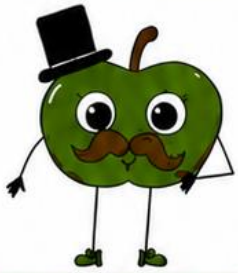
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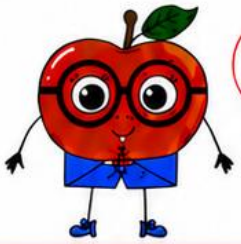
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CURIOUS CARLOS

We love learning

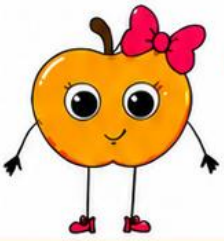
Be Curious



RESPECTFUL ROBERT

We show kindness

Be Respectful



RESPONSIBLE REGINA

We make great choices

Be Responsible

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Friday 23rd October 2026

Week 3 Term 4

WHAT'S HAPPENING TERM 4

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER	Student Free Day
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	The Summer Ahead Parent Information Session 5pm
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER	P-2 Kickball
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER	Remembrance Day Service 11am
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER	Grade 4-6 Art Centre Melbourne Excursion
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	Election BBQ
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER	Choir Excursion to local nursing home
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER	Grade 6 Graduation
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER	Grade 6 BIG DAY OUT
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER	Whole School Cinema Excursion
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY 2026 1:30pm finish

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Next Friday, we celebrate World Teachers' Day, a special occasion to recognize and honour the incredible educators at Harcourt Valley PS. Their dedication and passion for teaching truly make a difference in the lives of our students. We encourage everyone to take a moment to express your gratitude to our teachers for their hard work and commitment to fostering a love of learning in our community. Thank you for all that you do!

EVACUATION DRILL

A component of our OH&S schedule comprises of an emergency drill each term. Next Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m, all students will participate in a simulated drill.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder to School Council that our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th commencing at 5:30 p.m.

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY (STUDENT FREE DAYS)

Monday 2nd November is a School Council approved curriculum day and students are not required at school on this day. Please note, Melbourne Cup is on Tuesday 3rd November and is a public holiday.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Families are welcome to attend a free session run by the Mount Alexander Shire on Wednesday 4th November at the school commencing at 5:00p.m, covering the following topics:

- Preparing for bushfire season with children
- Talking about emergencies without causing fear
- Supporting children through anxiety and sensory triggers
- Family planning and practical preparedness
- Local support and resources.

Child minding facilities run by the shire will be available during the parent session.

To assist with numbers, please use the QR code located at the back of the attached information document.

P-2 KICKBALL

Grade P-2 students will attend the Harcourt Recreation Reserve on Friday 6th November and participate in the District P-2 Kickball competition. Parents/Carers and most welcome to attend the day and cheer on the students. The event has been scheduled to commence at approximately 10:00 a.m.

2027 STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUESTS

To help provide a clear understanding as to how we manage requests for class placements for the following year, listed below is the link to our class placement policy. If you require further information relating to our class placement policy, please do not hesitate to contact me. https://www.hvps.vic.edu.au/page/195/School-Policies

Please note, If you would like to request that your child be placed in a class with a particular friend or friends, please ensure that you make this request by the end of October this year so that we can consider your request in organising our classes for the following year.

Requests for class placements should be made in writing, outlining who you would like your child to be placed with and why. Requests can be addressed to myself. We will not always be able to accommodate class placement requests, but will endeavour to take your wishes into consideration where possible.

2026 PREP TRANSITION

We are looking forward to greeting the 2076 Preps later this term when our Prep transition program commences. Dates for Prep transition are attached to the newsletter.

Have a nice weekend!

Regards

Andrew

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Prep 2027 Transition Program

We are excited to welcome our 2027 Preps and their families to Harcourt Valley Primary School!





TUESDAY
10TH NOVEMBER
6:00PM

Prep 2027 Information Evening

An opportunity to meet some staff, learn about our school and ask any questions you may have.

TUESDAY
17TH NOVEMBER
9:00AM – 10:00AM

Transition Session 1

A chance for our 2027 Preps to come and explore, make new friends and become familiar with our school.
Stay for a chat and some morning tea!



TUESDAY
24TH NOVEMBER
9:00AM – 10:30AM

Transition Session 2

More time to play, learn and grow in our Prep classroom.

TUESDAY
1ST DECEMBER
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Transition Session 3

Building confidence and connection as we continue our Prep transition journey.

TUESDAY
8TH DECEMBER
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Transition Session 4

Our final transition session for 2027 Preps. A great opportunity to spend more time at school and get ready for 2027!

Please pack a hat, water bottle and morning snack.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family into the Harcourt Valley Primary School community in 2027.



🌟 Students of the Week 🌟

Week 2

Principal	Jules- for completing the first 2 weeks of the term very positively and making the most of learning opportunities presented to him in class.
2/3	Summer – for her beautiful handwriting and spelling in the Little Learners Love Literacy program.
4	Jaxx - for consistently following instructions promptly and transitioning between activities quickly, quietly and responsibly.
5/6	Liv- for working hard in Maths, confidently explaining your strategies and taking pride in your learning. Fantastic effort, Liv!
French	Gus - excellent participation

Week 3

Principal	Jaxx- for always representing the school values of: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Integrity to the highest of standards
P/1	Beatrix, Aoife, Arlo & Ryder - for facing your fears and showing super strength on the giant slide at the Discovery Centre.
2/3	Jude - for facing your fears and showing super strength on the giant slide at the Discovery Centre.
4	Brodie – for demonstrating effort and persistence in Math and achieving impressive results through his hard work.
5/6	Lucy – for taking pride in your learning and putting in extra in effort to include thoughtful details in your work. Keep it up, Lucy!
French	Hektor - consistently bringing a joy for learning and a positive mindset.

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



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