



# Harcourt Valley Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2020

## Diary Dates

Note: below details are subject to change

### May

**Monday 25th** Student Free Day

**Tuesday 26th** Grades Prep, 1 and 2 students return to school

School Crossing reopens with social distancing requirements

**Friday 29th** Year 7 application forms due

### June

**Friday 5th** Curriculum Day - No students

**Monday 8th** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - No Students

**Tuesday 9th** Grades 3,4,5 and 6 students return to school

## Principal's Report

### COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL FOR GRADE PREP, 1 & 2 STUDENTS

#### What to bring back to school next Tuesday?

- Up to date asthma plans and inhalers and epipens
- All school supplies such as pencil cases and workbooks
- Home learning packs and any student work completed at home
- Named drink bottle, morning snacks and lunch

We are very excited to commence the staged return to face-to face teaching next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May for the Grade Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students. A large focus in the coming weeks will be on the Wellbeing and Welfare of students making a successful transition back to school. Staff have planned numerous activities based on students reconnecting with their peers, adjusting back into the school environment and placing an emphasis on students taking care of each other.

### Important changes ensuring a successful phased return to school.

- **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.

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Staff will be on duty on the school yard side to supervise 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 Departmental 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. 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.

## Further questions prior to the return of school:

Parents/Carers are most welcome to contact me at school on Monday afternoon after 2 p.m if you would like to ask further questions regarding the transition back to school.

**On-site supervision during Stage 1:** On-site supervision will continue to be available for students in Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 who cannot be supervised throughout the period, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure on-site supervision forms are completed by 3:00 p.m on Thursday of the week prior to requiring on-site supervision.

**Please note, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May is a pupil-free day enabling staff to plan for a successful transition back to school. Additionally, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June is a School Council approved curriculum day and no students are required to be at school.**

## STUDENT WORK DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Please find attached an attachment outlining Semester 1 Reports.

## FUN REMOTE LEARNING NEWS

To coincide with the return of school, staff thought they might share what they have been doing whilst working from home. Thank you to Mrs Hood for compiling the video.

Harcourt Valley Primary School Staff Remote Learning Video

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1fMB-ah05zoXC4YykHGK\\_ODH9Y95OtEQ-](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1fMB-ah05zoXC4YykHGK_ODH9Y95OtEQ-)

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Reagan is making the most of the sunny weather by just simply enjoying a good book on the family tractor.

Have a great weekend!  
Regards  
Andrew

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## *HVPS Art Gallery*

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

Mrs Hargreaves has created a Virtual Art Gallery for HVPS so that student artworks can be shared with the community.

Each week she will select a few pieces of artworks to upload into the gallery.

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## Wushka-DIGITAL READING PROGRAM

By now all students will have received a unique username and password allowing access to levelled online readers.

Your child's username and password will be available on Google Classroom.

Access to Wushka will be available all year and will form a part of our reading program.

### School Uniform

Please check your child's uniform, in case they have brought home the wrong clothing. Return it to the school office asap via your child.

Remember to label all clothing your child's name.

### School Bank Account Details:

Account Name:

**Harcourt Valley Primary School**

BSB: **063 509**

Account Number: **1004 2656**

Reference: eg: **Surname/(Fees,or Uniform)**

### Grade 6 Transition to Year 7 in 2021

**Year 6 to 7 Transition Information Packs for Parents/Carers have been emailed or sent home to each family.**

**For more information on moving from primary to secondary school:**

**Information for parents, click on this link:**

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/year-6-to-7.aspx>

**Parents/carers return Application for Year 7 Placement 2021 forms by:**

**Friday 29th May 2020**

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