Welcome back to a busy term 4. A special Harcourt Valley welcome to Shaun Walker who has joined us in Grade 1. We wish him and his parents a happy time at Harcourt Valley.

Thank you to everyone for their good wishes on my husband’s recovery from heart surgery. He is improving well now and your kind wishes are greatly appreciated by us both.

The Preps are very excited about their trip to the Fairy Park next Monday. Please make sure that you have paid for this by Friday. As this is a major excursion it is not included in the levy. We will be leaving before the bell so...... Don’t be late, the bus won’t wait!

There is an Arts performance on Tuesday 22nd October. Only families who have not paid the levy will receive paperwork.

There is still quite a lot of money outstanding because families have not paid their fees for this year. We would appreciate this paid as soon as possible. The school currently has a cash problem as we rely on these fees being paid to meet our commitments. Settlement would be appreciated immediately.

Please make certain that your child wears their school uniform correctly, this includes the correct shirts and jumpers. No nail polish or jewellery and hair ties in school colours please. NO leggings under dresses. If it is cold enough for this, please get them to wear cargo pants or tracksuit pants.

Please join us on Friday 18th October at 9am to launch the program at our school. A sharing time for all our families! Come and find out what this program is about, it will benefit everyone.
**Reading Nights:**

- **Llewellyn, Patrick**
  - For reading 75 nights
- **Olwyn, Xavier, Izak**
  - For reading 125 nights
- **Sammy, Koby, Murray, Beatrice, Kester, Amelie**
  - For reading 200 nights
- **Amelie, Ella**
  - For reading 225 nights
- **Hayley, Blake**
  - For reading 150 nights
- **Angus, Hamish**
  - For reading 175 nights
- **Tayla**
  - For reading 250 nights

**Students of the Week:**

- **Grade Prep:** **Angus:** for excellent focus in all areas of schooling this week. **Sammy:** completing her work in full sentences.
- **Grade 1/2:** **Hannah:** great questions during our discovery curriculum. **Shaun:** a great start at Harcourt Valley PS
- **Grade 3/4:** **Tayla:** for her willingness to participate and enjoyment in every activity. **Caitriona:** being happy, helpful and delightful to be around.

**Attendance or is it absence?**

**IT’S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!**

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This term we have run out of preps! That means now we need to move on to the teachers, and this week we had Mr Watkins

Jade– What is your full name?
Mr Watkins- Matthew Robert Watkins

Jade– What grade do you teach?
Mr Watkins-Grade 1/2

Jade– When is your birthday?
Mr Watkins- 10th of October (aka today)

Jade– What primary school did you go to?
Mr Watkins-Flora Hill Primary School

Jade– What is your favourite TV series?
Mr Watkins- Megastructures

Jade– What pets do you have?
Mr Watkins- I have 2 dogs and their names are Tasha and Kyah and I have 2 cats named Freya and Zara

Jade– Why did you want to become a teacher?
Mr Watkins-To help children be the best they can be

Jade-What did you want to be when you were little?
Mr Watkins- I wanted to be a builder

Jade– Are you having a good birthday so far
Mr Watkins-Yes

**“NAME” THE CLUBS COMPETITION**

Competition entries due in by Monday 14th October.
Further details to be sent home today.
**FUNDRAISING**

*Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Trip*

Please come along and join us for a fun-filled stress free day of shopping….

**Date:** Saturday 9th November 2013  
**Cost:** $60* per adult and $30* per child under 17  
*Price may vary slightly depending on numbers

**Includes:**
- 2 Course Lunch with glass of wine  
- Tea & coffee  
- Home baked morning and afternoon tea  
- Lollies to share  
- Raffle prizes  
- Shopping bag

**Departs:** Bus departs at 6.30am from Stanley Park, Harcourt  
**Returns:** Approximately 8.00pm

Please contact Lorella on 0422 286 393 As soon as possible to reserve your seat.

