Curriculum Days

Don’t forget next Monday September 9th is a Curriculum Day. Teachers will be heading to Melbourne bright and early to attend a full day conference on Mathematics.

NO Students are to be at school as there will be NO Staff.
Students of the Week:

Grade Prep: **Llewellyn**: completing his writing in the set time.

**Xavier**: His independent writing about Scooter Ed.

Grade 1/2: **Whole Grade**: for their behaviour on the Farm to Table excursion.

Grade 3/4: **Kester**: for a great attitude to school and willingness to share his great general knowledge.

Grade 5/6: **Jayden**: Taking great interest in the careers expo excursion.

Reading Nights: Congratulations to:

- **Hudson**
  - For reading 75 nights

- **Isabelle, Hannah**
  - For reading 125 nights

- **Julie, Rachael, Ebony, Mitchell**
  - For reading 100 nights

- **Luey, Lincoln**
  - For reading 150 nights

- **Charlotte, Sammy, Heath, Riley B, Riley S, Koby, Beatrice, Owen, Georgie, Piers**
  - For reading 175 nights

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: 4 days  
- Grade 1-2: 4 days  
- Grade 3-4: 9.5 days  
- Grade 5-6: 2 days

Cool to be at school winner is Grade 5/6

Early Bird winner is Grade Prep

Buda Harvest Dinner
Macki, Toby, Jayden & Families

Father’s Day Breakfast

“Many parents underestimate their children’s abilities, while children often overestimate them.”
Michael Grose, Parentingideas
Hello All!
It was great to see lots of faces at Skydancers this past Tuesday and ever so lovely to sit in the sun, chat and shake off those winter blues!
Next Tuesday sees us at Woop Woop in Blackjack Road, $6 for a Devonshire tea, YUM!
I thought I would share a quick lunchbox recipe with you this week....
Apricot Bites! Finely chop 500gms of dried apricots, stir in 3/4 of a tin of condensed milk and 2 cups of coconut, roll into bite sized balls and roll in extra coconut. Quick and easy, the kids will love helping too!

See you at Woop Woop :) Jacq

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

PARENT’S GATHERINGS
Tuesday 10th September: Whoop Whoop in Blackjack Rd $6 Devonshire tea
17th September: Curriculum day

SMALL SCHOOL THINKS BIG
Harcourt Valley Primary School have been looking towards the future and showing their students where their food comes from as well as career prospects. The grade 1/2 have been working on “Farm to Table” and have looked at how their food gets to the table. On an excursion the children went into Castlemaine to look at the Maxi IGA Supermarket, Bakers Delight, Top Meats and Castlemaine Fruit Supplies. This excursion allowed the students to see how the food is processed and stored at local shops. This trip has brought together this term’s work and allowed the students to see first hand where food from farms ends up. At the same time the 5/6 students from HVPS have been looking at possible career options. The students have had speakers from the Castlemaine Police, Steve Cracknell Building Practitioner, Vets All Natural, Tu To Per Te Hair Artists, Castlemaine Health, Leech Earth Moving and Jacqueline Cue Photography. These speakers touched on the importance of education for future employment. The Students were then invited to visit Castlemaine Health and the Castlemaine Police Station. On the excursion, the students visited the kitchen at Castlemaine Health to see how the meals for the hospital are prepared. After this they walked to the Police Station and were given a tour of the police station and how it operates on a daily basis. Students were grateful to have the opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the day. HVPS would like to thank the local businesses that made these excursions possible.

GRADES 1/2 & 5/6 CASTLEMAINE EXCURSIONS

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

Kids Matter
Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative
Music Concert
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Bendigo Little Athletics Season 2013/14
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Wednesday September 18th On-line Early Bird registration fee of $95.00 per child closes. (Full fee of $120.00 applicable from this date onwards)
Saturday September 21st Pick up registration number patch & pack from 9.00am at Athletics Track and provide proof of D.O.B. if registering for the first time
Friday October 11th Day 1 of Season starts for Under 9 through to Under 15 at 5pm
Saturday October 12th Day 1 of Season starts for Under 6 through to Under 8 at 8.30am
Saturday October 19th Day 2 of Season for all athletes – Under 6 through to Under 15
Where – Athletics Track, Retreat Rd, Flora Hill
Cost - $120 or $95 (early bird payment prior to 18th Sept.)
Come and try days available. These cost $5 per visit with a maximum of two visits for the season.
For more detailed information email bendigo@lavic.com.au. For registration enquiries registrarblac@hotmail.com or visit www.bendigolac.org.au.

YOGA
AT HVPS
3RD THURSDAY OF MONTH
6.30PM - 8.30PM

HARCOURT TENNIS CLUB
Looking for Junior 2 players
If anyone is interested in playing tennis this season.
Contact Faye Hards 54742580 or Sharon Blake 54742680

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