



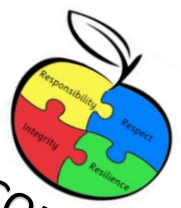
Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter

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WELCOME TO
2024 AT HVPS

TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY 22 ND FEBRUARY	WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ
THURSDAY 22 ND FEBRUARY	ASSEMBLY GRADE 3
FRIDAY 23 RD FEBRUARY	GR 6 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES
MONDAY 26 TH FEBRUARY	CURRICULUM DAY STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 27 TH FEBRUARY	PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE
WEDNESDAY 28 TH FEBRUARY	PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE
THURSDAY 29 TH FEBRUARY	ASSEMBLY GRADE 6
THURSDAY 7 TH MARCH	ASSEMBLY CHOIR
FRIDAY 8 TH MARCH	SWIMMING SPORTS
SATURDAY 9 TH MARCH	APPLEFEST
MONDAY 11 TH MARCH	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 14 TH MARCH	ASSEMBLY GRADE 2
SUNDAY 17 TH MARCH	RUN 4 THE KIDS 2024 #MACKATTACK
THURSDAY 21 ST MARCH	ASSEMBLY TBA
THURSDAY 28 TH MARCH	LAST DAY TERM 1 2:30PM FINISH
THURSDAY 28 TH MARCH	ASSEMBLY PREP
FRIDAY 29 TH MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY
SUNDAY 7 TH APRIL	SWAP MEET

INSIDE THIS WEEKS NEWSLETTER

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**BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ
THURSDAY 22ND FEB
5PM – 6:30PM
SAUSAGE IN BREAD OR
HAMBURGER WITH COLSLAW
SUPPLIED
ICE CREAM REPUBLIC &
YO-YOS PLUS
BRING A CHAIR OR PICNIC RUG**



Herald Sun | Transurban
RUN for the KIDS
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
#MACKATTACK

Before and After School Care available at HVPS through OSHClub.

Holiday Program also available!
Child Care Subsidy – [BOOK HERE](#)



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

School Assembly Webex:
Meeting number : 2653 371 2854
Meeting password: Thyn33i83D4

BUILDING WORKS

A reminder to families that works on the decking and undercover area will commence next Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank students and staff for their terrific effort moving furniture and classroom equipment into the main school building. A big thank you to the families that were able to assist with the move.

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY EVENING

Our welcome back to school family evening will be held next Thursday 22nd February from 5:00 -6:30 p.m. All families are very welcome to attend this very popular event and enjoy a barbecue dinner and catch up with families of HVPS underneath our new outdoor classroom. Please bring a chair for the evening.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th March. As the tenure of School Council positions is two years, the following School Council members terms of office have now expired: Jason McAinch, Natalie McCarthy, Christine Webb and DET member, Britanii Norris. Thank you to Jason, Nat, Christine and Britanii 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 next Friday 23rd February. We have 3 parent vacancies and 1 community member vacancy. Nomination forms will be available at reception next Friday 23rd February and nominations will close on Friday 1st March.

PARENT-TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE SESSIONS

Term 1 Parent – teacher information exchange sessions will be held on the afternoon on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February. Bookings on Xuno will be open from next Monday afternoon.

These session will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss how their child has settled into the start of the school year.

APPLEFEST

Thank you to the families that have been busy baking our famous apple pies in the lead up to the Harcourt Applefest. The Harcourt Applefest is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and we encourage families where possible to assist with the baking of apple pies in the lead up to Applefest, or alternatively prebake some baked biscuits or jams to sell on the day of our stall, or even donate some flour and or butter. We do ask that all ingredients are labelled please. Please see Louise at reception for more information.

WATER AWARENESS PROGRAM

Today concludes the formal component of our water awareness program. Well done to all students on achieving personal milestones throughout the 4 swimming sessions. Our final swimming session will be the House Sports scheduled for Friday 8th March commencing at 1:00 p.m. Students will participate in various fun water-based activities and all parents/carers are most welcome to attend this event. Weather permitting, students will have lunch at Stanley Park prior to proceeding to the pool.

