



Harcourt Valley Primary School

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Newsletter

Friday 30th April 2021

Diary Dates

Note: below details may change

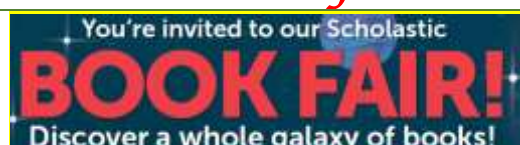
Parent Catch Up - Each Thursday morning at 9am at Goldfields Track Café. All welcome

Breakfast Club - Each Friday 8.20am to 8.50am

Weekly Lunch Orders – Submit by 9am each Wednesday – see list below

May

**Tuesday 4th,
Wednesday 5th,
Thursday 6th**
8.30am - 8.55am
3.30pm to 4pm



Bus Travellers Wednesday 5th May 2pm to 2.30pm

Wednesday 5th

Castlemaine Secondary College Open Morning
Register: https://csc.vic.edu.au/info_box/open-morning-2021/
Arrival 9:00 - 9:30 am. Welcome address commences 9:30 am, morning tea will be served at 11:00 am

RSVP - Mother's Day Breakfast form due

Cross Country Championships at Bendigo – selected students

Thursday 6th

Assembly Grade 5

Friday 7th

Mother's Day Breakfast – 7.45am to 8.50am

✚ Mothers, Grandmothers or Special Maternal Person

Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th

NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Students

Thursday 13th

Assembly Grade 1

Friday 14th

Walk to School Day – details to be provided

Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form

School Office unattended

Monday 17th

Curriculum Day – No students

Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st

Grade 3 & 4 Students Camp to Anglesea

Thursday 20th

Assembly Grade Prep

Monday 24th May

School Review - Parent forums 9:15am and 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 27th

Assembly Grade 2

School Office

Forms Due Back

Grade 3 & 4 Students Anglesea Camp permission & medical

Friday Weekly Lunch Order

Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form

Cross Country Championships – selected students

Mother's Day RSVP

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.

Family Book Exchange

We have a small library of books for parents/carers to borrow and read, they are kept near the kitchen.

Families are welcomed to come and borrow or donate novels or if you enjoy the book feel free to keep at home.

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

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

Curriculum Days-Pupil Free Days

Please note that Monday 17th May and Friday 4th June are School Council approved pupil free days.

Message From The Victorian Chief Health Officer – Embedding Coviidsafe Principles

Attached is a message from the Victorian Chief Health Officer. I encourage all members of the school community to read this correspondence as it reinforces the message that as a school community, it is crucial that we continue to follow COVID Safe behaviours by: staying home when unwell and getting tested even with the mildest symptoms, performing regular hand hygiene and where possible pursuing strategies to support physical distancing.

Mothers, Grandmothers or Special Maternal Person Breakfast

Mothers, Grandmothers and or special maternal friend are most welcome to attend school for breakfast next Friday 7th of May. Whilst we welcome all guests to attend the breakfast, the following COVID safe behaviours are requested to be followed:

- Sign in at reception on arrival and use the hand sanitiser
- If feeling unwell, stay at home
- Observe cough etiquette and personal hygiene measures
- Where practical, adhere to social distancing

As we are bound by density limits, we ask that families with students in Prep and Grade Prep/1 have breakfast in the junior classrooms, and families with students in the upper class have breakfast in the main school building. Families with students across grade levels are requested to have breakfast in the junior classrooms.

Thank you in advance for assisting us continue to promote COVID Safe activities.

Collection Of Student Contact Details on Excursions and Camps for Contact Tracing

I have been advised this week from the Department and Education and Training (DET) that excursion and camp venues are now required to keep a record of student names and family contact details for the purpose of contact-tracing. As a result of this updated guidance, all Grade 3/4 students attending Anglesea Camp have been provided with an updated parent/carer consent form reflecting these changes.

Please ensure completed forms are returned to school no later than Friday 7th May.

Office Unattended On Tuesdays

With the office currently unattended on Tuesdays, we ask that all non-essential enquiries be made to Tracey on the other days of the week.

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 10th May. A parent/carer brochure explaining this year's NAPLAN testing has been sent home today.

Parent Forum

As advised in last week's newsletter, this term we are undertaking a school self-evaluation which forms a component of our school review held every 4 years. To enable all members of our school community to contribute their ideas, parent forums have been scheduled for Monday 24th May at 09:15 a.m and 4:00 p.m. An opportunity to provide your feedback will also be available electronically in the coming weeks.

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew Blake

Students of the Week – from 22/4/2021

Principal's Award

Reagan: For always displaying terrific manners and speaking respectfully to her peers and teachers.

Prep

Matilda: For identifying the sounds in 3 letter words and blending the word back together.

Maysa: For identifying the sounds in 3 letter words and blending the word back together.

Charlotte: For identifying the sounds in 3 letter words and blending the word back together.

Grade 1/2

Rafael: For always trying his best. Raf is always enthusiastic and helpful in the classroom.
Thank you Raf!

