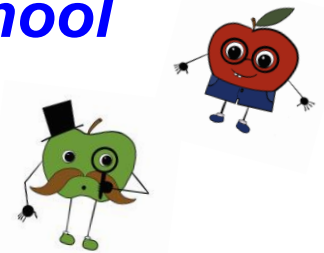




# Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Week 9 Term 1**

## TERM 1- 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFL FOOTY CLINIC</li> <li>• BENDIGO BRAVES READING PROGRAM</li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL</b>	SMOOTHIE BIKES
<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</b>	LAST DAY TERM 1 – 2:30PM FINISH
<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL</b>	GOOD FRIDAY

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- Principal's Report
- Health Update
- Students Of The Week
- From The Office
- Voluntary Contributions

## ***SCHOOL HOLIDAYS***

## TERM 2- 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	CURRICULUM DAY STUDENT FREE DAY
<b>TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY BACK TERM 2
<b>SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	ANZAC DAY
<b>MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	BOOK FAIR
<b>THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	BENDIGO BRAVES READING PROGRAM
<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST
<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	MOTHERS DAY



**FRIDAY MORNINGS  
8:15AM – 8:55AM  
SCHOOL KITCHEN**

**HVPS FACEBOOK  
PAGE**

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[HVPS FACEBOOK](#)

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR END OF TERM AWARD**

Congratulations to all students on filling our Core Points Positive Behaviour Tree. As a result of students filling the tree, Student Council and the SWPBS team have made the decision to have a pyjama-comfy clothes day next Wednesday 1st April. Students are welcome to bring along slippers for indoors, however, I ask that runners are brought along to wear outside.

**SMOOTHIE BIKES**

To celebrate the end of term next Thursday, students will be making their very own smoothies on smoothie bikes. What are Smoothie Bikes you ask? Smoothie Bikes are bikes attached to a blender allowing students and staff to make a healthy smoothie. Thank you to Plate it Up for organising volunteers and the smoothie bikes, and the McKern Foundation for donating the smoothie ingredients.

**STUDENT CUTLERY**

A friendly reminder to families to please ensure that students have their own cutlery supplied in their lunch boxes if required to eat their lunch.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

On Wednesday evening of this week, we held our School Council AGM. I am pleased to announce our 2026 School Council members are:

President- Christine Webb, Vice-President- Katie King, Treasurer- Remy Sowman, Secretary- Lou Simpson, DET – Stacey Turner, Anna Pidgeon, Collie Mannix, Georgie Boucher,

**END OF TERM**

A reminder to families that school will conclude at 2:30 p.m. next Thursday 2nd April.

**CURRICULUM DAY**

Please note, Monday 20th April is a School Council Approved curriculum day. Students are not required at school on this day.

**TERM 2 TENNIS**

I am pleased to advise that Cal will continue with Monday morning tennis sessions next term. The first session will be on Monday 27th April commencing at 08:00 a.m.

Have a nice weekend!

Andrew

## HEADING: PROTECTING AGAINST MEASLES

Measles cases are rising in Victoria and around the world. Returned travellers make up most cases, but local spread has also been detected. Vaccination is the most safe and effective way to protect yourself and others against measles. People need 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine to be fully protected.

To help protect against measles, you should check your family's measles vaccinations today. This is particularly important if you are:

- planning any travel
- were born during or after 1966
- were born overseas.

You can check your measles vaccination records:

- on your Medicare online account through MyGov or by contacting the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809
- on your personal health records, such as your childhood immunisation records
- by speaking to your GP or immunisation provider.

Measles is a viral infection. It spreads easily from airborne droplets, such as from coughing or sneezing, and nose and throat secretions.

Symptoms may include:

- fever
- feeling tired or unwell
- cough or runny nose
- sore and red eyes (conjunctivitis)
- diarrhoea – especially in infants.

This is usually followed by a red, blotchy, non-itchy rash that often starts on the face before spreading down the body.

Measles can cause serious illness and be life-threatening. People who are not fully immunised or have not had a previous measles infection are at increased risk.

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Pregnant women, children aged under 5 years and those with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of severe illness and complications.

If your child develops measles symptoms, you should:

- keep your child home from school and seek medical care and testing
- call the health service and wear a face mask when travelling to and attending the health service
- let our school know if your child has measles, or is being tested for measles
- keep your child at home until well and advised by a health professional.

Free measles vaccines

Anyone who does not have 2 doses of measles vaccine, or is unsure, can get a measles vaccine.

Free vaccines are available for:

- infants aged 12 months to 18 months
- children and teenagers aged under 20 years
- adult refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Free vaccines are also available for anyone with or without a Medicare card if they are:

- born during or after 1966 who have not received 2 doses or are unsure, including people born overseas
- infants from 6 months and before 11 months of age before overseas travel.

Vaccination is widely available at your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service. Call ahead to see if you are eligible for a free vaccine.

If your child has had new or catch-up vaccines, we encourage you to give our school an updated immunisation history statement.

Find out more

For more information, refer to:

- the Better Health Channel web page [How to find your immunisation records](#)
- the Department of Health for translated resources about measles and measles immunisations
- your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

19/3/2026

PRINCIPAL	Mack- for being a curious learner and always taking his learning to a higher level.
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	Alfie - it has been a delight having Alfie at HVPS. You have been a bright, bubbly student who always gets the most out of your learning. All the best at your new school.
2/3 – MR WALTER	Torstein - Enthusiastically contributing to classroom conversations.
4T- MR TONZING	Hayley - For having a great week and joining in learning tasks.
5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Henley - For using available resources to extend her persuasive writing and develop clear, detailed arguments. Great effort!

