



Harcourt Valley Primary School

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Education for a Sustainable Future

Newsletter Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our lunch order program is at risk.

Our current volunteer pool can only cover Friday lunches until 28 May. That leaves 3 weeks this term which at the moment will not be able to go ahead.

Please consider volunteering to help with one lunch order per term (or per year if that is all you can do). If you are a new family at the school, this is a great way to meet other families and contribute to your child's school in a meaningful way. It's fun and easy, and if you are new you will be teamed up with more experienced lunch order helpers who will teach you the ropes.

If you can help, please contact Veronica on veronicabudnikas@gmail.com or 0416 374 563.

Many thanks,

Veronica and Rachel – Lunch Order Coordinators

Diary Dates

Note: below details may change

Tuesday – School Office Unattended

Wednesday 9am - Weekly Lunch Orders Due

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

Friday 8.20am to 8.50am - Breakfast Club

May

Friday 14th	Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form Due
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	School Review - Parent forums – RSVP at school office by Thursday 20th May 9:15 am at GoldFields Track Café 7:00 pm at School
Wednesday 26th	Open Morning – 9am to 11am
Thursday 27th	Assembly Grade 2
Friday 28th	Grades Prep to 2 students attend Interschool Tabloid Sports at Wesley Hill Recreation Reserve Castlemaine from 9.45am

June

Thursday 3rd	Assembly Grade 4
Friday 4th	Curriculum Day – No Students No Lunch Orders
Thursday 10th	Assembly Grade 1
Monday 14th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – No Students
Wednesday 16th	School Council Meeting 7pm

School Office

Forms Due Back

Grade 3 & 4 Students Anglesea Camp Permission & Medical Forms

Grade Prep to 2 Students Tabloid Sport Permission Form

Friday Weekly Lunch Order

Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form



Handy Hint

You can submit your child's absent via Xuno.

XUNO allows you to inform the school that your child will be absent on a specific date or time in the future, including today, before or after the roll has been marked. This feature is also available through the Family mobile app.

Submitting an absence note

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

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

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

Xuno – Parent Web Portal or Family App

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

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 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 next Monday 17th May is a School Council approved pupil free day.

STATEMENT OF VALUES AND SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our Statement of Values and School Philosophy at Harcourt Valley Primary School. I encourage all members of our school community to be familiar with this document as our school values and philosophy are our guiding principles as a school community at Harcourt Valley Primary School.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP-CAMP WILKIN

Grade 3 /4 students will be departing for Camp Wilkin at Anglesea next Wednesday 19th May. Please ensure all student medical requirements are handed to Ms Parkhill the morning of departure. All students are requested to be at school by 08:45 a.m. for a 09:15 a.m. departure. Students are requested to assemble in the school grounds near the bike racks.

NAPLAN

Well done to our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students for doing their very best with the NAPLAN tests this week. NAPLAN results will be forwarded to families in due course.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION-PARENT FORUM

A reminder to families that our pre review parent forums will be held on Monday 24th May. Please find below the location and times of the 2 parent forums.

Monday 24th May- 09:15- Goldfields Track Café – Morning tea provided

Monday 24th May- 7:00 p.m. – School (adjusted time)

To assist with catering, we ask that families notify the school of their attendance by Thursday 20th May noting the forum they will be able to attend.

EDUCATION WEEK - OPEN MORNING

To celebrate Education Week we are holding an Open Morning on
Wednesday 26th May from 9-11 a.m.

Scheduled tours will commence at 09:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Which will be led by our very capable Grade 6 students.

Morning tea will be held from 09:45 to 10:15 a.m.

Enjoy your weekend!
Andrew Blake



Students of the Week

Principal's Award

Ellie – For displaying a high level of respect towards her peers and teachers

Prep

Maysa – For showing great independence and responsibility while completing different activities

Grade 1/2

Sophie – For having a determined attitude to complete all her assessments to the best of her ability

Grade 2/3

Levi – For being a kind and considerate class member and for always trying his best to help others

Grade 4/5

Isabella – For creating thoughtful and descriptive sentences and applying personification when writing at Ulumbarra

Grade 5/6

Emma – For demonstrating persistence when completing her Naplan this week and doing so with a positive attitude

Art

Shannon – For working hard on his weaving

Jayla – For using kind words to encourage others

French

Suzie – For helping with the French Alphabet

O – For his improved effort and focus

Three-Year-Old Kindergarten available to Mount Alexander families in 2022

Do you know a child who will be three next year?

Every child deserves the opportunity to have the best start. That's why funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten will be available across Victoria from 2022. This means an extra year of learning, playing and making friends for our children.

Currently, the Victorian Government funds 15 hours per week of kindergarten in the year before school, which is known as 'Four-Year-Old Kindergarten'. From 2022 five hours of funded Three-Year-Old kindergarten will be available, increasing to 15 hours by 2029.

Research shows that **two years of kindergarten are better than one**. And these benefits last into school years and beyond.

Just like with Four-Year-Old Kindergarten, the funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program will be tailored to meet the needs of our children and community.

You can visit the kinders during their Open Days, the week of 24th May.

- Castlemaine Kindergarten – Monday 24th May 2.15pm-4pm
- Harcourt Pre-School – Wednesday 23rd June 1pm-2pm
- Maldon Pre-School – Wednesday 26th May 10am-1pm
- Newstead Pre-School – Wednesday 26th May 2.30pm -3.30pm
- South Castlemaine Kindergarten - Wednesday 26th May 1pm-3pm

Enrolments for these Kinders are managed by the YMCA. First round offers will commence on 1st June 2021.

To enrol visit, <https://earlyyears.ymca.org.au/Centres/Enrolments/Pages/Online.aspx>.

Funded three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten programs will also be available at long day care, contact the centres directly for more information:

- Castlemaine Childcare Co-operative – 5470 6284
- Nido Early School – 5470 5422
- Ray Street Children's Centre – 5470 6080

Friday Lunch Orders

Submit order form and cash by 9am each Wednesday

DATE	MAIN \$3	DESSERT \$1	VOLUNTEERS	
			WED	FRIDAY TEAM
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, 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 parent's 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.

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.



Phone: 1800 55 1800
Cybersmart Helpline:
1800 880 176



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>