**GRANDPARENTS DAY**
We had a lovely morning last Monday with students and grandparents/special friends. Thank you to the cooks for making delicious scones and parent helpers. Check out the “Pearls of Wisdom” display board.

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**Grade 3-6 Interschool Cross Country**
*Weather Permitting*
Permission forms to be returned ASAP, Friday 28th March Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, 9am to 1pm.
Cost $6 per student, only for families that have not paid their fees in full.
Students will need:  
- Play lunch
- Drink Bottle filled with water
- School Uniform
- COAT (optional)
- SHOES suitable for running

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**MARCH**

28th  Lunch Orders:  
Main: 2 - Muffin size Quiches $3 for 2  
Dessert: Carrot Cake $1 each  
Helpers: Jacq & Kerry

28th  Netbook lease payment due

28th  Interschool Cross Country  
Grades 3-6

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**APRIL**

1st  Parent Gathering 9am  
Skydancers

2nd  School Council Meeting & AGM - 7.30pm

3rd  School Assembly—Principal

4th  Lunch Orders:  
Main: Baked Potato with coleslaw & cheese $3 each  
Dessert: Chocolate Chip Biscuit $1 each  
Helpers: Jacq & Jason

4th  Last day of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish

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**25th Public Holiday - ANZAC Day**

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**MAY**

1st  Arts Performance—"Circus in a suitcase"

3rd  Fundraising BBQ C/Maine Newsagent - Saturday
Students Of The Week:
Grade Prep/1: Shannon: For his great counting.
   Isla: Hearing and writing the sounds in her writing this week.
Grade 1/2: Riley: Fantastic diary writing.
   Hudson: Focusing and completing all of his work.
Grade 3/4: Kester: For a wonderful effort working on his poster about Adverbs.
Grade 5/6: School Captains: For organising the Harmony Day activity. Well Done!
Art: Michael: Working especially well in Art on his mask and for his lovely smile!
Music: Shannon: Participation and enjoyment in music.

Reading Nights
Students that have achieved 25 nights of reading:
Shayla, Isla, Eve, Koby, Owen, Caleb
Students that have achieved 50 nights of reading:
Sammy
Well Done!

Attendance or is it absence?
Absence data this week:
Grade Prep/1: 8.5 days
Grade 1/2: 4.5 days
Grade 3/4: 17 days
Grade 5/6: 3.5 days

Cool to be at school winner is Grade 5/6
Early Bird winner is Grade 5/6

Every day counts – school attendance

Road Safety Lessons
Be prepared and get organised over the holidays.
Bike Ed and Scooter Ed is coming to HVPS
   At the beginning of term 2.
   P-2 will need a scooter and a helmet.
   Gr 3-4 will need a bike or scooter and a helmet.
   Gr 5-6 will need a bike and a helmet.

Days for the lessons will be notified at a later date.

Harcourt Valley Primary School Footy Tipping Competition 2014
Footy Tipster of the week was shared this week between Mr Watkins & Janelle
Join up now, tell your family and friends.
Each week the winner receives a hot beverage or milkshake voucher from ASQ Skydancers Cafe.

Netbooks - Grade 3-6
Netbook lease contracts have been sent out to Grade 3-6 students.
The cost for this year is $180 payable by 28th March 2014.
Please note a $100 excess is payable by parents for the lease period if the netbook needs to be repaired. Please be careful with the netbook at all times.
Return contracts and payment to the school office.
School Banking Account Details
BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the payment reference

Parenting pearls from Michael Grose
1. Develop a large family mindset. This will help you give each of your kids the space they need to become independent problem-solvers and develop the resourcefulness to be resilient.

2. Aim for redundancy: Independence and self-help skills form the basis of self-confidence so start handing over personal responsibilities to kids from a young age. Adapt this principle to suit individual needs to kids.

3. Mix challenge with compassion. The authoritative parenting style where there’s a mixture of firmness and warmth produces the best outcomes for kids. Two parents tend to share the good cop/bad cop roles, while a sole parent needs to do both, which is hard work – but doable!

4. Build rituals that bind. Close families have a strong sense of ritual. Family mealtimes, celebrations and family traditions (including the weird & way out things families do) bring people together and offer children and teens a real sense of security. Adapt rituals to suit your lifestyle.

5. Promote self-regulation in kids. Natural and logical consequences are the tools parents use to develop self-discipline in kids, one the key traits for long-term success. Avoid rescuing kids from self-made dilemmas and other real-life learning experiences.

REMINDER
Children’s clothing
Ensure all clothing worn to school has your child’s name clearly marked on it. Also please check that clothing does not belong to another child and if this is the case return it to the school office.

School Banking every Tuesday
This year the Dollarmites treasure is hidden in the Deep Sea so be on the lookout for your School Banking pack which will be sent home soon. The new rewards are fantastic, so don’t forget to keep your rewards card in a safe place, ready to order when you have saved 10 tokens. Happy Saving Everyone!

All main meals will be $3
All desserts will be $1
~for a larger serving please order 2 main meals~

Friday Lunches 2014
The roster and menu for the rest of the term is as follows-

28th March 2 Muffin size Quiches (Kerry & Jacq) Carrot Cake (Jacq)
4th April Baked Potato with coleslaw and cheese (Jason & Jacq)
Chocolate Chip Biscuit (Jason)

We require the children to bring to school their lunchbox (empty) along with any cutlery required. The teachers will give the children back their lunch order forms and they will bring them to us to be served their lunch this enables them to take home any leftovers.

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RABBITS FOR SALE
Mini Lop Cross
Males available
$20 each
Phone: Lynda 5474 2534

STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS
Family Railway Fun
MALDON STATION
Trains from Maldon to Muckleford – Rtn to Maldon
Sat / Sun : April 12 / 13
Train Rides - Steam & Diesel.
Animal Farm. Model Railway.
Clown on board. Novelty Rides.
Sausage Sizzle.
Horse Cart Rides
Donkey Rides
Jumping Castle

The Amazing Drumming Monkeys and Friends
Saturday April 5th at Lot19, 2pm – 5pm
Join us for a delightful family friendly afternoon fea-
turing the Amazing Drumming Monkeys, the Duck
Downpickers and a vinyl-only Kids Disco.

The Amazing Drumming Monkeys - the Monkeys are
coming to Castlemaine! This adorable show is for two
to eight year olds, but is also great entertainment for
all ages. Bongo and Congo play African drums and
lead audiences in songs and dances. The show fea-
tures positive messages like caring for the environ-
ment and getting along with each other. Guaranteed
to have everyone up and dancing. Check out their
YouTube clip at
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97vPjinfwLc

Get your boogie shoes on - with the Duck Downpick-
ers as they perform a special kids set complete with
puppets, check out their unique "coustic-zyda-Jug-
holy-billy-blues music".

Free kids craft activities and circus play-space will be
available throughout the afternoon.

The afternoon will finish up with an old school vinyl-
only kids disco.

Food and Bar available. For more info contact Jane on
0437 186 711.

Tickets are available on the door or at
http://www.trybooking.com/EOSC
$12 for kids 2 and over. Adults free.——