Mrs Hargreaves for ensuring all students had some work to put on display at the art show.

SCHOOL CHOIR

What a great way to open Applefest with our school choir formally opening Applefest. Students sang very confidently and kept the Applefest crowd well and truly entertained. Congratulations to the school choir on their great effort. Thankyou to Mrs Hood for all of her work in the lead up to Applefest preparing students for this performance.

We certainly have some very talented students here at HVPS!

GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Congratulations to the Grade 6 students on raising approximately \$500 last Saturday Applefest. The Grade 6 students have made a commitment to work hard to raise funds towards their end of year Big Day Out. Congratulations, Zoe, Raf, Olivia and Corben on a wonderful effort.

NAPLAN

Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN testing will conclude next Monday with results from these assessments to be sent home next term.

HOME READING BAGS

All students have been issued with take-home reading bags. We ask that home reading bags are brought to school each day. Please see your child's teacher if you require further information relating to home-reading bags.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th March commencing at 6:30 p.m. This School Council meeting will also be the AGM. As we still have 2 parent vacancies, the call for nominations will be extended to Friday 20th March. Nomination forms are available at reception.

CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL

All students will be attending the Castlemaine State Festival Schools' Program on Thursday 26th March. A permission form and further information relating to the excursion will be sent home today via Xuno.

GRADE 3-6 SPORTS DAY

Grade 3 to Grade 6 students will be participating in a sports day with other local schools on Friday 27th March at Wesley Hill. Permission forms have been sent home today via Xuno.

Have a nice weekend!

Andrew

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

5/3/2026

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| PRINCIPAL | Lewis- For being responsible by helping one of his peers during recess. |
| PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD | Isaac A - for being a fantastic student who continuously strives to achieve the best with his school work. Well done Isaac. You have had a wonderful start to your schooling. |
| 2/3 – MR WALTER | Fraser - Being brave and resilient in kickball. Well done on bouncing back! |
| 4T- MR TONZING | Jaxx - For being an enthusiastic learner and working hard in independent learning time. |
| 5/6 – MISS PASCOE | Remi - Remi has worked hard this week, independently creating a strong introduction for her persuasive writing. She pushed herself to move ahead and gave her best effort. |
| FRENCH – MADAME K | Ronan – For working with care and focus. |

12/3/2026

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| PRINCIPAL | Scout- for always applying herself extremely well in all classes. |
| PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD | Emilia - for being a responsible leader and exceptional friend, ensuring her peers are happy and aware of what is happening at school. |
| 2/3 – MR WALTER | Evie - For settling back into school very well after her holiday. |
| 4T- MR TONZING | Beau - For always taking opportunities to extend your learning and challenge yourself. |
| 5/6 – MISS PASCOE | Zoe - For being an amazing leader with her Grade 1 buddies. Zoe showed great initiative helping her buddies create thoughtful thank-you cards. |
| FRENCH – MADAME K | Jackson - Taking time to complete activities with care. |

FROM THE OFFICE

Just a reminder to all families, please send back the permission forms sent home with your child/children the other week. We are still missing quite a few. If you got an Asthma Action Plan in your envelope, we must have the updated plan along with an updated puffer returned to the office asap. Please make this a priority.

**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAYS! We have an abundance of fruit coming on Fridays, so please don't send fruit in lunch boxes on a Fridays
We have it covered!!**

Have a great weekend

Mrs. Simpson

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.

Thursday 2.45pm – Assembly via Webex

School Assembly Webex:

Meeting number :

2653 371 2854

Meeting password: Thyn33i83D4

Chaplain's Corner

"Supporting Children & Teenagers Recover from Traumatic Events"

As the school and broader Harcourt community begin to feel a sense of normalcy returning from the recent fires and resulting devastation, I think it timely to provide the following article for families and their children who continue to grapple with the emotional and mental health challenges presented by this event. The provided article discusses the impact a major traumatic event can have upon the emotional wellbeing of children and teenagers and identifies how parents can respond and offer support.


HVPS CHOIR @ APPLEFEST 2026










COME & TRY BASEBALL

Central Vic Rangers

 Elphinstone Rec Reserve
Friday 13 March | 5:30 – 8:00 pm

 Newstead Rec Reserve
Sunday 22 March | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

 Elphinstone Rec Reserve
Sunday 29 March | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

-  All equipment supplied
-  No experience required
-  All ages welcome

Play baseball with people from Castlemaine and surrounds
Keep your cricket skills sharp over winter
Try something new – give baseball a shot!

 Website: www.centralvicrangers.com.au

 Facebook: Central Vic Rangers Baseball Club

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>

FREE TENNIS PROGRAM TERM 1 2026



nab AFL Auskick
4-7 YEAR OLDS*
Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



AFL Superkick
7-12 YEAR OLDS
Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.



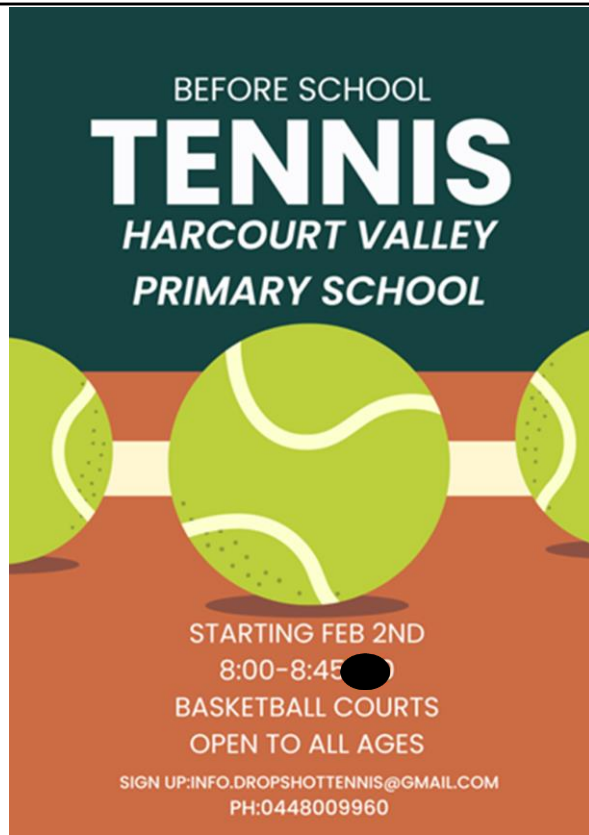
*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA)

CASTLEMAINE & SURROUNDS TERM 1


TUESDAYS 4PM AT WESLEY HILL OVAL
4 WEEKS STARTING 10TH MARCH

\$55 per person (includes a football)

PLUS RECEIVE A \$55 DISCOUNT CODE FOR THE
2026 COMMUNITY AUSKICK & SUPERKICK SEASON!



BEFORE SCHOOL
TENNIS
HARCOURT VALLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL



STARTING FEB 2ND
8:00-8:45
BASKETBALL COURTS
OPEN TO ALL AGES

SIGN UP: INFO.DROPSHOTSTENNIS@GMAIL.COM
PH: 0448009960

School Office Information



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

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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fresh fruit friday

Made possible thanks to our Foundation Partners

Delivering 1,000kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week

Celebrating 10 years

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CLTS **Victaria** **STILL** **red arena**

Bluebird **Kate & Ash** **Go** **PURVIS** **BRACCA** **Adroit**