Xavier: For working really hard to apply his knowledge of 3D shapes.

Grade 2/3

Derek: For confidently answering numerous maths equations during a maths lesson.

Levi: For working extremely hard in all subjects to complete all his work on time and to a high standard.

Blossom: For completing maths homework on time and to a high standard.

Grade 4/5

Maddison: For a calm and settled start to the term.

Libby: For always approaching all learning tasks with a positive attitude.

French

Lucas: For being a considerate classmate and participating actively in French.

Hector: Excellent focus during French speaking activity.

Alicia: Improved effort and participation.

Sarah: Always reading to learn and considerate of others.

Mack: Excellent participation during speaking activity.

Students of the Week – from 29/4/2021

Principal's Award

Amy: For making the most of learning opportunities presented to her in class.

Prep

Mason: For making good choices and participating in class activities.

Bonnie: For modelling great listening skills and showing improvement with working on tasks.

Grade 1/2

Harry: For trying hard to focus and listen during numeracy and literacy rotations and for writing a great re-count about ANZAC day.

Grade 2/3

Grace: For working hard to complete her work on time. Keep it up Grace!

Bonnie: For writing a wonderful descriptive opening about her setting.

Grade 4/5

Darragh: For actively listening and finding some confidence in Maths.

Grade 5/6

Amina: For consistently filling in and returning her reading diary and demonstrating a solid home reading routine, AND demonstrating impeccable work ethic in all areas of the classroom.

French

Harper: Improved effort and participation.

Bonnie M: Working well during independent activities.

Henley: Great effort completing writing activity.

Amy: Consistent focused effort.

Merryn: Excellent participation.

Road Safety Message from the School Crossing Team

Welcome back to another School Term. Whilst the weather is starting to turn colder, we are still seeing lots of people out and about walking and on bikes. So, here are just a few safety tips to keep in mind.....

- When riding a bike on the road, you must follow the same road rules as other vehicles. This means you must stop at the School Crossing when the Supervisor is on the Crossing with the Stop sign displayed.
- When walking on roads where there are no footpaths, it is best to walk on the side of the road with the traffic coming towards you. This may seem strange, but it is the safer way as it means you can see the traffic coming without having to continually be checking behind you.
- Always use the School Crossing when the flags are displayed.
- Always check the parking signs around schools and ensure you are parked legally.

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.

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

Friday Lunch Orders

Submit order form and cash by 9am each Wednesday

More Helpers Needed – Please contact school office

DATE	MAIN \$3	DESSERT \$1	VOLUNTEERS	
			WED	FRIDAY TEAM
7 May	Zany Zucchini Slice – GF	Brilliant Banana & Cinnamon Cupcake – EF	Bec W	Jason Mc, Nic D, Elsa H
14 May	Saucy Spaghetti bolognaise – EF/DF	Cool Choc & Orange Cupcake – EF	Kelly W	Lorella B, Bec E, Helen S
21 May Grade 3/4 on Camp	Sensational Sushi – Tuna or egg – EF (tuna)/DF/GF	Almighty Apple, Oats & Cinnamon Cupcake – EF	Lynda Q	Rachel B, Laura P, Jo C.
28 May	Perfect Pizza – Ham, Cheese, Pineapple – EF	Bountiful Blueberry & Almond Cupcake – EF	Bec W	Deb C, Ange F, Lynda Q,
4 June	NO LUNCH – CURRICULUM DAY			
11 June	Beautiful Baked Potatoes – EF/GF	Charming Chocolate & Coconut Cupcake – EF	Lynda Q	Michelle D
18 June	Super Sausages in Bread – EF/DF	Vanilla Cupcake – EF	Bec W	
25 June	Hot chicken rolls – EF/DF	Choc Chip Cupcake – EF	Kelly W	

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.

Book Fair Dates

Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th 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 5th May

Lunchtime 2.00pm-2.20pm

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

Walk to School – Friday 14th May



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

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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.

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Digiclub Tuesday's

Castlemaine Goods Shed

21 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine, 3450

Digital Goods is a diverse series of courses - an exciting new learning experience created by specialists in the field.

Over 8 weeks, Owen Gregory and Lisa Mills will take you on an adventure of creative expression where you will devise and create fun and experimental video clips. Learn how to create your own unique characters, write a script for them, and bring them to life with Character Animation software. You will then learn to edit your animation and add sound to create your own short film.

Who is this for?

Kids aged 8-12

Participants will receive:

- New animation and film production techniques
- Hands-on digital skills with easy to use production equipment, software and processes
- An opportunity to create a fun and imaginative film with friends

Facilitators:

Owen Gregory and Lisa Mills

Venue:

THE GOODS SHED, 19 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine.

Date/ time:

8 x sessions | Thursdays 4pm - 5.30pm

Term 2: 4 May - 22 June 2021 (8 weeks)

The low cost nature of this course has been made possible by the generous support of the Victorian Government Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

Harcourt News: The Core

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

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

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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