What a wonderful night we had at the concert!!!
The children performed impeccably, the songs and dances were lively and everyone appeared to be having a good time. Thank you to all the families who attended, gave up their time to help on the night or in the weeks leading up to the performance in so many different ways. Also a big thank you to the behind the scenes people—John Jenkins, Raewyn and Tyrone Rice and Des Rice who help, and have helped, with the stage each concert.

Other “Thank you”— as the end of term approaches it is also appropriate to thank the lunch ladies, particularly Tammy and Michelle for their organisation, Jodie’s gardening group, fundraising organisers and helpers, the Reading Ladies and all the parents who pitch in, unasked, when they see a need. We would be lost without you!

Events at Harcourt Valley PS— this has been a busy week with a Chess Tournament for grade 5/6 students (where all children experienced some success. )There is a planning day today for teachers in readiness for next Term and as described below an End Of Term lunch to celebrate our achievements during the Term.

I would also like to take the opportunity here to thank staff, students and parents for their support during my month in the “big chair”. It has been a privilege working with you. A big thanks also to Bryan Fitzgerald for stepping so easily into my classroom duties. THANK YOU. Enjoy your break!

We will officially welcome back Mrs Smith at the start of term 4.

Diary Dates

**SEPTEMBER**

20th Lunch Orders
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Cake: Various
Helpers: Lynda W & Annie O’C

20th End of Term 3
2.15PM Assembly
2.30pm Finish

**OCTOBER**

7th Start of Term 4
14th Grade Prep Excursion—Anakie Fairy Park

22nd Arts Performance—
“Tony Sowersby”

25th Prep Transition 9am to 10am
25th Working Bee & BBQ 3.30pm

School Finishes
at 2:30pm
on Friday
after a short assembly at 2:15pm

NAPLAN - Grade 3 & 5 students only
The NAPLAN results have been delayed due to an error in some reports. They will now be delivered to school in term 4.

End of Term BBQ—
It will be lovely to catch up with parents who have ordered sausages etc to share lunch with us on Friday.
Don’t forget to have a look at out displays in the assembly area!
Please Note that the display items (with the exception of the Landscapes on the wall) should be taken home at the end of assembly.
BY GRADE 3/4 STUDENTS

SCHOOL CONCERT

On Monday the 16th of September we had our school concert. When we got there I didn’t actually feel nervous probably because I have performed in front of big crowds in piano before. It officially started at 7.15 but the kids had to be there at 6.45. When we got there we had to sit on mats on the floor. First up was lunch choir. They were a bit hard to hear, because we had a live band and it played very loud. Next up was the Preps. The songs they did were YMCA and Sir Duke. My Mum thought they were cute! After them were the 1/2’s. They did Swing on a Star and Sing, sing, sing. You could often hear my brother’s voice! Then it was us. Our songs were A Hard Days Night and Rock Around the Clock. I preferred a Hard Days Night but my parents liked Rock Around the Clock. Then the grade 5/6’s came on. They did The eye of the Tiger and Everybody. My favourite one of theirs and of the night was The Eye of the Tiger. They were amazing when they did that song! Then we did the whole school song. We then had the food. It ended at 8.30 although we went at about 8.50.

Al B

CONCERT RECOUNT

On the 16th of September Harcourt Valley Primary School had their music concert with Mrs Hood. Everyone was really excited. I wasn’t really nervous because I love performing and singing. I really liked the grade 5-6’s dance because they lifted people up! When I was singing People get Ready I was feeling happy because that song is my favourite song. The Preps sang YMCA and Sir Dude, grade 1-2 sang Swing on a Star and Sing, sing, 3-4’s Hard Days Night and Rock Around the Clock and the 5-6’s sang Eye of the Tiger and Everyday Back Streets Back. Choir sang People get Ready and lunch choir sang So Glad You made it. It was good that we got ice lollies and food too! We loved showing all the parents what the whole class could do at the concert. I think Mrs Hood is a brilliant music teacher because she had a live band for us and gave us costumes to wear and had set up the leisure centre for the occasion. The teachers were a big help too because they helped Mrs Hood do what she needed to do like teach us the lyric’s to the song, they would make us practise for half an hour each day. I hope Mrs Hood keeps up the effort for the school concerts and we will have very successful term 3s!

