Harcourt Valley Primary School

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Diary Dates
School Banking every Tuesday

OCTOBER
25th Whole Town Garage Sale
28th-31st Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp
30th Assembly: Grade 3

November
4th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
6th Assembly: Grade 5
7th Grades P-2 Interschool Kickball
8th BBQ—Barker House
11th 2015 Prep Transition Day 9-10am
13th Assembly: Grade 1
14th Arts Performance—“Magic”
19th School Council Meeting 7.30pm
20th Assembly: Grade Prep
22nd Melbourne Shopping Trip
24th Curriculum Day - No students
25th 2015 Prep Transition Day 9-10.30am
25th 2015 Prep Parent Info Night 7pm
27th Assembly: Grade School Captains

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Congratulations to the Grades 3-6 on their cricket days earlier in the week. One of our Grade 3-4 teams was successful in winning the Grand Final, well done kids!!

It’s camp time for the Grade 5-6 next week, please make sure that you have completed payment for this before Tuesday and remember that the children must be at Castlemaine station by 7.45am. The luggage should consist of two pieces, a backpack with the needs for the day in it and their suitcase or other bag. They must be able to carry their own luggage by themselves. No bedding is required.

It’s Whole Town Garage Sale day on Saturday. I wish everyone good luck with this and many thanks to Di Selwood and her fundraising team for all the hard work which has gone into this great idea.

The Rusty Nail Poetry competition is on at Lockwood PS on Sunday (26th). It starts at 11am and there are all sorts of activities planned for the day. We also have some winning students who will receive their presentations there. Our families are invited to attend.

We have now discussed the new school vision with School Council and they have made alterations to it as follows. If anyone else would like to make further suggestions, please feel free to bring your ideas in.

The (updated) Suggested Vision
We are learning to be responsible and engaged citizens of the 21st century. This means we are:

- Active Learners
- Effectively literate and numerate
- Developing emotionally and socially
- Managing our own wellbeing
- Creative and independent thinkers
- Environmental guardians
- Technologically competent and responsible
- Contributing to and involved in the community
- Inclusive of everyone

The most recent changes are in bold.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle
The school will be a polling booth for the State Election on November 29th. We are planning to run a sausage sizzle as a one off fundraiser on that day. This opportunity only comes around once every four years, so we should make the most of it. It would be nice if we had some different people come along to cook and sell the sausages. If you can spare an hour or two on that day, please let myself, Jacq or Di know.

Rental Property needed
If anyone knows of a rental property close to school at a reasonable cost, could they please let me know as we have a family who is looking for accommodation close to the school.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**

- **Grade P/1:**
  - Olwyn: for her knowledge of toast during a DC experiment.
  - Shannon: for her participation at Prep Sleepover (his dancing was amazing).
  - Nate: for improvement in his reading and writing.
  - Beatrice: for improvement with her running - Keep it up!

- **Grade 1/2:**
  - Xavier: for practicing hard to learn his red and green words.
  - Murray: for identifying a split digraph.

- **Grade 3/4:**
  - Owen: for completing his alliterations using the initial letter of his name.

- **Grade 5/6:**
  - Alistair A: for great community spirit by cleaning up at T20 cricket.

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**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Number of days that students have been away this week:

- **Grade P/1:** 3 days
- **Grade 1/2:** 1.5 days
- **Grade 3/4:** 5 days
- **Grade 5/6:** 3 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 1/2**

Early Bird winner is **Grade 5/6**

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**READING NIGHTS**

- **Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp**
  - Tuesday 28th October to Friday 31st October - Total Cost $350
  - *Final Payment $100 due 24th October 2014*

**Grade 5/6 Personal Checklist for Melbourne Camp**

Please remember children will need clothing for 3 days. (This should not include clothing for the first day)

Let the children have a big part in choosing and packing their own clothing. They will recognise items more easily.

Labelling items you want returned is very important. Unclaimed clothing is always a problem.

Children need to be able to dress in layers so they can remove an item of clothing, as they get warmer.

