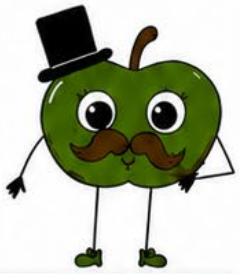
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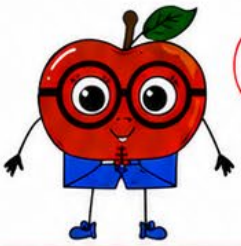
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CURIOUS CARLOS

We love learning

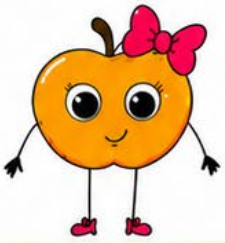
Be Curious



RESPECTFUL ROBERT

We show kindness

Be Respectful



RESPONSIBLE REGINA

We make great choices

Be Responsible

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Friday 9th October 2026

Week 1 Term 4

WHAT'S HAPPENING TERM 4

THURSDAY 15TH – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER	P/1/2 Camp (1/2s sleepover & Preps collected 7pm)
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER	Lunch Orders Sausage in bread & Drumstick Ice-cream
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER	Student Free Day
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER	P-2 Kickball
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER	Remembrance Day Service 11am
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	Election BBQ
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER	Choir Excursion to local nursing home
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER	Grade 6 Graduation
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER	Grade 6 BIG DAY OUT
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER	Whole School Cinema Excursion
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY 2026 1:30pm finish

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all of our students and families for Term 4. I hope everyone has had a safe holiday break and students found some time to rest and recharge for the busy term ahead. Please take the time to review the calendar at the front of our newsletter for any upcoming events that are relevant to your children.

PREP TWILIGHT CAMP AND GRADE 1-2 SCHOOL SLEEPOVER- THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

A reminder to Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 families that permission and medical forms are now due back at school. All Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will be travelling to the Discovery and Technology Centre in Bendigo on Friday 16th October which will be a great experience for all involved. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Turner or Mr Walter if you require further information relating to camp.

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY (STUDENT FREE DAYS)

Monday 2nd November is a School Council approved curriculum day and students are not required at school on this day. Please note, Melbourne Cup is on Tuesday 3rd November and is a public holiday.

SUN SMART HATS

A reminder to families that all students are required to wear a broad brimmed school hat when outdoors.

WILKINSON ROAD PICK UP AND DROP OFF

During school pick up and drop off on Wilkinson Street, we ask that families please park on the school side of Wilkinson Street. This request is aimed at ensuring students do not need to cross Wilkinson Street at such a busy time.

2027 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

Please note, If you would like to request that your child be placed in a class with a particular friend or friends, please ensure that you make this request by the end of October this year so that we can consider your request in organising our classes for the following year.

Requests for class placements should be made in writing, outlining who you would like your child to be placed with and why. Requests can be addressed to myself. We will not always be able to accommodate class placement requests, but will endeavour to take your wishes into consideration where possible.

2026 PREP TRANSITION

We are looking forward to greeting the 2076 Preps later this term when our Prep transition program commences. Dates for Prep transition are inside the newsletter.

SNAKE SIGHTING

Yesterday a snake was sighted on the school grounds and earlier today I briefed all students on the appropriate response when a snake has been sighted. Please ensure you keep an eye open for snakes with the warmer weather now upon us.

MRS SIMPSON

We wish Mrs Simpson the very best this weekend when she participates in the Melbourne Marathon.

Have a nice weekend!

Regards

Andrew

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Prep 2027 Transition Program

We are excited to welcome our 2027 Preps and their families to Harcourt Valley Primary School!





TUESDAY
10TH NOVEMBER
6:00PM

Prep 2027 Information Evening

An opportunity to meet some staff, learn about our school and ask any questions you may have.

TUESDAY
17TH NOVEMBER
9:00AM – 10:00AM

Transition Session 1

A chance for our 2027 Preps to come and explore, make new friends and become familiar with our school.
Stay for a chat and some morning tea!

TUESDAY
24TH NOVEMBER
9:00AM – 10:30AM

Transition Session 2

More time to play, learn and grow in our Prep classroom.



TUESDAY
1ST DECEMBER
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Transition Session 3

Building confidence and connection as we continue our Prep transition journey.

TUESDAY
8TH DECEMBER
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Transition Session 4

Our final transition session for 2027 Preps. A great opportunity to spend more time at school and get ready for 2027!

Please pack a hat, water bottle and morning snack.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family into the Harcourt Valley Primary School community in 2027.







🌟 Students of the Week 🌟

Week 1

Principal	**Kaiya -**for starting the term very positively and getting back into her learning routine very quickly. Well done Kaiya!
P/1	**Luna -** for your engagement across all areas of your learning and your improved willingness to answer questions.
2/3	**Fraser** - For working hard to understand fractions and is becoming more confident at identifying and working out fractions up to **one-eighth (⅛)**.
4	**Josie** - For showing excellent leadership by helping manage our new sports equipment borrowing system and supporting others to use it responsibly.
French	**Emily** - Completing work activities with focus and care.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Help Us Decide: What Should We Fundraise For Next?

What an incredible few months it's been for fundraising, all thanks to our amazing volunteers! Massive thanks to everyone who got behind the BBQ fundraiser at VMR in June; it was a huge effort that raised an incredible $2,000 for our school.

And what a hit the Father's Day stall was; the dads were absolutely thrilled with their gifts, especially the Joke Socks! A massive shoutout to Steph for the nifty keyrings and gorgeous cookies. With the funds we've raised, we've purchased a new BBQ to replace a well-worn one, additional classroom art supplies, and a netball ring, and the kids are loving every bit of it.

We would like your thoughts: what would make the biggest difference to your child's school experience? Big idea or small, we want to hear it. Send your ideas through to Lou in the office and help us shape what we fundraise for next.

Thank you for being part of what makes our school so special.

Harcourt Valley Primary School Council

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





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