

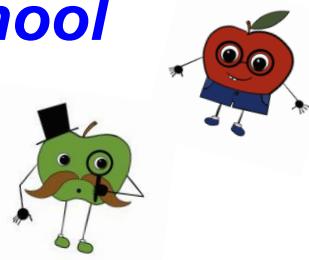


Harcourt Valley Primary School

Newsletter



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Friday 24TH October 2025

Week 3 Term 4

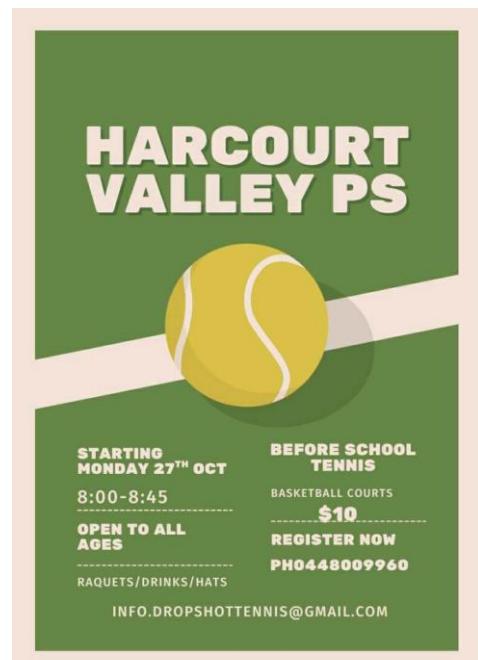
TERM 4- 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY 29 TH OCTOBER	SCHOOL COUNCIL
MONDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
TUESDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY
WEDNESDAY 12 TH – FRIDAY 14 TH	SMILE SQUAD RETURNING
MONDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	STUDENT FREE DAY
SATURDAY 29 TH NOVEMBER	HVPS TRIVIA NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 3 RD DECEMBER	SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30PM
MONDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	WHOLE SCHOOL FREE EXCURSION TO HAMER HALL – CHRISTMAS MELODIES
TUESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	STEP UP DAY
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	GR 6 GRADUATION
THURSDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	WHOLE SCHOOL CINEMA EXCURSION
FRIDAY 19 TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2025! 1:30 FINISH

INSIDE THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

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- Fundraising News
- Prep 2026



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – FRIDAY 31ST 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!

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY (STUDENT FREE DAYS)

Monday 3rd 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 4th November and is a public holiday.

Monday 17th November is a report writing day for teachers and students are also not required to attend school on this day.

TIPS FOR STARTING SCHOOL

With our first kindergarten to school transition day scheduled for Tuesday 18th November, the link below will direct you to some parenting tips for starting school.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/tips-starting-school#children-starting-primary-school>

New parents to our school are most welcome to contact me for further information relating to starting school.

P-2 KICKBALL

Grade P-2 students will attend the Harcourt Recreation Reserve on Friday 7th November and participate in the District P-2 Kickball competition.

Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend the day and cheer on the students. The event has been scheduled to commence at approximately 10:00 a.m.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL-PARENT HELPERS REQUESTED

Our school athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 19th November at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve. To help ensure the morning is a successful one, we would appreciate some parent support with the setting up of events on the morning of the carnival. If you are able to assist in some capacity, please see Lou.

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

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/source/Class%20placement%20policy.pdf>

Have a nice weekend!

Regards

Andrew

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi everyone,

This week's wellbeing article located in the Chaplains Corner looks at how parents and care givers can help and support preteens and teenagers respond when they experience strong (& at times overwhelming) emotions and calm down.

"Pre-teens and teenagers often feel and express strong emotions. For example, they might feel angry if something seems unfair, or disappointed if something doesn't turn out the way they wanted. These emotions can be overwhelming. At the same time, because of teenage brain development, teenagers don't always have the skills to think about things rationally.

Learning to calm down is an important part of learning to understand and manage emotions for pre-teens and teenagers."

[ARTICLE LINK](#)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



16/10/2025

PRINCIPAL	
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	
2/3 – MR WALTER	Brodie - For comparing fractions, decimal numbers and percentages.
3/4 - MRS MILNE & MRS HARGREAVES	Beau B - For being a fantastic role model and always trying your personal best across all curriculum areas.
4/5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Freya - For working hard on all areas of the curriculum and seeking support when she needs help. Great work Freya, Keep it up!
FRENCH – MADAME K	
ART – MRS MADDAFORD	Tillie - For persisting with her portrait drawing to achieve a fantastic outcome!

