



# Harcourt Valley Primary School

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## Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

### Diary Dates


**Note: below details may change**

Parent Catch Up - Each Thursday morning at 9am at Goldfields Track Café. All welcome

Breakfast Club - Each Friday 8.20am to 8.50am

Weekly Lunch Orders start Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Submit by 9am each Wednesday

### April

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Harcourt Preschool Opening
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b> 8.30am - 8.55am 3.30pm to 4pm	 <p><b>Bus Travellers Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2pm to 2.30pm</b></p>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Nicki - final day Return Order Form for Free Baked Beans with Toast & Fruit Cup Lunch
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Lunch order - weekly orders and cash due by 9am  Free Baked Beans with Toast & Fruit Cup Lunch
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly Grade 6
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Camp Quality Puppets      11.30am Grades 3 to 6 students Families are Welcomed      12.45am Grades Prep to 2 students  Lunch orders start – Sausage Rolls – EF/DF    Lemon & Coconut Cupcake – EF  Book Club issue 3,2021 order and payment due into school office

### May

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 8.30am - 8.55am 3.30pm to 4pm	 <p><b>Bus Travellers Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2pm to 2.30pm</b></p>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly Grade 5
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Mother's Day Breakfast – details to come
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Students
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly Grade 1
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Walk to School Day – details to be provided  Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form  School Office unattended
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b> – No students
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Grade 3 & 4 Students Camp to Anglesea
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly Grade Prep
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School Review - Parent forums 9:15am and 4:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly Grade 2

## School Office

**Today Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April each family will receive 2 items from our breakfast program, the school will be receiving new breakfast stock next week. Enjoy!**

### **Forms Due Back**

Grade 3 & 4 Students Anglesea Camp permission & medical

Lunch Orders – Free Baked Bean with Toast order

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April Lunch Order

Book Club issue 3

Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form

### **Honey for Sale**

300g Yellow Box for \$5 each.

Available at the school office. All proceeds will go to fundraising.

Thank you to the Carpenter family for the donating the jars of honey.

### **School Bank Account Details:**

Account Name: Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB: 063 509

Account Number: 1004 2656

Reference: eg: Surname/ (Excursion or Uniform)

### **Student Absences - How to notify the school if your child is absent:**

#### **No Verbal notifications accepted except via phone call**

School website: <http://hvps.vic.edu.au>

Click on forms and notices, fill in absent form and this will be emailed to the school.

Email: [harcourt.valley.ps@education.vic.gvo.au](mailto:harcourt.valley.ps@education.vic.gvo.au)

Phone the school from 8.30am: 5474 2266

### **School Uniform**

**Please label your child's school uniform for easy return.**

Click on the following link for order form:

<https://www.hvps.vic.edu.au/page/166/Notices-&-Forms>

Payment is required prior to sending home uniforms with students

## **Principal's Report**

### **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to Term 2! We have a busy term ahead which will also include a Pre-Review School Self Evaluation (PRSE). As part of our school improvement cycle, every Victorian government school undertakes a review every four years. Our review is scheduled for Term 3 which requires us to complete a PRSE this term. The school self-evaluation will provide the opportunity for the school community to reflect and identify what is working well, what needs to continue and which areas of the school's work may need to be improved or further developed.

The information provided will assist with the development of our new school strategic plan.

Parent forums providing the opportunity to participate in the self-evaluation process are scheduled for: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May- 09:15 and 4:00 p.m.

From a curriculum perspective, learning overviews will be sent home for each class in the following weeks outlining the topics covered for this term.

We look forward to working together in the spirit of our core values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Integrity to ensure Term 2 is a productive term.

### **ANZAC DAY**

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, Student Council representatives spoke at yesterday's school assembly about how the Gallipoli Oaks Tree came to grow here at HVPS. All students spoke

extremely well and presented a very informative presentation about the history of ANZAC Day and how the Gallipoli Oaks story came to fruition. The very small Gallipoli Oaks tree can be found behind the flag pole on the school grounds.

### **Farewell Nicki**

After many years working at Harcourt Valley Primary School 2 days a week, Nicki has made the difficult decision to leave HVPS. Nicki will be sadly missed and we wish her all the best with her future endeavours. Nicki's final day will be next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### **HARCOURT PRESCHOOL OPENING**

The Harcourt Preschool will be officially opened next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, MP will officially open the preschool. A number of our School Council representatives will attend this event along with the School Captains, Tobias, Shelby, and School-Vice Captains, Kate and Talise.

### **CAMP QUALITY PUPPET SHOW**

We have invited Camp Quality to present a puppet show to all students next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. At Camp Quality, services and programs are made specifically to help children 0-13 who are impacted by a cancer diagnosis, that their own, or the diagnosis of someone they love like a brother, sister, mum or dad. The puppet show is designed to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. A Camp Quality parent information brochure is below.

If you require further information about the puppet show you are also most welcome to contact me prior to the event.

### **GRADE 3-4 CAMP**

The Grade 3/4 camp to Anglesea is scheduled for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Further information regarding camp has been sent home with students today.

### **National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

Students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (Spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy in the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. A parent/carer brochure explaining this year's NAPLAN testing will be sent home with next week's newsletter.

### **WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from Grade 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period 26 April to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>.

I look forward to working with you ensuring Tem 2 is a successful one.

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew Blake

### Friday Lunch Orders

Lunch orders for students start Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Pay either each week (submit order form and cash by 9am each Wednesday) or

**Pay for the term, payment for term due today Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Payment for 9 weeks of lunch orders will be \$36 for grades prep, 1, 2, 5 & 6 students.

