



Harcourt Valley Primary School Newsletter



Friday 8th May 2026

Week 3 Term 2



TERM 2- 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY 10 TH MAY	MOTHERS DAY
TUESDAY 12 TH MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BENDIGO BRAVES READING PROGRAM GR 5/6 PARLIAMENT HOUSE
WEDNESDAY 13 TH MAY	LITERACY INFORMATION SESSION 6-7PM SCHOOL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 22 ND MAY	GOLDFIELDS DIVISON CROSS COUNTRY
WEDNESDAY 3 RD JUNE	RECONCILIATION WALK GR 5/6
MONDAY 8 TH JUNE	KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 11 TH JUNE	SCHOOL PHOTOS
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JUNE	SCHOOL COUNCIL
MONDAY 22 ND , 23 RD & 24 TH JUNE	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
FRIDAY 26 TH JUNE	LAST DAY TERM 2 2:30PM FINISH

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

3 Wilkinson Street, HARCOURT 3453

Phone: 03 5474 2266 Mobile: 0478 435 770

Email: harcourt.valley.ps@education.vic.gov.au

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to all of the families that were able to attend our Mothers Day Breakfast yesterday morning. It was a terrific morning, it was a great opportunity for the students to give their mum a little extra TLC in the lead up to Mothers Day this Sunday. Thank you to the staff that assisted with the breakfast on the morning.

GRADE 5-6 MELBOURNE EXCURSION

Next Tuesday 12th May, the Grade -5-6 students will be visiting Parliament House in Melbourne. Students are requested to be at the Castlemaine Railway Station at 08:00 in school uniform. Students will arrive back in Castlemaine at 4:30 p.m.

JUNIOR PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – FIND OUT WHY PHONICS IS SO IMPORTANT.

Junior school parent/carers are most welcome to attend a Literacy information session next Wednesday evening commencing at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Stacey Turner.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY-GRADE 4 TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Grade 4 to Grade 6 students will be completing a voluntary Department of Education and Training attitudes to school survey in the coming weeks. Whilst further information is attached to this newsletter regarding the Attitudes to School Survey, If you do not want your child to do the survey, please opt out by emailing us at harcourt.valley.ps@education.vic.gov.au before the survey period commences on Wednesday 13th May.

EDUCATION WEEK

To celebrate Education Week, families, and new families enrolling in our school for 2027 are invited to attend our Open Morning from 09:30 to 11:00, or alternatively our Open Evening from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday 20th May. A light supper will be provided at our Open Evening.

2027 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENT FORMS

2027 Prep enrolment forms are due by the end of this term. Enrolment forms are available at reception.

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 PLACEMENT INFORMATION PACKS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Year 6 to Year 7 placement packs are now due back at school. Please ensure the placement pack is completed and returned to us (HVPS).

Have a nice weekend and Happy Mothers Day to all the Mums.

Regards
Andrew

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

7/5/2026

PRINCIPAL	Julian - For showing a high level of responsibility by being prepared to help with chores around the school at lunch and recess.
PREP/1 – MRS TURNER & MRS HOOD	Lewis - for using the reading strategy 'sound, blend, read' to work out unfamiliar words. Kira - for using the reading strategy 'sound, blend, read' to work out unfamiliar words.
2/3 – MR WALTER	Lola - For achieving her personal best and finishing the Cross-Country course.
4T- MR TONZING	Beau M - For working hard and challenging himself in our division topic.
5/6 – MISS PASCOE	Raf - For putting in 100% effort for all of his work, being an amazing buddy and creating an impressive first draft of his biography. Outstanding work Raf!

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

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

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

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Google play

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App Store

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

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

Woolworths

NETSETGO!

FREE TALK PRESENTED BY BRON GRIEVE –
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE. HOSTED BY CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY

PARENTING
TALKS FOR
2026
IN THE MODERN WORLD

Ready to Woolworths NetSetGo?

REGISTER TODAY & CATCH THE FUN!

