



## Harcourt Valley Primary School

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Newsletter

Friday

13th December 2019



Note: below details are subject to change

### December

Monday 16th

Grade 6 Graduation  
2pm ceremony  
7pm dinner

Wednesday  
18th

Whole School Excursion  
Castlemaine 9am to 3.15pm

Friday  
20th

Last day of  
term 4  
"Christmas  
Holidays"  
1.30pm finish

### January 2020

Wednesday  
29th

First day of term 1  
Grades 1 to 6 students  
8.57am line up at class-  
room doors for a 9am start

Thursday  
30th

Grade Preps commence  
school.

### School Crossing -

### Friday 20th December

Due to the early finish time of 1.30pm on the last day of school, there will be no School Crossing Supervisor in attendance at the crossing that afternoon.

### Principal's Report

#### FINAL WEEK OF TERM

Listed below are the scheduled activities for our final week of term activities

#### **Monday 16th:**

2:00 pm Graduation Ceremony  
7:00 pm Grade 6 Graduation dinner

#### **Wednesday 18th:**

Prep-6 excursion to Castlemaine pool and Botanical Gardens for a picnic lunch (Lunch from home)

#### **Thursday 19th:**

Christmas theme dress up day and student talent quest (9:15am-11:00am).  
All families welcome for the show.  
Assembly 2:45-Attendance awards presented

#### **Friday 20th:**

Instrumental performance: Students that have participated in the instrumental program this year will be performing live at Harcourt Valley PS commencing at 10:00 a.m.  
All families/carers are most welcome to attend this event

#### **School closes 1:30pm**

**Please note: no lunch from home is required due to early finish.**

#### **GRADUATION AFTERNOON CEREMONY**

The Grade 6 graduation ceremony will be held next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 2:00 p.m. To ensure the ceremony is a memorable occasion for our Grade 6 students, we invite extended families to attend this event. The afternoon will consist of Grade 6 speeches and the presentation of graduation certificates. At the completion of the afternoon ceremony, all families are most welcome to stay and enjoy afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share.

#### **GRADE 6 GRADUATION DINNER**

The formal Grade 6 graduation dinner will commence at 7:00pm sharp next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Prior to entering the school building, families will have the opportunity to take group photos. Families are requested to arrive at 6:50pm allowing time for photos prior to the commencement of formal proceedings.

Have a great weekend!

Andrew

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Grade Prep

**Tom:** for always demonstrating exceptional behaviour inside and outside the classroom.

**Jack:** for using initial letters and some sounds to write words independently.

### Grade 1/2

**Evie:** for her outstanding reading stamina.

**Derek:** for trying hard to work on his reading stamina.

### Grade 2/3

**Korbin:** for an outstanding effort with his reading this week.

**Abraham:** for working hard during maths to subtract 2 digit numbers.

### Grade 3/4

**Tobias:** for demonstrating the school values of responsibility and resilience during the choir performance at Castlemaine Health.

**Corey:** for demonstrating the school value of responsibility by doing an amazing job of conducting the lunchtime choir at assembly.

### French

**Darcy W:** making an effort to complete independent task.

**Cooper:** getting on with his work with quiet focus.

**Callum D:** participating well during group discussion.

**Neko:** great work getting on with her research assignment.



### *CHOIR EXCURSION*

On Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, the students from the HVPS Auditioned Choir visited a few of the Aged Care Hostels at Castlemaine Hospital. Throughout the term, they have been learning 'old time' songs such as Chatanooga Choo Choo, Red Red Robin and Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines. The residents loved hearing songs that they were familiar with and many sang along, tapped their toes and enjoyed the memories that the songs brought back.

I was so proud of how well the students conducted themselves as they sang and then talked to the residents. They were kind, respectful and resilient as they faced some challenging conversations as well as some funny and interesting ones. Fletcher found a friend of his grandmothers and Mason had many interesting conversations with the residents. All students should be proud of themselves for taking risks, supporting each other and bringing so much joy to those who we met.

A big thank you to Cath Scott and Veronica Budnikas for spending the day with us, Angela and Andrew Denahy for popping in and spending a couple of hours with us and Jennifer Curtis for enjoying the day with us and being prepared for any emergency.

WELL DONE KIDS!!!!

Katrina Hood

