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 or fill in a paper copy.

A Parent Helpers Thank you morning tea is planned for Friday 13th December. It will start at 10.30—note change of time from the Christmas activities sheet. If you have helped out in anyway we would love to see you to share a cuppa and give us the opportunity to say a personal thank you. Please consider this a personal invitation.

In the last week of school we will not have assembly on the Thursday. We will finish the term with an assembly beginning at 1pm. As usual, parents are most welcome. To help us celebrate the successes of the year and the end of 2013 school year.

The swimming program is going well although the weather has been against us on the last two days. We are hopeful of swimming tomorrow and will keep you informed. Please ensure that you send swimming gear tomorrow and every day next week unless we let you know earlier. We will not be making up the missing days as we usually allow for these in our planning. There will also be no refunds as the program is already funded at the minimum cost.

Tuesday is Statewide Transition Day and for us, Step Up day. This means that the Grade 6 children will spend the day at their secondary school and our children will move into their grade for next year.

Advanced notice that we are planning a very early excursion to the Ballarat Wildlife park on Wednesday 5th February next year. More details including cost will be circulated on the first day of school next year.

Lost property is flowing out of the basket in the main space. Most of it is not named. Please check before the end of the year as this will be put into stock at the end of the

2014 School Captain Elections

Last week, we conducted our elections for next year’s student leadership. The results were as follows
Captains: Jade and Caitlin
Vice Captains: Avalon and Ashlee

House Captains were also appointed
Barker: Caitriona and Bridie
Mitchell: Rebecca and Alistair A
Lang: Isabella and Annabelle

Diary Dates

DECEMBER
2nd-13th Swimming Program
6th School Choir excursion
9th Parent’s Gathering - Skydancers 9am
10th Grade 6 CSC Transition Day
11th School Council Meeting
12th Assembly: Principal & Grade Prep French Play
13th School Helpers Morning Tea 10.30am
16th Grade 6 Graduation
17th Dress up & Grade Parties
19th No Assembly
19th French Teddy Bear’s Picnic
19th Carols Night 6pm
20th Final Day of Term 4 - 1.00pm Assembly & 1.30pm Finish

JANUARY 2014
29th Start of Term 1, 2014 including Preps
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. Payment $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.

2013 Fundraising Report

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CONJUNCTIVITIS
We currently have an outbreak of conjunctivitis at the school, the following extract is from the Health Department of Victoria:
“Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased”

Friday 13th December
School Helpers
“Thank You” morning tea at 10.30 am

Monday 16th December
Grade 6 graduation

Tuesday 17th December
Grade Parties at lunchtime
Girls bring sweet
Boys bring savoury
Supply own drinks.
Please no potato chips or snack food

Wednesday 18th December
Judging of the Christmas Art Challenge - winners will be announced at final Assembly.
These will be on display from 13th December

Melbourne Shopping Trip
Total Sales for the day $9447.08 excludes gst.
The school will receive commission of $755.77. Thankyou to all that attend the shopping day.
Students Of The Week:
- Grade Prep: Llewellyn: Showing leadership and compassion towards the new Preps.
- Grade 1/2: Matilda: For her assistance during Prep transition.
- Grade 3/4: Steven: For leadership skills during group activities.
- Grade 5/6: Bridie: Settling into life at HVPS.

Reading Nights:
- Hayley: For reading 200 nights
- Al B: For reading 300 nights

Attendance or is it absence?
Absences notes are available at the school office or try our new online service at: [http://hvps.vic.edu.au/page/73/Notices](http://hvps.vic.edu.au/page/73/Notices)
Absence data this week:
- Grade Prep: 10 days
- Grade 1/2: 11.5 days
- Grade 3/4: 5.5 days
- Grade 5/6: 6 days

Cool to be at school winner is Grade 3/4
Early Bird winner is Grade Prep

This week Jade interviewed:
Mrs Coghill

Jade-What is your full name?
Mrs C- Vicki Jan Coghill
Jade-What grade do you teach?
Mrs C– Grade 3/4
Jade– When’s your birthday?
Mrs C–The second of August
Jade-What primary school did you go to?
Mrs C– I went to Blackburn South Primary School, then I went to Golden square Primary School.
Jade-What is your favourite TV series?
Mrs C– Blacklist and Big Bang Theory
Jade– What pets do you have?
Mrs C- Elfie the dog and Suzie the dog and a turtle called Maurice
Jade-Why did you want to become a teacher?
Mrs C– When I finished school there were only three jobs girls could do, work in the bank, be a nurse or be a teacher and I didn’t want to do the other two. I am really glad I made that choice.
Jade-When you were little what did you want to be?
Mrs C– I wanted to work in a library or be a cowboy.
Jade- Was it easier teaching Preps or Grade 3/4
Mrs C–It’s actually easier teaching grade 3/4 but you don’t get to see the really big gains that the preps make.

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

“It’s a parent’s job to tell kids what’s right about them.” Michael Grose, Parentingideas
Harcourt Valley Primary School does not endorse any advertising that appears in this newsletter.

To mark the 41st anniversary of the Bendigo Tramways Vintage 'Talking' Tram Tour we are celebrating the 100th birthdays of two trams in Bendigo's iconic fleet!

To say THANKS to the Bendigo community for all of your support, we are offering a host of family fun activities!

- 70% off Vintage 'Talking' Tram Tours. Adults: $5.00, Children $2.50 (Children under five: free).
- Gold coin Depot and Workshop Tours.
- Gold coin Bendigo Joss House Temple Tours.
- Gold coin self-guided Surface Tours at Central Deborah Gold Mine.

Other activities include:
- The presentation of, and birthday cake for Tram No. 5 and Tram No. 17
- The launch of a new DVD about the Bendigo Tramways produced by Roger Greenwood.

Date: Sunday 8 December 2013
Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm
Cutting of Birthday Cake: 2:00pm
Place: 1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo VIC 3550
Phone: (03) 5442 2821
More information: www.bendigotramways.com All funds raised on the day will go towards the Heritage Tram Restoration Fund. Please find attached an A3 poster for the event. If you have any spare space to hang the poster or room to promote the event in your newsletter, the support would be greatly appreciated.

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Student Transport Unit
Secondary School bus network.
We are hosting a parents’ information night at 7:00pm at the Music Centre of the Etty Street Campus, Castlemaine Secondary College on Wednesday 11 December 2013.
Fiona Forster from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Student Transport Unit will be attending this meeting to outline certain aspects of the policy and introduce a new shuttle service that has recently been approved by Public Transport Victoria and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for use by Castlemaine Secondary College students. She will also be on hand to answer any questions you have about how the policy applies to your specific family situation.
I strongly encourage all parents to attend this meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

School Uniform for Sale
2 x size 4 Polo short sleeved tops (12 months old)
$10 each
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