



Harcourt Valley Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 29th May 2020

Principal's Report

Next Friday 5th June is a curriculum day.
No students are required to be at school.

WELCOME BACK!

COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL FOR GRADE PREP / 1 & 2 STUDENTS

Students and staff have had a very big week transitioning back into the school routine. I would like to commend students and staff on how quickly they have established a school routine. Next week's junior class program will continue to place an emphasis on students reconnecting with their peers, adjusting back into the school environment and placing an emphasis on students taking care of each other.

Diary Dates

Note: below details are subject to change

May

Friday 29th 2021, 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

Friday 26th End of Term 2



iPads- Loaned Devices

Please ensure the loaned iPads are now returned.

Assembly

As per departmental guidelines, there will be no school assemblies in the previous format until further advised. We are currently researching other ways to hold a school assembly and will notify everyone once we have arrived at a solution.

Important changes ensuring a successful phased return to school.

Thank you to all families for adhering to our changes helping to ensure a successful phased return to school. Please note, these changes will continue to remain in place until further advised.

- **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 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: Next week will be the final week of on-site supervision for our Grade 3 to 6 students who cannot be supervised throughout the period, up to Thursday 4th June.

FUN REMOTE LEARNING NEWS

Both the grade 5/6 and 4/5 classrooms have completed a push up challenge during their remote learning experience as a way of support for mental health month. Students recorded themselves completing daily push-ups and shared them on their respective Google Classrooms. The Grade 5/6 classroom completed well over 1000 push-ups in their three-week challenge!

Fantastic effort to all students who participated in the challenge!

Have a great weekend!

Regards

Andrew

School Uniform

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



Payment is required prior to sending home uniforms with students.

School Bank Account Details:

Account Name:

Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB: 063 509

Account Number: 1004 2656

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

HVPS Art Gallery

<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.

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:

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