



Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 25th July 2025

TERM 3 - 2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST

SCHOOL REVIEW
PARENT FORUM
8:30AM – 9:30AM

THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST

ASSEMBLY – GR 6

WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST

SCHOOL COUNCIL
6:30PM

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST

ASSEMBLY – GR 2/3

TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST

BOOK WEEK PARADE
'BOOK AN ADVENTURE'

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

WHOLE SCHOOL SUPER
SCIENCE CIRCUS SHOW

THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST

ASSEMBLY – GR 4/5

**MONDAY 25TH –
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST**

GR 3/4 CAMP
ANGLESEA

THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST

NO ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
ASSEMBLY – GR P/1

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL
6:30PM

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

ASSEMBLY – GR 3/4

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

DRAMA EVENING
AT PHEE BROADWAY

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

LAST DAY TERM 3
2:30PM FINISH

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**BREAKFAST CLUB
FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM
8:15AM to 8:55am**

**Lunch orders on Fridays via
Flexischools app**



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**HARCOURT VALLEY
Primary School**

[WEBSITE LINK](#)

WELCOME TO TERM 3

Welcome back to all families to the beginning of a new school term. We have commenced the term on a positive note and students have settled back into their learning routine.

We have a busy term ahead so please take note of the events calendar on the cover page of this week's newsletter.

MRS MILNE

Congratulations to Mrs Milne and her husband James on the exciting news that they are expecting a baby at the end of the year. Mrs Milne will commence her leave at the end of the academic year.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN results have been issued and are now available on Xuno. Parents/Carers are most welcome to contact their child's teacher to further discuss the NAPLAN results.

SCHOOL REVIEW-PARENT FORUM – TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST

Parents are invited to attend a parent forum on Tuesday 5th August commencing at 08:30 a.m. The parent forum will provide an opportunity for parents to have their say on a range of topics to our school review panel members. The forum will run for approximately an hour and morning tea will be provided after the forum. Please register your interest with Lou at reception.

DRAMA EXTRAVAGANZA

Our students will be showcasing their drama skills on the evening of Monday 15th September at the Phee Broadway Centre in Castlemaine. We have partnered with Drama Victoria and Mrs Capes will be working with Drama Victoria throughout the term in the lead up to the evening. Further information will follow regarding this event.

GROWTH MINDSET-A growth mindset for kids is the way to go!

Shown below is a short extract from Marc's Chaplain corner newsletter entry this week. I encourage families to read the full article located on our website.

The mind is a very powerful tool and helping your child develop a growth mindset can set them up for an incredible learning journey!

According to Ms. Dua, "A growth mindset instils resilience, confidence and develops a true love of learning. A child that loves to learn is empowered to find answers, break down obstacles and apply solutions."

While you're guiding your child, remember that it's OK for them not to be fully on board with this mindset. It's not easy to take on challenges!

Continue encouraging and praising their efforts and soon, you'll have cultivated a life-long learner in your home.

2026 GRADE 6 T-SHIRT DESIGNS

Grade 5 students and parents/carers are welcome to start considering possible t-shirt designs for next year. All ideas are most welcome as final t-shirt designs are expected to be completed by the end of this term.

2026 PREP ENROLMENTS

2026 Prep enrolment forms are now due back at school. Please ensure enrolment packs are completed and submitted to Lou at reception.



The poster is blue with white and yellow text. At the top left is a logo of an apple with an open book and three figures inside, with the text 'HARCOURT VALLEY P.S.' and '5404' below it. To the right of the logo is the text 'ENROL NOW FOR 2026'. Below this is 'Harcourt Valley Primary School' and the tagline 'Growing the core of your child's education'. Further down are the contact details: 'ENQUIRE NOW', 'PH- 5474 2266', 'OR', and 'EMAIL- harcourt.valley.ps@education.vic.gov.au'. At the bottom are three cartoon apples: a red one with glasses labeled 'RESPECTFUL ROBERT', a yellow one with a pink bow labeled 'RESPONSIBLE REGINA', and a green one with a top hat and monocle labeled 'CURIOUS CARLOS'. There are also two solid black apple icons on the poster.

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GRADE 3 AND GRADE 4 CAMP

Our camp program commences later this term with the Grade 3/4 students attending Camp Wilkin at Anglesea from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th August.

A camp itinerary, permission and medical forms along with a clothing list have been sent home today with students. Permission and medical forms are due back at school next Friday 1st August.

GRADE 5-6 CAMP

The Grade 5-6 Camp will be held in Week 1 of Term 4. Dates for the camp are Monday 6th through to Wednesday 8th October. Further information relating to the camp will be issued in coming weeks.