Camping for this camp needs to be comfortable and serviceable.

DO NOT BUY NEW ITEMS UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

All linen is supplied. All items are to be labelled and packed in a bag or case.

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Please try to keep luggage to a minimum, as space will be limited. Children must be able to carry their own luggage.

NO aerosol cans, NO money, NO electronic devices of any kind (including mobile phones),
NO lollies/chewing gum.

All medication to be labelled with dosage and time.

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Be at the Castlemaine Railway Station by
7.45am on Tuesday 28th October

Don’t be late as the train won’t wait!
Pick up at Castlemaine Railway Station
4.47pm – Friday 31st October
**Art News**

Reminder: Castlemaine Show Friday 31st October - 1st November

Several children have entered art in the show.

Don’t forget to visit the Art/Craft Pavilion during your time at the show to see their entries.

Suzan Redlande

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**Term 4 Lunches**

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<td>Sushi (egg or tuna) / Icy Pole</td>
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<td>Sausage in bread / Chocolate crackles</td>
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*Duty~ Jacq & anyone who would like to come and help!*

**Payment information!**

- Pay weekly by 9am Wednesday, filling in form each week. **Form not accepted without money** and to be placed in lunch bag and left in classroom box.

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**Fundraising Update**

Our final fundraising activities for the year are well under way. This Saturday we have our Whole Town Garage Sale and the response to this has been amazing. There are 26 households registered and 15 car boot stalls taking place at the school. Please tell everyone you know about it – there are some fantastic goodies for sale. The maps will be available for $3 from the school and the Harcourt General Store on Saturday morning. The sale kicks off at 8am and finishes at 3pm. The National garage sale organisers have taken an interest and will be calling me Saturday morning from their national radio broadcast to see how our sale is going. Let's make it great!!!

Saturday 8th Nov is the final of our House BBQ’s – Barker it’s our turn. There will be a roster at the office from next week so if you are in Barker and can spare an hour or two please pop your name on the roster. If you can’t help on the day but can bake or make something for our cakes/preserves stall then there will be space for you to write down what you can do. No pressure Barker House families but it would be nice if we could top Lang and Mitchells’ amazing efforts. If you are not in Barker please support the school and the kids and pop down on the day and buy a snag (or two).

Finally on the 22nd Nov we have our Shopping Tour. Lorella Burns is organising this and I know there are still some seats available so if you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact her or register at the school – there is a poster on the noticeboard near the office with all the details. We are heading to Melbourne for a fun day of shopping – there is a variety of really great factory outlets so you are sure to bag a bargain or two and we have a delicious pub lunch too. Shopping, lunch and chauffeur driven........surely it doesn’t get much better! Hope you can come along.

Di Selwood

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**Drink Bottles**

Each day students need to bring in a clearly labelled drink bottle containing water only.
**Community Corner**

Harcourt Valley Primary School does not endorse any advertising that appears in this newsletter

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**CLOTHING**

If you have any clothing belonging to another child, return it to the school office. Remember to label all school uniforms and regularly check the lost property basket near the toilets.

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**Emailing Newsletter**

In the interest of saving paper, money and time we are keen to email the newsletter to as many families, relatives and friends of Harcourt Valley Primary School as possible. Please contact the school office with your email address.

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**U13 Cricket**

The Harcourt Cricket Club will be fielding an U13 team. Games are played on Fridays from 4.30 – 6.30pm. Boys and girls are all very welcome and no experience is necessary. Training starts Wednesday 29th October, time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Please contact Andrea on 0400 678 988 if you are interested.

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**Mt Alexander Foothills Walkers**

- Up to one hour leisurely walk, followed by a cuppa.
- Fitness not necessary

Where: Harcourt Museum and ANA Hall

When: 9.30am, Mondays

The walk will be cancelled in case of heavy rain.

Please contact Liza Shaw if you have any questions:
Phone 54791000 or via email: lshaw@cdch.com.au

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**Schools Bank Account Details**

BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
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