Merry Christmas

Don’t forget Carols Night tonight. It starts at 6pm and is bring your own tea. The Carols and fun activities will start at 7pm. The location will depend on the weather. If it looks like being too hot or stormy we will come inside our lovely cool building.

School finishes tomorrow at 1.30pm. Assembly will start at 1pm and we will be doing various presentations and wind up activities.

School starts for ALL children on Wednesday 29th January at 9am. There will be some staff at school in the previous week so if you need to make contact for any reason, there will be someone here.

A reminder that we have an excursion planned for February 5th. It is to the Ballarat Wildlife Park. This is the first Wednesday back and further details will be supplied in the first few days of school.

School reports will be distributed tomorrow. Please take the time to read them carefully. There are quite a number of children whose attendance for the semester has been very poor. If your child has less than 90% attendance, you can expect that this will have impacted on their learning. Next year, we are aiming for much better attendance for ALL grade levels.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Happy and Safe Christmas, and an enjoyable holiday break. It has been a very busy year and much has been achieved.

My special thanks to all the staff for their dedication to the learning of the Harcourt Valley children and also to the families of Harcourt Valley. I feel very privileged to work with a fabulous group of educators.

A huge vote of appreciation and thanks to our wonderful School Councillors. They are a great group to work with and always have the children and families of our school in mind when making decisions and setting directions for our school. Special thanks to Jacq for her great leadership of this group.

Friday 20th December
School dismisses at 1.30
Final activity for the year is whole school assembly beginning at 1pm.
Thank You
This year we have had many volunteers/Helpers at Harcourt Valley, we have so many parents and school community members that give their valuable time in a variety of tasks such as preparing lunch orders (a special thankyou to Michelle & Tammy S), organising and helping at BBQ’s, listening to children read, gardening (staff carpark is looking great), helping with the school concert and lots of other jobs that make working here at school just that bit easier. Thank you to all who have helped in 2013, we really appreciate your time, ideas and effort.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year HVPS “Staff”

Farewell to everyone at Harcourt Valley Primary School. Thank you for all of the wonderful times we have shared over the past two years. We feel so fortunate to have met so many friendly and motivated teachers, school staff and families at Harcourt Valley Primary. From the first day we came to the school we felt welcome and included in the school community. There are so many things we will miss about not living in Harcourt, the spectacular scenery, the fresh air, friendly faces each morning, coffee at Sky dancers, afternoon chats around the playground and frosty mornings (just kidding about that one!). Thanks for being such a great bunch. We will take with us so many fantastic experiences and lifelong memories that will stay in our hearts forever. We will miss you all.
Matt, Lea, Amelie and Riley Scott

School Council President News
I wish everyone at Harcourt Valley Primary School and School Community a safe and awesome “Christmas”.
I’m looking forward to another great year at the school.
Some tips for Christmas and the holidays:
Don’t get sunburnt.
Don’t eat to many lollies.
But most important don’t forget to leave Santa some cookies.

Merry Christmas
Jacq Cue

“One way to ensure kids relax is to let them get bored once in a while.”
Michael Grose, Parentingideas

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

Santa

Jade- Are you excited about Christmas coming up?
Santa– Yes I can’t wait to fly around the world
Jade– How do you get around the whole world in one night?
Santa- I have a magical sleigh and 9 reindeers that can fly, but it is hard.
Jade- What is your favourite snack?
Santa- Milk and choc chip cookies.
Jade- If you didn’t get to be Santa, what would you do for a living?
Santa- I would be an astronaut.
Jade– How do you answer all the letters?
Santa- I have a special pen that can write 1356 letters every second.
Jade– Do the elves ever be naughty?
Santa– They can be cheeky, but without them there would be no Christmas!
Jade– Oh no! We can’t have that! How do you train the reindeers?
Santa– We do practice runs around the North Pole and 150 push ups a day!
Jade- 1 last question, am I on the nice list?
Santa– Let me check…. Yes and so is everyone else at Harcourt Valley! You must have good teachers!
Jade – Well nice talking to you Santa, hopefully we will get a visit soon!
Santa- Yes, I better get going because I have to get ready, very busy time of year.
Merry Christmas!

SCHOOL CROSSING

There will be no crossing supervisor attending the school crossing on the last day of term 4 from 1.30pm. If your child(ren) need to use the school crossing please remind them of the road rules and stress the need to be aware of vehicles speeds.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Holders of Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card of a temporary Foster Parent, may be eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance. An application needs to be filled in at the start of each year.
Please check with the school office for further details and to obtain a form.
Community Corner

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