## 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

## **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>

## 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

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**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**

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**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](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

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**fresh fruit friday**

Made possible thanks to our Foundation Partners

**Delivering 1,000kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week**

**Celebrating 10 years**

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@mckernsteelfoundation

**CLTS** **Victaria** **STILL** **red arena**

**WATERLOO** **KILL KITCHEN** **GO** **PURIFY** **BRACYS** **Adroit**

# AUTUMN HOLIDAY FUN!

## APRIL 13 - 16



### CIRCUS, PARKOUR & AERIALS

### JUMP. CLIMB. FLY.



PLAY!






[CASTLEMAINECIRCUS.COM.AU](http://CASTLEMAINECIRCUS.COM.AU)

COME & TRY BASEBALL

Central Vic Rangers

 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](http://www.centralvicrangers.com.au)

 Facebook: Central Vic Rangers  
Baseball Club



**Don't Forget!**  
Water Bottle, Recess, Lunch, Enclosed  
Shoes, Sunsmart Clothes & Hat!

# Campbells Creek OSHC ADVENTURES School Aged Child Care

## EASTER

### Holiday Program

6th April - 17th April

Bookings Essential - Limited Places Available

We are proudly partnered with  
Campbells Creek Primary School



We acknowledge that OSHC Adventures is on  
Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Country.  
We want to acknowledge and extend our  
appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung People,  
the Traditional Owners of the land that we  
stand on today.

#### Excursion

Base Fee: \$140.00  
After Max CCS: \$13.90

#### Incursion

Base Fee: \$140.00  
After Max CCS: \$13.90

#### In House

Base Fee: \$103.00  
After Max CCS: \$10.28

\*Please note this is an indication only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. The amount of CCS you can get depends on your circumstances and the hourly rate cap set by the Government. To find out if you are eligible, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

Monday 06th April

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**



**EASTER**



Tuesday 07th April

**IN HOUSE DAY**

**Easter Eggtravaganza**

#### Activities:

Join us for a MEGA Easter egg hunt!  
Plus a day full of fun with exciting games and activities.



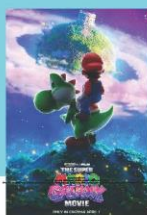
Wednesday 08th April

**EXCURSION DAY**

**Bendigo Cinemas**  
Leaves @ 9:00am  
Returns @ 3:00pm

#### Activities:

Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)



Thursday 09th April

**EXCURSION DAY**

**Inflatable World**  
Leaves @ 9:00am  
Returns @ 3:00pm

#### Activities:

Lets have an amazing time at Inflatable world



Friday 10th April

**EXCURSION DAY**

**Goldfields Steam Rail Travel of the 1880's.**  
Leaves @ 9:00am  
Returns @ 4:00pm

#### Activities

Join us for a memorable ride on Victoria's oldest railway carriages. Train ride, Picnic & Play in the Park

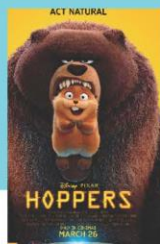


Monday 13th April

**EXCURSION DAY**

**Bendigo Cinemas**  
Leaves @ 9:00am  
Returns @ 3:00pm

Activities:  
Hoppers (PG)



Tuesday 14th April

**IN HOUSE DAY**

**Wheelies Day**  
Bring your Bike or Scooter  
Helmet Required

#### Activities:

Each Build-A-Bear is a unique expression of creativity, making it a cherished keepsake.



Wednesday 15th April

**EXCURSION DAY**

**Bendigo Bowling**  
Leaves @ 9:00am  
Returns @ 3:00pm

#### Activities:

1 Game of Ten Pin Bowling at the Bendigo Bowling Center!



Thursday 16th April

**EXCURSION DAY**

**Wildcrafting**  
Begins @ 9:00am  
Returns @ 3:00pm

#### Activities:

Come along to design a mini-nature landscape with David Witherall as he takes us on a journey to learn about wildlife, habitat and biodiversity



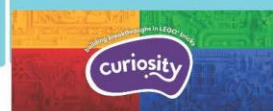
Friday 17th April

**EXCURSION DAY**

**Bendigo Discovery Centre**  
Leaves @ 9:00am  
Returns @ 3:00pm

#### Activities:

Take an adventure through space and time, and discover the very building blocks of the universe. Educational Visit, Vertical Slide & LEGO Curiosity Exhibits



Along with the programmed activity there will be a huge range of art & craft fun, games & amazing experiences during the day.

We are Located in the Banyan Building, look for our OSHC Adventures banners.



**Enrol Today via our Website**

[www.oshcadventures.com.au](http://www.oshcadventures.com.au)

**Contact us**

Email: [Admin@oshcadventures.com.au](mailto:Admin@oshcadventures.com.au)

Castlemaine Service Phone:  
0490 871 862



**Bookings**

Sessions of care can be made via the Xap Smile App on your mobile phone or at [www.xap.rocks](http://www.xap.rocks)  
All Bookings must be made via the app or website

**Vacation Care Opening Hours**

**Monday:** 7:30am - 6:00pm

**Tuesday:** 7:30am - 6:00pm

**Wednesday:** 7:30am - 6:00pm

**Thursday:** 7:30am - 6:00pm

**Friday:** 7:30am - 6:00pm