



Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 8th August 2025

TERM 3 - 2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY 13 TH AUGUST	SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30PM
THURSDAY 14 TH AUGUST	ASSEMBLY – GR 2/3
TUESDAY 19 TH AUGUST	BOOK WEEK PARADE 'BOOK AN ADVENTURE'
WEDNESDAY 20 TH AUGUST	WHOLE SCHOOL SUPER SCIENCE CIRCUS SHOW
THURSDAY 21 ST AUGUST	ASSEMBLY – GR 4/5
MONDAY 25 TH – WEDNESDAY 27 TH AUGUST	GR 3/4 CAMP ANGLESEA
THURSDAY 28 TH AUGUST	NO ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER	FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST ASSEMBLY – GR P/1
SUNDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER	FATHERS DAY
WEDNESDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER	SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30PM
THURSDAY 11 TH SEPTEMBER	ASSEMBLY – GR 3/4
MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER	DRAMA EVENING AT PHEE BROADWAY
THURSDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER	ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 19 TH SEPTEMBER	LAST DAY TERM 3 2:30PM FINISH

INSIDE THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

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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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SCHOOL REVIEW -PARENT FORUM

Thank you to the families that were able to attend our parent forum last Tuesday. Your opinion is much appreciated and will form part of our final school review report. Our final review day is next Monday where all feedback will be considered to help develop our new 4-year school strategic plan commencing in 2026.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

A reminder to families that supervision of students commences at 08:45 a.m. Students that are dropped off prior to 08:45 a.m. are requested to book in their child in the Before School Care program. Bookings can be made at www.oshcadventures.com.au.

NATIONAL BULLYING NO WAY WEEK

Our theme for 2025 is Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.

Everyone has a role in preventing bullying. This year we're encouraging students and school staff to speak up and foster safe spaces where everyone feels supported, respected and all voices are heard and valued. Students are most welcome to wear a touch of purple next Friday 15th August to help take a stand against bullying.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder to our School Council members that our next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday 13th August commencing at 6:30 p.m.

DRAMA EXTRAVAGANZA- SAVE THE DATE

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 to the term in the lead up to the evening. Further information will follow regarding this event.

GRADE 3 AND GRADE 4 CAMP

Permission and medical forms are now due back at school.

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. Sent home today with students are camp medical and permission forms. Please ensure forms are completed and returned to Lou in the office prior to Friday 29th August.

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.

Have a nice weekend!

Andrew

BOOK WEEK 2025
‘BOOK AN ADVENTURE’



The 2025 Book Week theme is.....
“Book an Adventure”

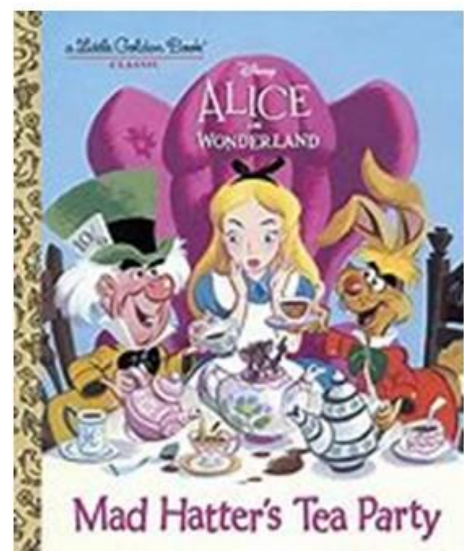
Our staff theme is
Alice In Wonderland

We invite you to ‘Wonderland’ at
Harcourt Valley Primary School
for the

‘Mad Hatters Tea Party’

Tuesday 19th August 2025
9am

Book Parade
followed by a small morning tea



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PRINCIPAL

07/08/2025

Lola – For approaching her schoolwork very confidently.

P/1 - MRS TURNER

Mason- For showing great improvement with the reading and writing of 3 letter words.

2/3 – MR WALTER

Emily - For her wonderful information report about sloths.

3/4 - MRS MILNE & MRS HARGREAVES

Charlie- For showing upstanding behaviour in the playground and supporting his peers.

FRENCH – MADAME K

Lacie – For making excellent choices and being thoughtful of others.

P.E – MRS STEARNE

Saffy – For demonstrating dedication to improving her tennis skills.



P/1- MRS TURNER

31/07/2025

Summer - For showing resilience and attending school when all her friends were away.

2/3 - MR WALTER

Ollie - For continuously reading half past on an analogue clock.

ART - MS MADDAFORD

Miida – For her insightful contributions to our class discussion about portraiture.

PE - MRS STEARNE

Merryn - For her precision and control in tennis.

FRENCH - MADAME K

Charlie - Working hard during French and maintaining a positive mindset.

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

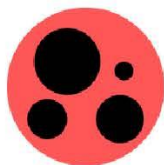
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This weeks Chaplains Corner article looks at supporting children through disappointment and why these experiences are so important to their development.

"When we don't allow our kids to go through the process of being disappointed, we are depriving them of the opportunity to develop resilience and ultimately confidence that they can overcome or at least survive setbacks.

With support we can encourage problem-solving and coping skills, we can help them develop constructive ways to handle disappointment, such as seeking support, trying again, or adapting their approach."

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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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

CIRCUS CLASSES 9-12YRS

TUESDAYS
5.15-6.45PM

Term 3



***Free trial class available**

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES:

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