For grade 3 & 4 students 8 weeks of lunch orders will cost \$32 each.

#### **School Bank Account Details:**

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Reference: eg: LO T2 (surname)

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
23 April	<b><i>NO LUNCH ORDER! Please organise Term order payment by this day!</i></b>	
30 April	Sassy <b>Sausage Rolls</b> – EF/DF	Loony Lemon & Coconut Cupcake – EF
7 May	Zany <b>Zucchini Slice</b> – GF	Brilliant Banana & Cinnamon Cupcake – EF
14 May	Saucy <b>Spaghetti bolognese</b> – EF/DF	Cool Choc & Orange Cupcake – EF
21 May Grade 3/4 on Camp	Sensational <b>Sushi</b> – Tuna or egg – EF (tuna)/DF/GF	Almighty Apple, Oats & Cinnamon Cupcake – EF
28 May	Perfect <b>Pizza</b> – Ham, Cheese, Pineapple – EF	Bountiful Blueberry & Almond Cupcake – EF
4 June	Tempting <b>Tuna Bake</b> – EF	Clever Carrot Cupcake – EF
11 June	Beautiful <b>Baked Potatoes</b> – EF/GF	Charming Chocolate & Coconut Cupcake – EF
18 June	Super <b>Sausages in Bread</b> – EF/DF	Vanilla Cupcake – EF
25 June	Hot <b>chicken rolls</b> – EF/DF	Choc Chip Cupcake – EF

## Year 6 to Year 7 in 2022 Transition Guidance

### Support for families

Parents and carers can use the [Find my school](#) website to identify their designated neighbourhood government school or closest specialist school options from the residential address they provide.

Two different parent and carer packs are also available to download via the [Moving from primary to secondary school: information for parents](#) web page on the Department's website.

The packs outline the steps for enrolment, including key dates and application forms.

- 2021-2022 Transition Information Pack for Parents/Carers with Year 6 Students at Government Schools
- 2021-2022 Transition Information Pack for Parents/Carers with Year 6 Students at Non-Government Schools.

## Application timelines

Parents and carers need to return the Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form to their child's government primary school (Harcourt Valley Primary School) by Friday 14 May 2021.

Families of Year 6 students at non-government (Catholic and independent) primary schools may return a copy of their Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form directly to their preferred secondary school.

### Xuno



Details of Xuno will be emailed out to families next week. This will include a Parent Portal Introduction booklet, a XUNO Family App Quickstart Guide, username and password.

This week we introduced the new Xuno sign in/out app on the iPad at the school office for all students and visitors (including parents) to sign in and out.

If you need help with the app please contact the school office (except Tuesdays).

### Book Fair Dates

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Time:** Before School: 8.30am-8.55am

After School: 3.30pm-4.00pm

**Where:** Classroom next to grade 5/6

**What about Bus Travellers?**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Lunchtime 2.00pm-2.20pm

**Colouring Competition:**

Colouring Competitions. The best entry from each class will receive a \$15.00 Book Voucher to spend at the Fair. Get those coloured pencils out, sharpened and ready!

Every book you buy helps to raise money for our school to purchase books and other resources.

**Wish List:** Students will have the opportunity to browse through the Book Fair.

They will then write a wish list of books they may like to buy.

**How can you pay?**

Cash

Credit Card – EFTPOS machine supplied by Scholastic

Online – Please see the back of your child's wish list form.

Any more questions? Please contact Mr Walter or Ms Parkhill



It may be grey and cold and rainy right now but UV radiation levels can still be high and damaging. Please keep sun protection on the agenda at least until the end of April.



## Camp Quality

Hi parents and carers!

We're writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education Program has been invited to perform at your child's school.

At Camp Quality our services and programs are made specifically to help children 0-13 who are impacted by a cancer diagnosis, that their own, or the diagnosis of someone they love like a brother, sister, mum or dad. At no cost to schools, parents or students - our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn't contagious, so it's ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

**"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too."** - Primary school principal

**"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner"**-

Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and aid classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit [www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/at-school](http://www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/at-school). You're also welcome to contact us by emailing [Kylie@campquality.org.au](mailto:Kylie@campquality.org.au) or calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. We rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?

The Kids' Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 8-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. [www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer](http://www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer)

## Community News

**Please be advised that the information listed is provided for community information only. Harcourt Valley Primary School does not necessarily endorse the listed community advertisement and has no affiliation with the listed organisations.**

### Harcourt News: The Core

For the latest news around Harcourt, click on the following link:

<https://harcourt.vic.au/news>



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\* Nearly Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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**SMALL SIDED SOCCER**  
**FRIDAYS FROM 30TH APRIL**

**CGFC (MiniRoos) Introduction to Soccer Program**  
**for all Boys and Girls Ages 5 through to 9**

**REGISTER NOW FOR TERMS 2 & 3**  
EMAIL [CGFCSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CGFCSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFO

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## Community Forum 2021

**Topic:** Maternity Services  
**When:** 5–6.30pm on Tuesday, 4 May 2021  
**Where:** Castlemaine Health Auditorium  
**Bookings:** [www.trybooking.com/BQ5XZ](http://www.trybooking.com/BQ5XZ) (limited tickets due to COVID-19)

In 2021 we're running a series of Community Forums to help demystify health services in Mount Alexander.

One day you, your family or friends may need to call on local health services. That's why it's important to know what they are and how to access them.

At this second session, we'll take a look at our newly reopened maternity service. Our guest speaker will be the Midwifery Group Coordinator from our midwifery team.



## Our School is on the Bushfire At Risk Register

On a Code Red day,

Harcourt Valley PS will be closed. The School Bus will not operate.



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