



Harcourt Valley Primary School

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Newsletter

Friday

1st February 2019

Diary Dates

Assembly each Thursday 3pm

Note: below details are subject to change

February

Wed 6th	No Preps Grades 1-6 Swimming program 1st session
Thurs 7th	Grades Prep-6 Swimming 2nd session No assembly
Mon 11th	Grades Prep-6 Swimming 3rd session
Wed 13th	No Preps Grades 1-6 Excursion to Sovereign Hill - Ballarat
Thurs 14th	Assembly grade 6
Fri 15th	Grades Prep-6 Swimming 4th session
Mon 18th	Parent info exchange from 2.30pm - details to follow
Wed 20th	No Preps
Thurs 21st	Assembly grade 4
Fri 22nd	Grades Prep-6 Swimming 5th session CSEF new application due
Mon 25th	Parent info exchange - details to follow
Wed 27th	No Preps
Thurs 28th	School Fees due Conveyance applications due Assembly grade 2 Welcome BBQ 5.30pm to 7.30pm

March

Thurs 7th	Assembly - Choir
Sat 9th	Applefest
Mon 1th	Public Holiday
Thurs 14th	Assembly grade 5

Principal's Report

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone to the 2019 school year. A special welcome to our new families that are commencing at HVPS for 2019.

We have a very exciting term ahead of us with our major topic based on the learning area of Science for all classes. Other highlights for the term include: Water awareness/safety program to be held at the Harcourt Pool, Sovereign Hill Ballarat excursion for the Grade 1 to Grade 6 students (Wednesday 13th February) and the public display of student art work at the Harcourt Applefest. Additionally, students will be attending a number of events during the Castlemaine State Festival later this term.

CORRESPONDENCE

Today you will receive a considerable quantity of correspondence. Please ensure you read this literature carefully and complete and return the required forms.

CLASS ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS

To assist with work rosters, listed below are this terms dates for student work presentations at school assembly held each Thursday commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Grade 6	14 th February
Grade 4	21 st February
Grade 2	28 th February
Choir	7 th March
Grade 5	14 th March
Grade 3	21 st March
Grade 1	28 th March
Foundation	4 th April

Swimming

All students will return to school on the completion of swimming sessions. **Pick up your child from school at 3.30pm**

GRADE 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

The Grade 6 student leadership speeches will be held next Friday 8th February commencing at 2:30 p.m. Grade 6 families are most welcome to attend this event. 2019 leadership positions will be announced at school assembly on Thursday 14th February.

I look forward to working with you all this year.

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew Blake

Absences - to notify the school of your child's absence:

Schools website: <http://hvps.vic.edu.au> - click on forms and notices

Flexibuzz: click on absence icon

Phone the school from 8.30am: 5474 2266 for illness only

Illness - see above for notifying the school.

Absent other than illness - Send in absent note prior to the day of absence. **NO verbal** notifications accepted for these absences.

Camps

Grade 1/2 Camp Getaway Axedale - Wednesday 20th to Thursday 21st March

Grade 3/4 Anglesea camp - Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th June

Grade 5/6 Halls Gap camp - Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th October

Grade Prep Sleepover - Thursday 24th October

Conveyance Allowance: this allowance is paid to eligible families who live 4.8 kilometres or more from the school or bus stop. It is dependent upon there not being a school closer to your home than this one. The distance must be taken from your front gate by the most direct route to school. Further information is available at www.education.vic.gov.au. Applications are available at the school office and need to be returned by 28th February 2019.

CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund: CSEF will be 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, pension card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The 2019 CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Applications for this allowance must be made with the school by 22nd February 2019.

Fees

Each family received an emailed statement on Thursday 31st January, with fees owing. Please check your email including the junk mail folder, if you have not received the statement email the school harcourt.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with an updated email address.

Some families will have a credit on their account from last year. Contact the school office asap if you want this credit applied to a specific fee.

The essential student learning items fee of \$150 is due by 28th February 2019. If this total amount is paid by the 28th February a discount of \$20 per student will be applied to your account.

Swimming program and Sovereign Hill excursion fees are due now.

Bank Account Details:

Account Name: Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB: 063 509

Account Number: 1004 2656

Reference: eg: (Surname/Fees)

Late arrival / early departure

An iPad is located in office foyer (near heater) to sign your child in and out of the school. If your child arrives after 9am, they need to go to office and sign in.

Speaking to staff

If you have a need to speak to a staff member before school other than the office staff, it is preferable to finish your discussion by 8.55 am. Staff need to be free to enter class when the bell rings at 9 am.

Times

First bell: 8.57am - store bag in cubby hole and line up

9.00am - start of school day

Recess: 11am to 11.30am

Lunch: 1.30pm to 2.30pm - line up to enter classroom from 2.27pm

Finish: 3.30pm

Wilkinson Street is the road that runs along in front of the school.

This is a two way street but the **school observes a one way policy in regards** to this road during drop off (8.30 – 9.00 am) and pick up (3.15 – 3.45 pm) each day. We ask parents to only enter Wilkinson Street from the Bingham Road end and exit via Coolstore Road.

We encourage dropping off and collecting of children from the Mills Road gate (near stadium) and ask that you only use Wilkinson Street if you are parking to come into the school for a particular reason.

Parents are reminded that 40 km speed zones are in force around the school and at the school crossing on Harmony Way and you are asked to be vigilant at the times as stated on the displayed signs.