



Harcourt Valley Primary School
Newsletter
Friday 18th September 2020

Diary Dates

Note: below details may change

September

Friday 18 th September	Grade 4, 5 & 6 Student Attitudes To School Survey - CLOSSES
Friday 18 th September	Last Day of Term 3 2.30pm Dismissal

October

Start of Term 4

Monday 5 th	Remote and Flexible timetable
Tuesday 6 th	All Students return to on-site Learning – Hats On
Saturday 17 th to Friday 23 rd	Book Week – Curious Creatures, Wild Minds
Friday 23 rd October	Public Holiday
Friday 13 th November	New CSEF applications need to be submitted to school office – see more information in newsletter.

School Tour

We are unable to have on-site school tours this year, click on link for a virtual tour.

<https://www.hvps.vic.edu.au/articles/65>

School Banking each Tuesday morning 9am

Cancelled till Term 4 due to remote learning

Student Absences

How to notify the school if your child is absent:

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

HVPS Art Gallery

<https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/harcourt-valley-p-s/home>

SCHOOL FEES

As all camps and interschool sports have been cancelled, these invoices will be credited to family accounts.

If you have further information relating to fees, please contact the office.

Castlemaine Secondary College (CSC) Enrolment Forms

A friendly reminder to our Grade 6 families that Castlemaine Secondary College enrolment forms are now due. If you require another enrolment form, please contact CSC directly on 5479 1111.

CSC have requested that enrolment forms are directly mailed to the school at the following address:
Castlemaine Secondary College
PO Box 57
Castlemaine 3450

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I am pleased to advise that this week, I have been provided with further information from the Department of Education and Training relating to students returning to on-site learning for next term. Please find listed below the updated changes and current restrictions that will remain in place until further notice.

First Week of Term 4

Monday 5th October – First day of Term 4 –

1. A Remote and Flexible timetable will continue for all students on Monday 5th October. Lessons planned for the day will be transition related activities linked to Literacy and Numeracy and physical activity preparing students for a return to on-site learning.
2. On-site provision will be available to eligible students on Monday 5th October. Families requiring access to on-site provision for Monday 5th October are requested to have their requests submitted no later than Friday 18th, at noon.

Tuesday 6th October- All students will recommence on-site learning

Whilst we are very excited to see all students return to on-site learning, the following restrictions will be in place until further notice:

Important changes for all students and families

To ensure a successful return to school for all students, the following important changes need to be adhered to by all families:

- **Pick Up and Drop off times and location by vehicle:**
 1. **Drop off and pick up times will remain as the same school times. To minimise adult congregation and to assist with traffic flow, please simply drop off your children & depart the car park.**
 2. **Families with the first letter of their surnames from A-K are requested to park on the stadium side of the school.**
 3. **Families with the first letter of their surnames from L-Z are requested to park on the Wilkinson Street (North side) of the school. To assist with traffic flow, please enter Wilkinson Street via Bingham's Road.**

Staff will be on duty on the school yard side to supervise all students during pick up and drop off times. It is important that social distancing rules be adhered to during pick up and drop off times.

- **Restrictions on access to school site - As per Department of Education and Training advice, we request parents do not enter the school grounds unless it is for an essential reason. Under these circumstances, parents are required to report at reception, practise physical distancing and hand hygiene practices.**
- **Strict Hygiene – Students will be encouraged to practise strict hygiene practices at home and at school. Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle to school as access to the drink bubblers will not be**

permitted. Water stations will be available to refill drink bottles. Students are required to wear hats in term 4. It is important that any unwell students remain at home and notify the school of their child's absence.

- **School Bus - The school bus will be operating on the same timetable with enhanced cleaning and physical distancing maintained from adults i.e bus driver. We encourage families to utilise the school bus service as this will help minimise the congregation of adults at school entrances.**

iPads - Loaned Devices and Netbooks:

- Please ensure the loaned iPads and chargers are returned in the first week of term to support on-site learning activities.
- Loaned DELL computers –Students with loaned DELL computers are required to bring their device to school each day to support on-site learning but are permitted to take the devices home each day.

Grade 3 to 6 netbooks -

In preparation for each school day, Grade 3 to 6 students are advised to bring their netbooks to school each day. Students will be permitted to take their netbook home with them for the remainder of Term 4. Students are permitted to bring to school their personal plug in headphones and mouse.

You are most welcome to contact me if you require further clarification regarding this matter.

Grade 6 Graduation

Due to the current covid-19 restrictions and the unknown around restrictions we have started to prepare for our grade 6 graduation. To assist with our graduation preparation, it would be appreciated if Grade 6 students could bring to school a baby photo in the first week of term 4. Photos will be scanned and returned to students.

SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Check out our school tour video featuring some of our senior students.

<https://www.hvps.vic.edu.au/articles/65>

A big thank you to Ms Rowlands and the Grade 5/6 students for their work.

Camps Sports Excursion Fund (CSEF) - Changes for 2020

The following information is for new families holding a valid means-tested concession card application, please ignore if you have already applied this year or last year. For families that have received a Health Care Card, Foster or Pension Card since the 14th April 2020 are now able to claim 50% of the CSEF.

Eligibility:

The final eligibility date for CSEF in 2020 has been extended from 14 April until 5 October 2020.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Payments will be made at 50 per cent of the standard per student rates for families eligible between 15 April and 5 October 2020 \$62.50 for primary school students.

Please return the attached application form or contact the school office if you are unable to complete the form.

2021 Enrolments:

Thank you to the new and existing families that have returned enrolments forms for next year. We are currently in our 2021 planning stages and receiving these forms assist in this process.

If you know of a kinder family or new family moving to the area and are planning on enrolling their child(ren) at HVPS please ask them to contact the school office for an enrolment pack.

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

Site works have now commenced



School Bank Account Details:

Account Name:

Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB: 063 509

Account Number: 1004 2656

Reference: eg: Surname/(Fees or Uniform)

School Uniform

Families that are in need of new or 2nd hand uniform
please email or ring the school office to order.

	Size:	Price:
Short Sleeve Polo in school colours	6-16	\$31/Adult \$35
Long Sleeve Polo in school colours	6-16	\$32/Adult \$36
Long Sleeve Jumper in school colours	6-16	\$39/Adult \$44
Cargo Shorts – dark navy	4-16	\$17/Adult \$22
Cargo Pants – dark navy	4-16	\$21/Adult \$25
Skorts – dark navy	4-16	\$16
Fleecy Track Pants – dark navy	4-16	\$17/Adult \$22
Blue/white check Dress	4-16	\$17
Winter Pinafore	6-10	\$51
Yellow Skivvy	4-16	\$10
Surf Hats S, M & L		\$10
Polar Fleece Beanie One Size		\$4.50
Sunglasses – Silver (Cancer Council)		\$16.95
Sunglasses – Blue (Cancer Council)		\$19.95

Payment is required prior to sending home uniforms with students.

Head Lice

Just a reminder to keep checking your child's hair for lice,
hopefully we can eradicate them before we return to school in term 4

Book Week October 17th – 23rd 2020



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in



Phone: 1800 55 1800
Cybersmart Helpline:
1800 880 176