Welcome and welcome back to school for a busy Term 3 including our School Concert. We welcome Michael to our school in Grade 4. We wish Michael and his mother Danielle a happy time at Harcourt Valley.

Next Monday Grade 3-4 are off to camp at Anglesea. Parents, please make sure you have returned all the necessary forms and finalised payments. Children do not require a pillow, only a pillow case. A waterproof coat is the most essential item, especially given the weather forecast for next week. We will be leaving at 9am, so please be here by 8.30 am.

Last night I was privileged to attend the opening of the Local Landscapes exhibition at the Castlemaine Art Gallery. This showcased the wonderful work and talent of our Grade 5-6 students. Their landscape paintings were well thought out and showed how much they have learned about the “en plen air” style. Congratulations to them all and to Suzan Redlande and Ben Walter for making this happen. I look forward to when we can exhibit these at school. The exhibition is on at the Gallery until the end of the week.

Shortly you will be receiving a note about our fundraising barbecue outside the newsagent in Castlemaine on Saturday 3rd August. This is the next major fundraiser and we are looking for donations of cakes and slices, as well as helpers on the day. The money raised will go towards the kitchen development.

We have a good supply of uniform in stock at present. We are also looking for a parent or parents who might be willing to run our uniform shop one or two afternoons a week. If you can spare the time to do this, please talk to us at the office.

We have a pile of mulch in front of the shed which needs to be spread under the play ground, if anyone has some time to do this, please feel free at anytime. We can supply the wheelbarrow and shovels as needed.

Watch out for the events planned for this term in the coming weeks.

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**Diary Dates**

**JULY**

22nd Grade 3/4 Anglesea Camp to 24th
23rd Parent Gathering: Skydancers with Ayron Teed
25th Assembly Grade 6
26th Lunch Orders - Cake: Chocolate muffins Pasta: Bolognais Help: Jacq & All
30th Parent Gathering: Garden in the staff carpark
31st School Council - 7.30pm

**August**

1st Assembly Grade 4
2nd Arts Performance– Opera Australia “Barber of Seville”
3rd Fundraising BBQ-Castlemaine Newsagent
8th Assembly Grade 2
13th Interschool Netball - Grade 5/6
15th Assembly Grade 5
15th Interschool Netball - Grade 3/4
22th Assembly Grade 3

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**Grade 3/4 Anglesea Camp**

Monday 22nd July to Wednesday 24th July

Need medical & asthma forms returned

Total cost of camp $350

- $100 Final instalment due by Friday 19th July
Welcome to term 3!
I hope our school families had a refreshing break and all the kids are ready for another term of fun and learning! I would like to say a warm thank you to Jodi Takos for her work while Annette was on Long Service Leave. As a community we are so very lucky to have teachers with such dedication to the welfare and education of our children. Schools have changed a great deal since us parents were there! It really is like having another family. I attended the opening of our Grade 5/6 landscape exhibition last night and I was so proud to see their hard work hanging in the gallery for all to see! What a great creative experience, thank you to Ben Walter and Susan Redlande for their hard work supporting the kids with this project. You can see their work in the gallery until the 21st of July.

Lastly, I hope to see many faces next Tuesday at Skydancers! Our special guest will be lovely Aryon Teed, who will be talking to us about the CWA, amongst many other things I am sure. The following Tuesday will see us getting together to tackle some gardening near the teachers car park. BYO morning tea to share, gloves, fork etc there's sure be a lot of laughing and chatting while we work. Everyone is welcome!

Jacq Cue
School Council President

CASTLEMAINE WOODWIND PROGRAM
If anyone is interested in starting Flute lessons this Term, please collect a note from the office. Jill Reiben

GARDEN BED - PARENT GATHERING 30TH JULY
On Tuesday 30th July, the garden bed in front of the teachers carpark will be beautified. We need helpers and plants that are not thorny or poisonous but will look good even without watering plus any “structural” elements - pavers, rocks etc would be most welcome. Just rock up on the day.
Jodi Zepnick 5474 2107

EMA - SECOND SEMESTER
The second semester of Education Maintenance Allowance is about to commence from 15th July 2013. If you are eligible from this date you will be able to apply for EMA for the second half of the year.
You must apply by August 2nd if you are to receive this payment.
If you applied at the beginning of the year and your status has not changed there is no need to do anything.
If you are no longer eligible please let the office know.
Also, if your child/ren enrolled at the school after the first allocation of EMA, and you are eligible, please call at the office to fill in a form. We will need to photocopy your healthcare/Pension card.

READING NIGHTS:
Congratulation to:

Luke & Mason
For reading 50 nights

Rachael, Isabelle O‘C, Julie, Mitchell, Ebony H,
For reading 75 nights

Lainey, Rhian, Hannah, Kane, Blake
For reading 100 nights

Sammy, Heath, Riley B, Luey, Angus, Hamish, Riley S, Koby, Murray, Georgie, Zarah, Lochlin, Charlotte
For reading 125 nights

Al B, Tayla, Amelie
For reading 150 nights

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Grade Prep: **Izak** – An amazing, well focussed week. Well Done!
Grade 1/2: **Megan** - for always getting onto her work and doing her best.
Grade 3/4: **Michael** - making a positive start to his schooling at HVPS.
Grade 5/6: **Janelle** - for calm, consistent effort in French
**Shae** - for determination and effort in French
**Grade 5/6** - for wonderful landscape paintings, which are presented at the Castlemaine Art Galley.
Local Landscapes
By Grade 5/6 students
Currently displayed at the
Castlemaine Art Gallery until
21st July
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**FUNDRAISING**

**SCHOOL BBQ**
Saturday 3rd August 2013
Outside Castlemaine Newsagent

We will require the cakes, slices etc packaged ready to sell and delivered to the school on Friday 2nd August or at the BBQ on Saturday morning.
Please attach a label with the ingredients and date made.
Helpers are wanted from 7.30am to 1.30pm
Further information will be sent out next week.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2013**

Thanks to all the families and friends for collecting stickers, we collected a total of 8760 points, of this a total of 6000 stickers were collected in the green box at school and 2760 stickers left in the collection box at Safeway Lansell Plaza. Once the numbers have been approved by Woolworths, our staff will go online to Modern Teaching Aids website and redeem the points for school resources.

**MELBOURNE WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TRIP**

**BOOK THE DATE NOW:**
**SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**
**PH: Lorella 0422 286 393**

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