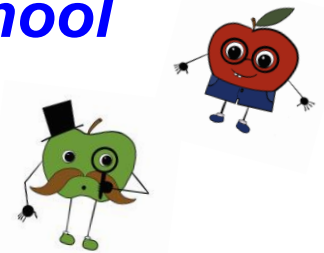




Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 27th February 2026

Week 5 Term 1

TERM 1- 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 2ND MARCH

PARENT TEACHER
EXCHANGE
ALL DAY
STUDENT FREE DAY
*STUDENTS ONLY
REQUIRED TO ATTEND
THEIR INTERVIEW*

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

PARENT TEACHER
EXCHANGE
3:45PM – 4:45PM

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

APPLEFEST – JAMES PARK
HARCOURT 10AM

MONDAY 9TH MARCH

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

NAPLAN

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

LAST DAY TERM 1 –
2:30PM FINISH

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

INSIDE THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

- Principal's Report
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Harcourt Applefest is our school's BIGGEST fundraiser we need your help! These are your children we are raising funds for.. Please let us know if you can help with the stall on the day or with baked goods to sell.



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAYS

We have an abundance of fruit coming on Fridays thanks to the MCKERN FOUNDATION so please don't send fruit in lunch boxes on Fridays
We have it covered!



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2026 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

At school assembly yesterday, the 2026 student leadership positions were announced. Congratulations to the following students on receiving the following leadership positions:

School Captains: Olivia and Raf



Barker House Captains: Zoe and Jules

Lang House Captain: Henley and Brodie

Mitchell House Captains: Corben and Freya

Bus Captain – Mack

School Wide Positive Behaviour Captains- Emily, Josie, Charlotte, Beau B, Kay and Remi.

Student Council – Jude, Gus, Ravi, Charlotte, Mack, Charlie, Zoe and Corben.

PARENT -TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A friendly reminder to families that next Monday 2nd March, parent-teacher interviews will be held throughout the day. We ask that bookings are made on Xuno and your child attends the parent-teacher interview. Students are not required to wear their uniform when attending the parent-teacher interview and are only required at school for their parent-teacher interview.

Please note, students will be marked as absent on the day if they are not present for the parent-teacher interview. Outside School Hours Care, (OSHC Adventures), bookings are available for the day if required either side of your child's parent-teacher interview.

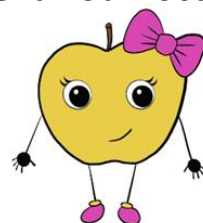
EARLY ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

A reminder to families that student supervision commences at 08:45 a.m. in the mornings and Outside School Hours Care is available from 07:00 a.m onwards.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Next week, we will continue with our school wide positive behaviour focus centred on:

Being Responsible Regina by waiting for others.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th March. This School Council meeting will also be the AGM and I will be calling for nominations for the vacancies on School Council. I encourage interested parents to nominate for the positions. If you decide to stand for elections, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate, or you are welcome to self-nominate. As the tenure of School Council positions is two years, the following School Council members terms of office will expire in March of this year:

Sam Verlin, Christine Webb and DET member, Candice Hargreaves.

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 Monday 2nd March and we will have 2 parent vacancies and 1 DET member vacancy. Nomination forms will be available at reception next Monday 2nd March.

APPLEFEST

Thankyou to the families that have made time to date, to help bake some of our famous apple pies in the lead up to the Harcourt Applefest. To date, our terrific volunteers have baked in excess of 400 apple pies-what a wonderful effort.

If you are able to assist at our stall on Saturday 7th March selling apple pies for a short period of time, please contact Louise at reception.

In the event families are unable to assist at the Applefest Stall, School Council have mentioned that families are most welcome to bake some goods to sell at the stall. A plate, ingredient label and food bag is available at reception.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

Grade 3 and Grade 5 students will be commencing NAPLAN testing on Wednesday 11th March. In the lead up to the assessments, Mrs Turner is familiarising students with the assessment platform.

Families are very welcome to visit the NAPLAN public demonstration site and familiarise themselves with the types of questions and functionalities available in the online NAPLAN assessment.

The link is provided below and further information relating to NAPLAN is attached to the newsletter.

NAP - Public demonstration site

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information relating to NAPLAN.

Have a nice weekend!

Andrew

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

5/2/2026

PRINCIPAL	Alfie D - For being responsible by helping to support the Preps settle into school.
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	Beatrix - For being our 'Bubble Queen.' You showed great resilience and determination to create bubbles with your pipe cleaner wand and using your hands.
2/3 – MR WALTER	Annika - For a wonderful start at Harcourt Valley Primary school. We love having you in our class!
4T- MR TONZING	Ronan - For making a great start to the year and leading by example for your classmates.
5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Charlotte - For settling into Grade 5 with confidence, actively contributing to class discussions, and thoughtfully using feedback to improve her work.
FRENCH – MADAME K	Charlotte- Excellent listening and speaking.! What a great start!

12/2/2026

PRINCIPAL	Henley - For starting the school year very positively and demonstrating the qualities of a good learner by contributing to class discussions and focussing on all classroom activities. Rylee -For settling into school extremely well and looking out and caring for her classmates.
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	Luna - For following teacher's expectations the first time and showing leadership within the classroom Finley - For his engagement with answering questions during mat time.
2/3 – MR WALTER	Jude - Enthusiastically participating in Little Learners Love Literacy.
4T- MR TONZING	Josie - For sharing your great ideas and work with everyone in the classroom.
5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Charlie - For working hard towards his personal goals and consistently following teacher directions. Great work, Charlie, on getting started straight away and giving everything a go!
FRENCH – MADAME K	Annika- A strong start to learning a new language. Excellent effort.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK**19/2/2026**

PRINCIPAL	
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	Arlo - For modelling great leadership skills of listening to the teacher's instructions the first time and completing activities to the best of your ability. Well done on stepping up and being a class leader.
2/3 – MR WALTER	Aurora - For being brave and showing independence in the classroom. Great effort.
4T- MR TONZING	Ravi - For being a respectful listener to both teachers and students.
5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Beau - For showing fantastic improvement in Maths fluency and confidence. Beau, you've been giving everything a go and should be so proud of your effort. Keep it up!

26/2/2026

PRINCIPAL	Arlo- For being responsible by waiting patiently for the end of a discussion before asking a question. Micheal- For being responsible by waiting patiently for the end of a discussion before asking a question
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	Rylee - For consistently following the teacher's directions. You always are listening carefully, quick to begin work and are always giving your best effort. Well done Rylee. You are a super star!
2/3 – MR WALTER	Ollie - For working well independently this week and setting a great example for the Grade. So proud of you Ollie!
4T- MR TONZING	Finnley - For actively listening to others and sharing his valuable ideas and insights in classroom discussions.
5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Mack - For showing great enthusiasm for learning and consistently working hard. Your effort and positive mindset are shining through. Well done!
FRENCH – MADAME K	Evie Dot – For making excellent choices and following instructions 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.

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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 :


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Meeting password: Thyn33i83D4







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

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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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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 **Kill K&B** **GO** **PURVIS** **BRACCA** **Adroit**