Registration enquiries contact Jordan 0448 179 373



Teens & Screens Navigating Technology Together

Thursday 14 May 2026 | 5.30 — 6.45 pm
(5.15 pm arrival for a 5.30 pm start)

Learn how to connect with teens in today's digital world—this session offers insights into teen tech habits and empowers parents to guide their kids toward safe, creative, and positive online experiences.



scan for more info

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or email bgrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au



DROP SHOT
Tennis Coaching

TERM 2 TENNIS

20 APRIL - 26 JUNE 2026



PROGRAMS INCLUDE

HOT SHOTS

- RED BALL (5-8)
- ORANGE BALL (8-10+)
- YELLOW BALL (9-12+)

JUNIOR SQUADS

ADULT GROUP PROGRAMS
ADULT CARDIO
PRIVATE / SEMI-PRIVATE
BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAMS



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

PH 0448 009 960

INFO.DROPSHOTTENNIS@GMAIL.COM



Harcourt Preschool

OPEN DAY

Mon May 18, 2:30pm-4:30pm Cnr of Mills & Bingham Rd, Harcourt

Visit us where we learn, grow and play

For more information about Harcourt Preschool,
including kinder registration details visit ykinders.org.au



the Y Kinders



Arty Afternoons

for kids in grades 5 - 6

A gentle and supportive weekly after school program for kids to connect and express themselves through art and play.

Sessions will be facilitated by registered Art Therapist and Children's Counsellor.

Tuesdays 5th May - 16th June
3.30pm - 5pm
Castlemaine Community House

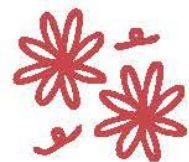
Who: Kids in grades 5-6

Book in: This program is free but registration is essential.

Please book online (scan QR code) or by call CCH on 5472 4842.

This program is delivered in partnership with Dhelkaya Health.

The Arty Afternoons program is supported by funding from Murray PHN through the Australian Government PHN Program and Vic Health's Growing Healthy Communities program





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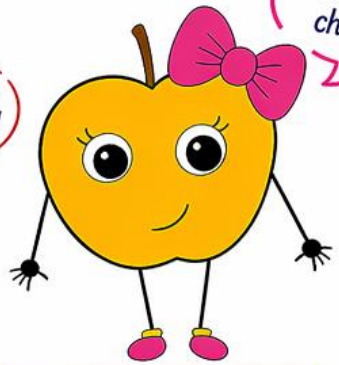
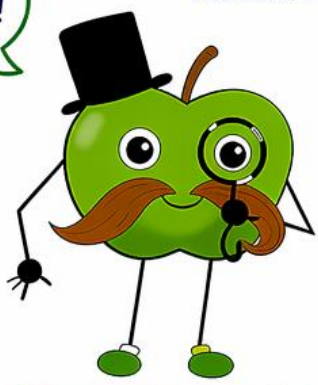
OPEN DAY!

DISCOVER OUR SCHOOL. BELONG TO OUR COMMUNITY. ♥

You're invited to come and see what makes Harcourt Valley Primary School a wonderful place to learn, grow and thrive.

Let's explore!

Make great choices!



CURIOS CARLOS

RESPECTFUL ROBERT

RESPONSIBLE REGINA

We love learning

We show kindness

We make great choices

Be Curious

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

OPEN DAY



WEDNESDAY
20TH MAY 2026



9:30AM – 11:00AM



3 Wilkinson Street
Harcourt VIC 3453

OPEN EVENING



5:30PM – 6:30PM



LIGHT SUPPER
PROVIDED



3 Wilkinson Street
Harcourt VIC 3453

WHAT YOU'LL SEE



Classroom learning in action



Meet our dedicated teachers and students



Tour our facilities



Student-led experiences



Information about enrolments and programs

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE HVPS



Strong focus on wellbeing



Engaging, high-quality learning programs



Inclusive, supportive community



A place where every child is known, valued and supported

We can't wait to welcome you! ♥

GET IN TOUCH

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EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY EVERY OPPORTUNITY!