Apologies from Annette, she is unable to fit in her principals news for this week due to being at the grade 3/4 camp and a 2 day conference.

*School Council Meeting is on Wednesday 31st July, reports will be sent home on Friday to council members.

*Parent opinion surveys have been posted out to randomly selected families, please return this survey by Friday 2nd Aug.

**Diary Dates**

**JULY**

26th Lunch Orders -  
Cake: Chocolate muffin  
Pasta: Bolognaise  
 Helpers: Lynda W & Amy

30th Parent Gathering: Garden in the staff carpark

31st Grade 5/6 Bike Education

31st School Council - 7.30pm

**August**

1st Assembly Grade 4

2nd Arts Performance– Opera Australia “Barber of Seville”

2nd Lunch Orders -  
Cake: Banana muffin  
Pasta: Chicken  
 Helpers: Celia & Annie

2nd Parent opinion survey due back

3rd Fundraising BBQ-Castlemaine Newsagent

8th Assembly Grade 2

8th French lesson– see page 3

9th Lunch Orders -  
Cake: Apple muffin  
Pasta: Bolognaise  
 Helpers: Gen & Naomi

13th Interschool Netball - Grade 5/6

15th Assembly Grade 5

15th Interschool Netball - Grade 3/4

16th Lunch Orders -  
Cake: Chocolate chip muffin  
Pasta: Chicken  
 Helpers: Raelene & Elsa

22th Assembly Grade 3

22nd Grade Prep, 1 & 2 –Scooter

23rd Education starts
**FUNDRAISING:**

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

Forms have been sent home this week for helpers on the day and/or making cakes etc.  
*Please return the form by Tuesday 30th July.*

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.

**MELBOURNE WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TRIP**  
**BOOK THE DATE NOW:**  
**SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**  
**PH:** Lorella 0422 286 393

**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

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE 2013 – (Transporting students to school)**
Conveyance allowance is available to parents to help cover the cost of getting your child/ren to school provided that you live more than 4.8 kilometres from your nearest school. You also need to be 4.8 kilometres from the nearest school bus stop. Please call at the office for an application form or more information regarding conveyance.  
*You need to apply by Monday 19th August.*

**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.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
Operates every Tuesday  
Please speak to Nicki in the office on a Monday or Tuesday for further information

**ABSENCES**
If your child has been away, please send along a *written note of explanation* or you can email us at harcourt.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Absent Notes can be found on our website www.hvps.vic.edu.au

**CAMPS**
Grade 5/6  
Tuesday 12th November to Friday 15th November

**2013 TERM DATES**
Term 3: 15 July to 20 September  
Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

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**Schools Bank Account Details**

Direct Debit (Commonwealth Bank)  
BSB: 063 509  
Account No: 10042656 Please use your Family name as the payment reference
Attendance or is it absence?

IT’S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL! IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Absence data this week:
Grade Prep: 7.5 days  Grade 1-2  6.5 day  Grade 3-4  at camp  Grade 5-6  7.5 days

Cool to be at school winner is Grade: 1/2
Early Bird winner is Grade 5/6

Students of the Week:

Grade Prep: **Riley B** - Great focus in literacy.
Grade 1/2: **Piers** - For his great addition and subtraction in maths.
Grade 5/6: **Ashlee** - Always contributing to class discussions.
**Shae** - Always contributing to class discussions.

French News

Parents and guardians are invited to participate in a French gesture and speaking lesson/workshop with teachers and students who wish to stay and take part.

When: Thursday 8th August
Time: 3.45pm - 4.45pm
Tea/coffee provided

This week Jade has caught up to Koby from grade Prep.

Koby is a lovely little boy who loves running and would always willingly draw you a picture of a cat or dog. Koby has very lucky friends because if you ever want someone to listen to you Koby will come for a chat.

“Jade”- How do you like school so far?
“Koby” good
“Jade” - What do you want to be when you grow up?
“Koby” a vet
“Jade” - What is your favourite food and colour?
“Koby” Fruit and blue and green
“Jade” - What is your favourite thing at school?
“Koby” Maths
“Jade” - What do you do at playtime?
“Koby” Play with my friends
“Jade” - Who is your buddy?
“Koby” Caitlin
“Jade” - What house are you in?
“Koby” Lang
“Jade” - Can you tell me, Koby, something you are good at?
“Koby” Drawing
“jade” - What did you get up to in the holidays?
“Koby” I went to a night zoo and saw glow in the dark scorpions
**Community Corner**

Harcourt Valley Primary School does not endorse any advertising that appears in this newsletter.

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**Bringing Up Great Kids**

The program will include:

- ways to build strong and positive relationships with your children
- ways to increase your children’s confidence and resilience
- learning and talking with your children
- understanding messages from your children and how to respond to them
- ways parents can support children’s social and emotional development

**When:** Monday 5th August to 9th September 2013
**Time:** Arrival and Registration: 12.45pm Sessions: 1.00pm - 3.00pm
**Where:** CentaCare Function Room 176-178 McCrae Street Bendigo
**Cost:** $20.00 for the 6 week program
**Child care:** Please provide your own child care
**Facilitators:** Ky Gregg and Prue Robertson

For bookings and enquiries please contact Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

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**Tuning in to Kids evening program**

Would you like to learn how to help your child manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger?

This six session program teaches you how to help your child understand and manage feelings (Emotional Intelligence).

**Children with good Emotional Intelligence:**

- have better concentration at school
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry

**Term 3, 2013**

**When:** Thursday 8th August – Thursday 12th Sept
**Time:** Arrival and Registration: 6.15pm
Sessions: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
**Facilitators:** Prue Robertson & Marlene McLoughlan
**Where:** CentaCare Function Room, 176-178 McCauley St, Bendigo
**Cost:** $20 for program (no charge for health care card recipients)
**Child Care:** Sorry, child care is not provided

For bookings and enquiries contact Ky Gregg on Ph 5438 300

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**Free wooden cot with mattress**

Contact Jane Marks (mother of Piers and Beatrice) if interested.
Tel: 5474 2778

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**Oliver**

Castlemaine Secondary College invites you to attend the 2013 school production performance of ‘Oliver’, written by Lionel Bart. It is based around the famous Charles Dickens’ novel, ‘Oliver Twist’.

Over 80 students from years 7 to 12 are involved in the production as part of the cast, crew and orchestra. All participants have completed comprehensive rehearsals over the past term and are eager to perform to the wider community.

There will be three performances conducted under the direction of Darren Lowe (Director) and Kirsten Boerema (Musical Director), at the Phee Broadway Theatre on the following dates:

**Thursday, 8th August, 2013**
**Friday, 9th August, 2013**
**Saturday, 10th August, 2013**

The show will commence at 7.30pm and tickets are now available for purchase from the Blakeley Road and Etty Street Reception (Adults $20.00 - Child $12.00). For more information and booking inquiries, please contact Reception on 5479 1111 (Blakeley Road) or 5479 4222 (Etty Street).

We look forward to seeing you there for a fantastic performance.