23/10/2025

PRINCIPAL	Alfie - For showing great focus in class and working hard to improve his additional skills.
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	P/1s – For an outstanding camp!
2/3 – MR WALTER	Gr 2s – For an outstanding camp!
3/4 - MRS MILNE & MRS HARGREAVES	Ravi - For asking inquisitive questions during group discussions and trying his personal best when completing his assessment this week. Well done Ravi!
4/5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Merryn - For consistently contributing to class discussions with thoughtful insight and for creating an engaging narrative full of twists, turns, and expressive language!
FRENCH – MADAME K	Leni - Consistently demonstrating focus and creativity Kaiya - Consistently making responsible choices in French Matilda - Demonstrating a focused approach to learning
ART – MRS MADDAFORD	Lola - For the beautiful attention to detail she displayed in her portrait drawing.

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Transition Program for Preps starting school in 2026

SESSION TIMES

- TUESDAY 18TH NOV 9-10AM
- TUESDAY 25TH NOV 9-10:30AM

**BELEZA UNIFORM POP-UP SHOP FOR WHOLE
SCHOOL 10% OFF FOR PURCHASES ON DAY**

8:30AM – 9:30AM

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

- WEDNESDAY 26TH NOV 6:30PM – 7:30PM
 - TUESDAY 2ND DEC – 9-11AM
 - TUESDAY 9TH DEC – 9-12PM

**PLEASE PACK HAT, WATER BOTTLE AND MORNING
SNACK**

*We look forward to welcoming you and your
family into the Harcourt Valley Primary School
Community in 2026*

Be Respectful



Be Responsible



Be Curious



FUNDRAISING AT HVPS

🌟 Join Our New School Fundraising Group! 🌟

We're excited to announce the start of a brand-new fundraising group - and we'd like to welcome parents to be part of it!

If you have an idea or a skill you want to share and a little spare time or just want to contribute to our amazing little school and its place in the community.

Come along, share your ideas, and help continue to build our community school.

Everyone is welcome!



**WE ARE SEEKING SILENT AUCTION
DONATIONS FOR OUR TRIVIA NIGHT IF
YOU CAN HELP US OUT, PLEASE COME
AND SEE LOU IN THE OFFICE**

2025 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.

Your child's School Saving Bonus can be used for Voluntary Contributions!

You can also pay via Direct Deposit:

Account Name – Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB- 063 509

Acc No: - 1004 2656

Amount per student - \$275 or set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

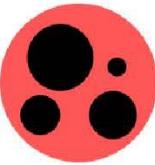
Thursday 2.45pm – Assembly via Webex

School Assembly Webex:

Meeting number :

2653 371 2854

Meeting password: Thyn33i83D4



OSH ADVENTURES

School Aged Child Care

Let's have an Adventure!

ENROL ONLINE TODAY

Simply visit

www.oshcadventures.com.au

and go to the 'enrol now' button!

Exciting News from OSHC Adventures: Before, After School and Holiday Care!

We're thrilled to be part of the vibrant Harcourt Valley PS community and to welcome your family to our Outside School Hours Care program! Our OSHC is all about fun, friendships, and making each day feel special for school-aged children.

We know that Out of School Hours Care is more than just a place to be before and after school – it's a place to play, explore, and grow. Your children will find a caring, safe, and exciting environment to nurture their social, emotional, physical, and creative needs.

Stay Connected: Using the Xplor Home App for Easy Access to Bookings & Billing

Did you know managing your child's care at Harcourt Valley PS OSHC has never been easier? With the Xplor Home App, you can access everything you need right from your phone!

Harcourt Valley PS OSHC Opening Hours

We're here to support your family's schedule! Here are our operating hours:

Before School Care: Monday - Friday, 7:00am - 9:00am

After School Care: Monday - Friday, 3:30pm - 6:15pm

Holiday Care & Pupil-Free Days: 8:00am - 6:15pm

Session OSHC Fees

Here's a quick look at our current fees:

Before School Care: \$25.00 (max CCS: \$3.62)

After School Care: \$35.00 (max CCS: \$5.07)

Holiday Care & Pupil-Free Days: \$97.00 (max CCS: \$14.07)



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*Eligible families can receive subsidies of up to 90% on fees with the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). We strongly recommend you apply for the CCS to determine your eligibility.

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.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



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