**Friday Lunch Orders: Term 4**

New forms for lunch orders in term 4 have been sent home and are available on the school’s website.

Term 4 menu:  
- **Roll:** $2.50 ea Ham, Chicken or Salami with mustard, pickle, mayo, lettuce, tomato & cheese.  
- **Pita Taco:** $2.50 ea Pita bread pocket with seasoned beef mince, lettuce, cheese & tomato.  
- **Salad of the week:** $2.50 Changes every 2 weeks - caesar, noodle, dip or chicken.  
- **Orange Juice:** $0.50 ea  
- **Apple Juice:** $0.50 ea  
- **Sweet of the week:** $0.50 ea Changes each week: either muffin, slice, tart, scone, etc.

Lunch Orders with correct money need to be in by 9am each Wednesday

*Michael Grose, Parentingideas*

“Your job as a modern parent is to make yourself redundant from the earliest possible age.”

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**Grade 5/6 Halls Gap Camp 2013**

**Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th November**

Cost for this camp is $290 per student. This includes all meals (except lunch on the first day) bus travel for the four days and visits to Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre, National Parks Visitors Centre and Halls Gap Zoo.

Return Slip and deposit of $50.00 should have been returned to the office.

Full payment must be received at the school by Monday 11th November or your child will be unable to attend. Please return the return slip irrespective of whether your child attends or not. Return of all forms assists us with our planning.

**Prep Excursion to Fairy Park, Anakie**

**Date:** Monday 14th October, 2013  
**Time:** 8.45am departure from school, return by 3.45pm (approximately)  
(Bus Travellers will need to make other arrangements to get to and from school)  
**Where:** Fairy Park, Anakie  
**Cost:** $20 per student

Teachers accompanying the students: Mrs Victor-Gordon, Mrs Smith and Mr Fitzgerald

Children will need: School uniform including a jumper, school hat  
Play lunch, lunch and a Drink Bottle filled with water
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.

The first market was very successful in June and we are about to have our second Swap Buy and Sell MARKET for children's items such as toys, games, (sport) equipment, baby stuff, furniture, etc etc.
We need MORE STALL BOOKINGS. CHILDREN can book too this time. They can have a rug or small table selling their second hand items to other kids.
Adults can still book their space too.
VICTORY PARK - Saturday 26th November from 8AM - 1PM
Please email castlemainekidscorner@hotmail.com for a bookings form or call Esther for information and bookings on 0429 - 900 698

Bendigo Little Athletics Season begins this Friday & Saturday
The Bendigo Little Athletics Season gets underway this weekend with a split program.
Friday October 11th through to Under 15 at 5pm
Saturday October 12th through to Under 8 at 8.30am
Saturday October 19th through to Under 15
Where – Athletics Track, Retreat Rd, Flora Hill
Cost - $120.00 for the season. Register on line at www.lavic.com.au or register in person at one of our competition days.
Come and try days available. These cost $5 per visit with a maximum of two visits for the season.
For more detailed information email bendigo@lavic.com.au.
For registration enquiries registrarblac@hotmail.com or visit www.bendigolac.org.au.

Harcourt Cricket Clubs
MILO in2CRICKET Program
Harcourt Cricket Club is excited to announce that we will once again be running the MILO in2Cricket program during the Cricket season in 2013! This year will see a changing of the guard, with Lachie Mi-ka (who ran a few sessions last year) and Michael Obrien taking over from Rob. Below is a list of the key information for the registration night for the program:
When: Friday 8th November
Where: Harcourt Recreation Reserve
Times: 5:00 -6:00pm
Cost: $60
If you have any other inquiries about anything, then visit the website at: http://in2cricket.com.au/
And click on the parents tab, which provides among other things a FAQ with answers to questions that you may have
Alternatively, contact Lachie on 0468910033, or Michael on 0402235891

Honey for Sale
$4 per jar
Available at the school office

Fresh Lemons available $0.50 ea

Schools Bank Account Details
BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the payment reference