The word from our campers is that they are having a great time at camp and have done lots of walking, as well as visiting Brambuk Aboriginal Centre. Today one of their trips is to the Halls Gap Zoo. I will send out a text advising the time of their return on Friday.

Wednesday (20th) next week is our Orphfund casual clothes day. It’s a gold coin donation to wear casual clothes. Orphfund is a Castlemaine based charity which supports orphaned children in Africa. In the past our school has donated our old furniture to Orphfund for schools which they have set up in Africa. Please support this event. All the schools in our local area are supporting this event.

A reminder to School Councillors that our next meeting is Wednesday (20th) at 7.30pm. Briefing papers will be sent home tomorrow.

Thank you to Jacq and Andrea for the Sushi Day on Monday. It was a great success and also very yummy!

There is still a lot of outstanding money owed by our school families. Please make sure that you have completed your payments by the end of December.

Planning for 2014 is well underway and will be completed shortly. If you are not planning to have your children here next year or know of someone who has not yet enrolled could you please let the school know as soon as possible. Also there are 2014 Prep children whose enrolment forms we have not received.

Diary Dates

**NOVEMBER**

12th to 15th Grade 5/6 Halls Gap Camp
14th Assembly: Grade 3
15th Prep Transition 9am to 10am
15th Lunch Order:
   Sweet: Custard Tart
   Salad: Dip
   Helpers: Raelene & Gussie
18th to 21st BookFair
20th Orphfund Casual Clothes Day
20th School Council Meeting 7.30pm
21st Assembly: Grade 1 & Grade 3/4 French Play
22nd Prep Sleepover
22nd Lunch Order:
   Sweet: Apricot Balls
   Salad: Chicken
   Helpers: Jacq & Lorella
26th Religious Instructions-Last session
26th School Banking redemption day
28th Assembly: Grade Prep & Grade 1/2 French Play
29th Prep Transition 9am - 10.30am
29th Movember - Fundraiser
29th Prep1/2 Orienteering—parents come along and do orienteering with your kids.
29th Lunch Order:
   Sweet: Fruit Jelly
   Salad: Chicken
   Helpers: Jacq & Naomi
29th Working Bee & BBQ 3.30pm

**December**

2nd-13th Swimming Program
Prep Sleepover

Friday 22nd November, 2013
Time: 3.00pm until Saturday 23rd November, 8.30am
Where: School
Cost: $30 per student
Children will need to bring the following items to school on Friday morning:
- Small mattress or lilo
- Sleeping bag, pillow and a blanket if needed
- Change of clothes for Saturday morning
- Pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers
- Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, hairbrush
- A favourite teddy/soft toy

Please have all items labelled and have your child help with the packing so that they know what items they have.

Children are to be collected on Saturday 23rd November at 8.30am.

THE PERMISSION SLIP AND MONEY MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 18TH OF NOVEMBER. CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

Prep Transition Days

Friday 15th November 9am-10am
Friday 29th November 9am-10.30am
Tuesday 3rd December 9am-11.30am (Statewide Transition)

Prep Information Night (parents only) Wednesday 4th December 7pm
Bring your Kindergarten child along to the transition sessions so they can get a feel for the school, meet their teacher and have some fun learning about school life.
If you have any questions about the transition days please contact the school.

The Book Fair Story Laboratory has rolled into Harcourt Valley Primary School. These books make wonderful Christmas gifts, as well as promoting good reading habits in our children. Don’t forget the school receives a commission on sales which supplements our Library and books can also be donated directly to the school.

You will be able to investigate on the following dates:
- Date: Monday November 18th to Friday November 22nd.
- Time: 3:30-4:00pm
- Wednesday Lunchtime: 2:00pm-2:30pm
- Where: In the Assembly area between the classrooms.

A colouring competition is available and a child from each class will win a $15 voucher to the Book Fair!!!
Judging will take place Wednesday November 20th

READING GIVES YOU SUPER POWERS!

Swimming Program for 2013

Our swimming program for this year will commence on Monday 2nd December and conclude on Friday 13th December with House swimming sports.
Swimming will be held in the afternoon each day of the program. The whole school will walk to the pool. The children will be dismissed from the pool at 3.30pm. This means for these two weeks children will be picked up from the pool NOT the school. The school bus will also leave from the pool.

The full cost for the swimming program is $40.00 per child.
If you purchase a Harcourt Swimming Pool season pass for 2013/14 please present this pass to the school office by 13th December 2013, for a credit off your account of $15.00 per child.
Please complete the permission form and return it to school along with payment of $40.00 per child by Friday 29th November 2013.
Remember that your child cannot participate if the correct forms and payment have not been returned.
Students Of The Week:
Grade Prep: **Luey**; trying his best in all areas of school.
Grade 1/2: **Ebony H**; for being her own person.
**Megan**; for great attention to detail during testing.
Grade 3/4: **Amelie**; exceptional work across the curriculum.

Attendance or is it absence?
Students: What you need to do...
- Attend school every day
- Be on time to school
- Bring a note for your teacher if you are late to school or if you have to leave for any reason
- Make sure that your parent or caregiver lets the school know when you will be away

Parents:
Absences notes are available at the school office or try our new online service at: [http://hvps.vic.edu.au/page/73/Notices](http://hvps.vic.edu.au/page/73/Notices)

Absence data this week:
- Grade Prep: 2 days
- Grade 1-2: 0.5 days
- Grade 3-4: 9.5 days
- Grade 5-6: 7.5 days

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

Reading Nights:
- **Zara G**
  - For reading 50 nights
- **Amelie**
  - For reading 100 nights
- **Zarah C-O**
  - For reading 225 nights
- **Mason**
  - For reading 275 nights

HONEY FOR SALE
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French News
French program performances
- Thurs. 21 November, Class 3/4
- Thurs. 28 November, Class 1/2
- Thurs. 5 December, Class 5/6
- Thurs. 12 December, Class Prep

Parent and friends are welcome to come to assembly to watch the plays.
We look forward to seeing you there, Madame Higgins and students.
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**THE MEETING PLACE**
Aboriginal Children and Family Program
BOOK LAUNCH

You are invited to the launch of the booklet “Tarrengower and Labbambook”.
This book is based on the Teaching of the Jaara Jaara and has been illustrated in
local ochres by the children of The Meeting Place. This project was funded by
the Mount Alexander Shire Council in partnership with The Meeting Place.
The launch will include “Welcome to Country” by Uncle Rick Nelson, the telling
of the Teaching orally by Uncle Rick, the dance of the two mountains
performed by the children, the official launch and then a Morning Tea made
with indigenous foods.

WHEN: Friday 29th November, 2013 10:30 am
WHERE: Yapeen Primary School
RSVP: email@cfdch.com.au 25/11/13 or Phone 5479 1000
Looking forward to your support

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To Harcourt Valley Primary School Mums
You are invited, with the three new office-bearers from each branch, to
Morning Tea at the Newstead Community Centre
Monday 2nd December at 10.30am
Please bring three or four Christmas cookies for morning tea.
Bring all the questions you have about CWA.
Bring your thoughts about what exciting activities we can undertake or how we can have less meeting
time and more chatting time.
We’ll have a relaxing morning where you can all tell me what to do next.
RSVP: Ayron Teed - Group President 5474 2415 or ateed@bigpond.com by Friday 29th November

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Mr Watkins, Mr Walter and Matt McCallum has joined our team in growing a
moustache and raising money and awareness for Movember.

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http://moteam.co/harcourt-valley-p-s

Michael Grose, Parentingideas
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