Ella

SCHOOL CONCERT NIGHT

On the sixteenth of September was Harcourt Valley P.S’s School concert. I was very excited but nervous at the same time because I was not at the last two practisers so I didn’t know some of the moves for 1 of 4 songs that I did. The Songs that I performed were: People Get Ready, Rock Around the Clock, Hard Days Night and Don’t Stop Moving. The Preps sang: Sir Duke and Y.M.C.A. The 1/2’s sang: Swinging on a Star and Sing, sing, sing I think. The 3/4’s sang, Rock Around the Clock and Hard Days Night (which is me). And last but not least 5/6 sang Eye of the Tiger and Backstreet’s Back. The lunch choir sang So Glad You Made It. The whole school sang Don’t Stop Moving. And the Audition Choir sang People get Ready. We had nice concert clothing I wore a yellow top and black skirt with motty coloured spots it looked cool. My favourite costume was the 5/6’s costume. It had a plain black skirt and a silver sparkly shirt for the girls and sparkly silver braces. We did our concert at the Leisure centre. I was still nervous when I stood up on stage.

Amelie

Wednesday the 18th of September students from grade 5/6 caught a bus into the Castlemaine Secondary College to compete in the regional chess tournament. 317 students from more than 14 schools in the district participated in the day. All students from HVPS achieved some success in the games and they also recieved a free sausage! A big thank you to Ron our chess tutor for coming in and training the students on a fortnightly basis.
MISSING
A canon digital video camcorder after Fairy Tale assembly on 22nd August.
The photos/video on camera are very special to family.
$100 reward
Please return to school office

FOUND
1 toddler’s hat left behind on election day. See school office for collection.

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.

SCHOOL NURSE - PREP STUDENTS
The school entrant health questionnaire for all prep students needs to be returned before tomorrow Friday 20th September. We are still waiting on 9 questionnaires to be returned.

END OF TERM 3
The holidays are here after a busy concert week! All the children looked like they had such a great time performing, thank you to everyone who helped them out with costumes and all the extras bits that made it come together in the end. Its the extra fun things like the concert that will stick in the children’s minds for many years to come and leave them with a sense of pride in themselves and their classmates.

We have organised next term’s lunch menu. We think the kids will be excited! A pita pocket taco (seasoned meat with hidden veggies! with salad and cheese), a salad that will change every fortnight (the first one is a Caesar salad) or a roll if either of those aren’t your child’s style. It can be quite difficult to find a menu that is healthy, interesting and practical to cook for 80 or so children but I think they will look forward to their Friday lunches. Of course if your child has dietary requirements we will do our best to accommodate them.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who helps out around the school, even the small things contribute to the bigger picture! We have a wonderful school community/family and I am very proud to count myself as part of it, so thank YOU for all you do.

Have a great break, be safe and see you next term!
Jaqc Cue

Friday Lunch Orders: Term 4
New forms for lunch orders in term 4 will be sent out with this newsletter and will be available on the school’s website. Details of the menu are as follows:

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.

A duty roster for lunch day helpers will be sent home.
Lunch Orders with correct money need to be in by 9am each Wednesday.

Michael Grose, Parentingideas
“The hardest part of parenting is keeping kids’ chins up when life doesn’t go their way.”

Schools Bank Account Details
BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the payment reference
CONTRIBUTE TO A PLAY SPACE STRATEGY
Be involved in the planning of play spaces in Mt Alexander by completing a survey.
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mtalexanderplayspacesstrategy
Want more information about the project?
Telephone Ros Young on 5474 1787 or email recreation@mountalexander.vic.gov.au
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JUNIOR TENNIS
Any children aged between 10 and 12 years old wanting to start playing tennis for the Harcourt Tennis Club on Friday nights in teams of 4 players please contact Sharon on 5474 2680
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BEND AND STRETCH TONIGHT!
Yoga at the school, Wilkinson Street, enter through the glass doors at the front.
7.00pm $15/$12 or bulk buy 6 classes for $60/$48
All welcome!
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STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS
Family Railway Fun
Maldon Station
Sat / Sun : October 5 / 6
Train Rides - Steam & Diesel.
Horse Cart Rides
JOIN THE FUN From 10.00am
Great Family Day PH : 5470 6658 www.vgr.com.au
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A non-party political and non-sectarian organisation
For country and city women everywhere
CWA stands for Friendship
Personal Development
Community Support
Come for morning coffee at SkyDancers on Tuesday morning, 15th October at about 9.15am - after you have recovered from the school holidays.
CWA Chicks With Attitude
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LANDCARE CAMP OUT ON THE MOUNT
Families in the Mount Alexander Shire and surrounds are invited to take part in the first **Landcare Camp Out on The Mount** on Saturday 5th October 2013. For more information, an activity timetable, and to register your attendance, contact Max Schlaechter from Connecting Country – max@connectingcountry.org.au, (03) 5472 1594.
Or check out the Mount Alexander Landcare Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/mountalexander.landcare
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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.