Congratulations to our **Grade 5-6 girls cricket team**, who played at the Regionals in Ballarat yesterday. They did a fabulous job to get this far. They played really well and in a sportsman like manner. They also had fun! Thank you to the parents who drove them there as well.

A reminder that our **Working Bee** to remove the amphitheatre is on tomorrow afternoon—Friday. It starts at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea will be supplied as well. Please bring shovels, crow bars etc.

There is a great deal of **lost property** in our basket in the main area. Please check this for any missing items of school uniform. At the end of term, remaining items will be washed and either put into our spare clothes collection or sold as second hand.

**Swimming starts on Monday.** Please send your children’s swimming things regardless of the weather as we will make the decision whether we go closer to the departure time. No child may remain at the pool after school is dismissed unless we have a note in writing from their parent. Remember to pick your children up from the pool after school during the swimming program. The bus will commence its run from there. If we do not swim we will send a text message to all families.

Please make sure that you have **paid** for the swimming program by Monday morning.

**The school has debts from families of $3900.00**

This is making it very difficult to manage the school finances for the end of the year. If you have money outstanding, please settle this up as soon as possible or make arrangements to do a direct credit arrangement. Debts from this year will carry over into next year.

Our **Christmas theme** for this year is “An Aussie Christmas” More details next week.

Our **Kidsmatter** initiative is very important to us and our children. We would value input from our parents about what they think of our school. Please be truthful! We ask you to take the time to fill out the Parent survey at this link [http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey) or fill in a paper copy. It’s very short. Jacq has more to say about this on page 2.
Swimming Program for 2013
Monday 2nd December until Friday 13th December.
For these two weeks please pick up your child(ren) from the pool at 3.30pm 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.
We are still waiting on many many many consent forms and money - $40 per student, these needs to be returned to the school office by Friday 29th November 2013.

Prep Transition Days
Friday 29th November 9am-10.30am
Tuesday 3rd December 9am-11.30am (Statewide Transition)
Prep Information Night (parents only) Wednesday 4th December 7pm
If you have any questions about the transition days please contact the school.

School Council President News
We think Kids Matter!
As you probably know our school has begun the journey to become a ‘KidsMatter’ school. Its a great initiative that I am very pleased to be involved with. For me personally, I believe that no matter how wonderful our educators are, if a child is struggling with other areas in their lives, they cannot function effectively at school. We all want them to grow into happy, laughing, confident, resilient and problem solving adults and bringing KidsMatter into our school programs will help them achieve that. Part of our Kids Matter journey requires input from the school’s parents, I ask that you please take 1 minute to fill out the online survey (or the printed one if you get the newsletter in hard copy) to assist us. Don’t worry, its not like the normal survey that the Education Dept makes us fill out! Its much easier! Here’s the link http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey its anonymous so tell us exactly what you think!
In other news, we have the working bee this Friday starting at 2:30pm, if you could at least come for the hour before school pick up that would be great, there will be some afternoon tea after school to enjoy together as well. It’s sure be fun as it always is when we all get together and get the job done! As always everyone is welcome, so if you think Pop or Aunty Sheryl would love to come along, please invite them, the more the merrier! I look forward to seeing you there.
And sadly, this is the last week of Friday Lunches for the year -( keep your eye out for a special lunch treat after the swimming program has finished.
Cheers, Jacq Cue

Scholastic Book fair
We raised $239 cash for the purchase of books to the school, we purchased three new books for the library and had 5 books donated by the school community.
Thank you and Well Done!

Old School Boys
On Monday the school was presented with new books donated by the Old Castlemaine SchoolBoys Association, pictured below are members of the Old School Boys presenting the $100 worth of books. The association for many years have been donating books to us and we are extremely grateful for their contributions.

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

HONEY FOR SALE
$4 per jar
Available at the school office
Only a small amount of stock left
**Students Of The Week:**

- **Grade Prep:** **Hamish:** doing great take-away sums with Mrs V-G Wow!
- **Xavier:** trying his absolute best with testing - even with a broken arm.
- **Grade 1/2:** **Lincoln:** for his thoughtful thinking about HVPS.
- **Grade 3/4:** **Aidan:** for his completed Earth Movie but also his patience in assisting other students.
- **Grade 5/6:** **The Grade 5/6 Cricket Girls:** representing HVPS well at the regional final in Ballarat.
- **French:** **Blake:** Bravery in acting in French Play.
  - **Adam:** Overcoming shyness and speaking well in French Play.
  - **Charlotte:** Bravery in acting in French Play.
  - **Steven:** Energy and focus in performing in French Play,
- **Physical Education:** **Beatrice:** For her good understanding of using a map during orienteering.

**Reading Nights:**

- **Matilda**
  - For reading 25 nights
- **Jai**
  - For reading 50 nights
- **Hudson, Paige**
  - For reading 100 nights
- **Breanna, Xavier, Izak, Olwyn**
  - For reading 150 nights
- **Megan, Charlotte, Luey**
  - For reading 200 nights
- **Ebony H**
  - For reading 125 nights
- **Ella**
  - For reading 200 nights
- **Rhian, Steven, Isabelle**
  - For reading 175 nights
- **Georgie**
  - For reading 250 nights
- **Rhian, Steven, Isabelle**
  - For reading 175 nights
- **Georgie**
  - For reading 250 nights

This week Jade interviewed:

**Madame Higgins**

Jade-What is your full name?
Madame-Carmen Louise Higgins-Rauline

Jade-What grade do you teach?
Madame-From prep to six (French)

Jade- When is your birthday?
Madame- In April

Jade-What primary school did you go to?
Madame-Birchgrove Public PS and correspondence school

Jade-What is your favourite TV series?
Madame- Fais pas ci Fais pas ca

Jade- What pets do you have?
Madame-Un chat

Jade-Why did you want to become a teacher?
Madame-J’aime ca (I love it)

Jade-When you were little what did you want to be?
Madame- Lots of things

Jade-Where did you learn to speak French
Madame- At University in France

“Let children know there is a correlation between success and effort.” **Michael Grose,**

**Library**

This week was the last for borrowing. Please check at home for library books and home readers. All library books need to be returned to school on Tuesday 3rd December.

Thank you

**Raewyn Rice**
Community Corner

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

CASTLEMAINE BLUE LIGHT DISCO
DECEMBER 6TH
4 - 6PM (PRIMARY AGE)
COST $5.00

MOVEMBER
Help support Movember and buy a “MO” on Friday the 29th of Movember.
Small Moustaches are $1 and LARGE Moustaches are $2.
They will be on sale Movember 29th.
We are also running a silent auction to shave off Mr. Walter and Mr. Watkins’ Moustache. This will be on Friday the 29th of Movember at 9am. The person with the highest bid will be notified on Thursday afternoon. Bids can be placed at the office.
If you wish to make a donation please log onto www.mobro.com/hvps

BENDIGO REGIONAL YMCA VACATION CARE

Holiday Program will only be operating from Eaglehawk on Monday the 33rd and Tuesday the 31st of December for all families.
All sites will commence Thursday 2nd January until Friday 24th January.

Mundy Street, Kangaroo Flat,
Eaglehawk, Castlemaine
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For Primary School Children Only

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