



# Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



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WELCOME TO  
2024 AT HVPS

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## TERM 4 DATES TO REMEMBER

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

BE BRAVE PROGRAM  
PRESENTED BY THE  
BENDIGO BRAVES  
SNR SCHOOL

**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

BE BRAVE PROGRAM  
PRESENTED BY THE  
BENDIGO BRAVES  
JNR SCHOOL

**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

GRADE P/1/2/3  
GLASSES FOR KIDS  
PROGRAM

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

CHOIR EXCURSION

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

COLOUR RUN  
ICE CREAM TRUCK !!!

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

STATEWIDE  
TRANSITION DAY

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

GRADE 6 GRADUATION  
AFTERNOON TEA &  
DINNER

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

GRADE 6 BIG DAY OUT

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER**

HARCOURTS GOT  
TALENT

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

END OF YEAR  
EXCURSION TO  
CINEMAS \$25 EACH

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

LAST DAY TERM 4  
1:30PM FINISH

## INSIDE THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

- Principal's Report
- PREP Transition Dates
- Office News

**ITS NOT TOO LATE TO ENROL  
AT HVPS**

## 2025 PREP TRANSITION DATES

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV 9-10AM

**BELEZA UNIFORM POP-UP SHOP FOR  
WHOLE SCHOOL 10% OFF FOR PREP**

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOV 9-10:30AM

**PREP FAMILY INFO SESSION**

**MORNING TEA**

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DEC – 9-11AM

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC – 9-12PM

**BELEZA UNIFORM POP-UP  
SHOP AT HVPS  
TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
ASSEMBLY AREA**

There will be order forms  
available and Kerrie will come  
back for the following Prep  
Transition day to drop off  
orders and take more!!

Dear Families,

It's been another busy and exciting few weeks here at school, and I'm pleased to share some of the achievements from our school community.

### **Book Fair**

A huge thank you to Mr. Walter for organising this year's Book Fair. I'd also like to extend my thanks to the staff members who helped run the book fair each day. It was fantastic to see so many families and students getting involved and purchasing books. It's always great to see our school community so enthusiastic about reading, and we hope the Book Fair inspired some new reading habits!

### **Classroom Curriculum Overviews Now Online**

Over the next week our Classroom Curriculum Overviews will be made available on our school website. These overviews give you an outline of what your child will be learning in class this term. We encourage you to have a look at them and get a sense of what's coming up in their learning journey. These can be accessed under the 'Curriculum' tab on [our website](#). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the teachers – they're always happy to chat about what's happening in the classroom.

### **P-2 Kickball**

A big congratulations to our Prep to Year 2 students who participated in today's kickball event. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and plenty of team spirit. Our students showed great sportsmanship and demonstrated the school values through the day. A big thanks to the staff and volunteers who helped organise and supervise – your support made the day run smoothly.

A special mention also goes to our Grade 3-6 students, who did a fantastic job leading the younger groups during the kickball event. They really showed what it means to be great role models – they were responsible, supportive, and excellent ambassadors for our school. It's so encouraging to see the leadership skills these students are developing, and we're proud of how they took on this responsibility.

### **Remembrance Day**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, our School Captains will lead a short Remembrance Day ceremony from 10:45am. Families are most welcome to attend this ceremony. Mrs Simpson father Glenn will also be playing the Last Post.



## **Be Brave Program with the Bendigo Braves**

We're also excited to announce the *Be Brave* initiative, which is being run in partnership with the Bendigo Braves. This program is designed to promote sportsmanship, leadership, and provide an insight into the mindset of elite athletes.

- **Grade 3-6:** Tuesday, 12th November from 11:30am
- **Prep - Grade 2:** Tuesday, 19th November from 11:30am

The *Be Brave* program includes a presentation that will cover team-building activities and key leadership principles. After the classroom session, students will participate in an on-court clinic, where they'll get to apply what they've learned. The presenters will include representatives from the Bendigo Braves, headlined by the head coach of the NBL1 Men's program. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn from elite athletes and gain valuable skills around sportsmanship and leadership.

## **2025 Student Placement Requests**

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/page/195/School-Policies>

Thank you for staying informed about the happenings at Harcourt Valley PS. We appreciate your ongoing support and involvement in our school community!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out or drop in to the office!

**Have a great weekend.**

**Ash Harvey**

## 2024 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

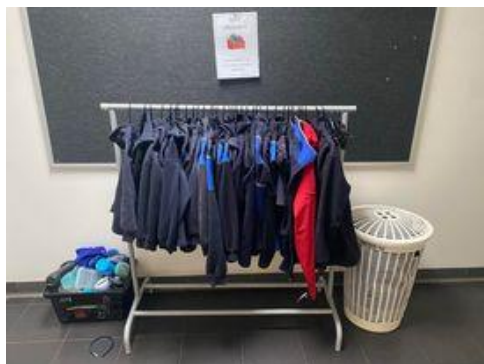
Amount per student - \$420 or set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

**BREAKING NEWS**  
HVPS NOW HAS  
EFTPOS

### FROM THE OFFICE

- **LOST PROPERTY** is OVERFLOWING!!

Please come and check it all if you are missing anything – like your entire child's school uniform collection!!!



- **SCHOOL UNIFORM** must be labelled clearly with your child's name.

***Mrs. Simpson***

Thursday 2.45pm – Assembly via Webex

School Assembly Webex:

Meeting number :

2653 371 2854

Meeting password: Thyn33i83D4

# 2024 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants



## 2024 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant

We're excited to announce that Harcourt Valley Primary School is one of 103 childcare centres, schools, Scouts and Girl Guides groups, and youth groups to receive a 2024 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant.

Delivered through Landcare Australia's Junior Landcare program, and funded by the Victorian Government, the grants provide young people with the opportunity to engage in outdoor, hands-on biodiversity focused projects or learning activities that encourage them to value and actively care for Victoria's biodiversity and natural environment.

We are using our \$4448.80 grant for our Enhancing Biodiversity Awareness in Harcourt: A School-Community Initiative project.

Our project aims to enhance the understanding of biodiversity in Harcourt among students and the wider community through hands-on educational activities. Utilising 'Ulumbarra,' our school's bush regeneration area, we plan to conduct a series of sessions led by local biodiversity experts and a Harcourt indigenous group who specialise in local flora and fauna.

The Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are funded by the Victorian Government through the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action. They contribute to the targets of *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037*, the Victorian Government's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment.

## 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](mailto:harcourt.valley.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**Telephone 5474 2266**, the school, 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.

fresh fruit friday  
Delivering 10,000kg of fresh fruit to Bendigo school children WEEKLY

Logos: mckern steel foundation, Blueberry, Milk & Honey, Veg & Veg, PUPPY, IMPACTA, Adroit, OLS, Viata, TILL, DORLI, red cross

**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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## CALL OUT FOR OLD TOYS & BOOKS

Josie in Gr ½ would like to put a call out for anyone who has old toys or books they are willing to donate – they are having a stall at Gather Harcourt and are going to sell them to raise money for charity.

Please bring any donations to the office



## HARCOURT FNC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

 **DATE**  
18 NOV, 2024

 **TIME**  
7:15PM

DI SELWOOD 0488 148 358

 Harcourt Recreation Reserve