CURRICULUM DAY- PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note, Monday 26th February is a School Council approved pupil free day. Staff will be off site attending a seminar this day. Families are welcome to make a booking with the OSHClub on this day.

GRADE 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

The Grade 6 student leadership speeches will be held next Friday 23rd February commencing at 2:30 p.m. Grade 6 families are most welcome to attend this event. 2024 leadership positions will be announced at school assembly on Thursday 29th February.

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew

2024 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 - \$420 or set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

**BREAKING NEWS
HVPS NOW HAS
EFTPOS**

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Volunteering Opportunities at Harcourt Valley PS

Throughout the year we have a few fundraising events to raise money for projects around our school.

Coming up this term we have two fundraisers, the first one is Applefest (which I'm sure you've all heard about by now!)

The second is the Castlemaine Swap Meet, run by the Castlemaine Lions Club. They require volunteers to help during the day – usually we help make sandwiches and other food and help with dishes at the end of the day. You will be with other volunteers from Harcourt Valley, and no experience is necessary. In return for our assistance during the day, the Lions Club donate to our school.

The Swap Meet falls on Sunday 7th April. We typically have 3 rounds of 4 volunteers with the following timeslots:

6AM – 10AM

10AM – 2PM

2PM – to around 4PM

The two earlier slots will be assisting with food preparation, and the 2PM slot will be doing dishes at the Lions clubhouse.

Please, if you can assist us, we would be most grateful, and the school will receive a much-needed donation! Please let Mrs Simpson at the office know if you can help.

Many thanks – HVPS Fundraising Committee



SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2024



Our school stall at the annual Applefest in Harcourt is nearly upon us. Each year we rely on parent and community helpers to make this day a success.

How can you help us raise funds for our little school?

Donate your time to help make apple pies at school in the weeks leading up to Applefest, it's a great chance to get to know other parents. Keep an eye out in the newsletter and our Facebook page for baking days. You just need to bring yourself – aprons and hair nets supplied, no experience necessary!

Make homemade goodies to donate to our stall. Cakes, biscuits, jams, rumballs etc. (these would need to be brought to the school the day before, with a list of ingredients so we can package them, price them and label them with our school labels). Please, nothing that needs to be refrigerated on the day.

Donate items for apple pies – Blocks of butter are the most needed item for baking! We need people to be on the stall to sell all our amazing goodies—even an hour would be a great help, and you will have other people to help and support you on the stall, no experience necessary.

APPLE PIE BAKING DATES

Please check our Facebook Page for baking dates

We are also needing donations of eggs, unsalted butter & icing sugar please!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PRINCIPALS AWARD

- **Students and Staff** for a great team effort moving classrooms due to building works occurring next week.

PREP/1 – MRS TURNER

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GR 1/2 – MS NORRIS

Scout – For lending a helping hand.

Jaxx – For listening and being curious by asking questions.

GR 3/4 –MR WALTER

Raf - For being a leader in the classroom.

GR 5/6 – MS ROWLANDS

Grace – For showing leadership and being a role model in class.

ART – MRS MADDAFORD

- **Beau Mc** - for his beautiful painting technique.

FRENCH – MADAME K

- **Torstein** - Excellent use of colour vocabulary.
- **Scout** - Approaching activities with a positive attitude.
 - **Remy** - Excellent focus and listening.
- **Rylan** - A calm and focused approach to the lesson.

PE – MRS STEARNE

- **Kay** - For your courage and determination in swimming. It was wonderful seeing you jump in and swim in the big pool.

Awesome job!



ART NEWS WITH MRS MADDAFORD

We have had a wonderful start to the year, students agreed on a set of behaviours for the Art room, signing a whole school 'Apple tree' with their hand. We have begun making some great works for Applefest, the Prep/1 class have learnt about the origins of 'frottage' (French for rubbings), taking much pleasure in telling Madame K their new word. The Year 1/2 class have been exploring photography techniques including the rule of thirds, creating some excellent compositions. The 3/4s have made some amazing ceramic apples, it is wonderful to see them confidently applying pinch pot skills learnt last year. The year 5/6 class have embraced the still life genre and are using a range of techniques including drawing and watercolour for their final images. If you have any questions about the Art curriculum, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kellie



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, the school, 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.

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