Please note, students will be departing from the Castlemaine Railway station and parents/carers will be required to drop their child off at the Castlemaine Railway Station at 08:45 a.m. and collect them on the Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. You are most welcome to contact me if you require transport support dropping off and collecting your child at these times.

DRESS CODE POLICY

I ask that parents/carers please familiarise themselves with the Student Dress Code Policy relating to Jewellery and Cosmetics.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- **Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.**
- **Cosmetics may not be worn at school.**
- **Nails should be kept to a short length in the interest of safety and only clear nail polish is permitted.**
- **Temporary tattoos (body art) should not be visible.**

If you would like further clarification relating to the policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a nice weekend!
Andrew

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PRINCIPAL

24/07/2025

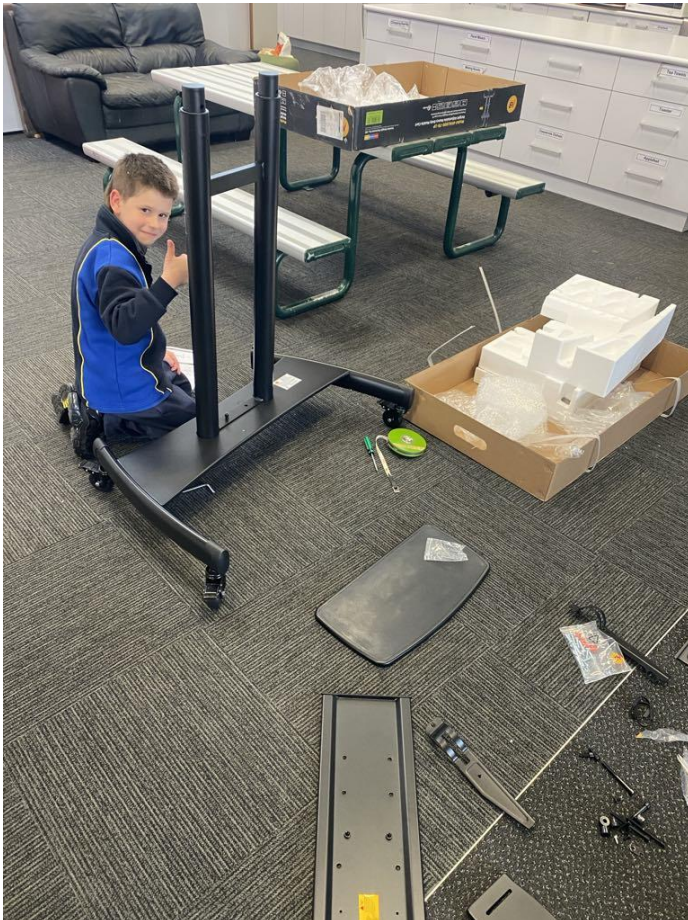
Jimmy- For great focus with his writing this week. Terrific work Jimmy!

P/1 - MRS TURNER

Mia - For showing independence and maturity when dealing with a lost iPad and helping teachers.

3/4 - MRS MILNE & MRS HARGREAVES

Beau B - For his consistent demonstration of respectful and responsible behaviour



Special thanks to Charlie King this week for helping Mrs Simpson assemble the new TV stand (Charlie did all the work)



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

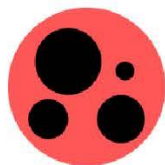
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi everyone, this week's article is titled: A Growth Mindset - Helping Your Child Embrace Challenges.

"Developing a growth mindset for kids helps unlock a love of learning, encourages kids to embrace their natural curiosity, and leads to better learning outcomes. Instead of quickly giving up when faced with challenges, kids with a growth mindset persevere.

Research shows that this incredible way of thinking can help your child gain the confidence and courage to take on any challenge that comes their way."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER LINK



OSHC 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.

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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NET SET GO NETBALL

**TUESDAY AUGUST 5TH
4.30 - 5.15**

AGES 5+

HARCOURT NETBALL COURT

**CONTACT - JORDAN
0448 179 373**



CIRCUS CLASSES 9-12YRS

**TUESDAYS
5.15-6.45PM**

Term 3



***Free trial class available**

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES:

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0488 424 657

GENERO
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

TERM 3 PROGRAMS

IDDY BIDDY BALL

2-4 YEAR OLD'S

BIDDY BALL

4-8 YEAR OLD'S

AUSSIE HOOPS

5-10 YEAR OLD'S



red energy arena



**Thursday 31 July 2025
5.30 — 7.00 pm
(5.15 pm arrival for a 5.30 pm start)**

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