A very big thank you all those parents who have supported us in our Applefest endeavours and with the apple pie baking. It is great to see yet another year of fabulous cooperation for fundraising at the Applefest. We hope to make that target of $5000 again and I’m sure that we are well on the way. A very special thank you to Jacq for organising all of this. What would we do without you!

Details of the arrangements for the parade are as follows. Children to meet at the corner of Wright and Buckley street at 12pm. They should be wearing plain clothes and we will give them their house t shirts to wear and the flags which they made. At the conclusion of the parade, parents can collect them from the staff at the BMX track. Please make sure that you tell a staff member that you are taking your children. Choir members should meet Mrs Hood and Mrs Smith at the stage at 11.45am. After they sing, we will take them to meet up with the rest of the school. We would like all children to walk in the parade as it is a great way to let everyone know what a great school we have!

The School Council election process has finished and I declare the following people elected to School Council. Ben Walter, Andrea Brasher, Diane Selwood and Jason McAinch. Lynda Wilson will be co-opted onto School Council.

Another reminder that Tuesday (11th) is a Curriculum Day and no children are required at school on that day. Staff will not be at the school for the first part of the day, so please ensure you put this in your diary. We will be doing professional learning in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation as well as further development of our Kidsmatter program.

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees, this has helped us to a good start. Please ensure that all fees are paid by the end of the term.

Diary Dates
School Banking every Tuesday

MARCH
7th Apple Pie Baking at school 9am
7th Bulb fundraising order form due
8th Applefest
10th Public Holiday
11th Curriculum Day (no students)
12th Parent Gathering 9am Skydancers
12th Grade 6 Polo order form due
13th Assembly Grade 1
18th Parent Gathering 9am Skydancers
20th Assembly Grade Prep
24th Grandparents Day
25th Parent Gathering 9am Skydancers
26th School Council AGM & Meeting 7.30pm
27th Assembly Grade School Capt
27th Arts Performance—Going Green with Dr Deane
28th Interschool Cross Country Grades 3-6

APRIL
1st Parent Gathering 9am Skydancers

Applefest Target $5000
Applefest is upon us!

We are going great guns towards our 150 apple pie target! We have some great Apple Pie bakers among us and its great to see the Dads getting into it too. It’s also a great opportunity to learn to make an apple pie if you never have, a skill your family will appreciate come winter time. Nothing beats a slice of hot apple pie on a cold winters night and making your own is much cheaper (and nicer!) than buying a ready made one. We will be baking on Friday morning and I hope to see you there.

After Applefest we will be getting back to our normal routine of Friday lunches as quickly as we can manage. We will be meeting on Wednesday morning at Skydancers to chat about the menu and management, so if your wanting to be involved please come along and join us. If your unable to please feel free to email me at jacqcue@westnet.com.au with your suggestions.
Cheers
Jacq

HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL’S APPLEFEST STALL especially in setting up the stall.
Contact the school office asap

Is your child ready for an adult seatbelt?
Take the 5 Step Test today.

Children grow at different rates. To assist parents and carers to assess when their child is ready to use an adult seatbelt, new national Child Restraint Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test.

VicRoads recommends parents and carers use this test to ensure their children’s safety at all times.

1. Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?
2. Do the child’s knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?
3. Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?
4. Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

More information
Child Restraint Evaluation Program: crep.com.au
TAC: howsafelyourcar.com.au
Kidsafe: kidsafevic.com.au
RACV: racv.com.au

keeping victorians connected
**Students Of The Week:**  
Grade Prep: **Soren**: Reading and identifying numbers up to 100. WOW!  
**Hamish**: A great effort with his diary writing. Well Done!  
**Shayla**: Her great effort with her diary writing.  
Grade 1/2: **Megan**: For her attention to detail when completing her family tree.  
**Kane**: For using ownership apostrophes when writing.  
Grade 3/4: **Matilda**: For using ownership apostrophes when writing.  
Grade 5/6: **Bridie**: For great detail in her narrative writing.  
**Jade**: For great detail in her persuasive writing.

**Reading Nights**  
Students that have achieved 25 nights of reading:  
*Megan, Murray, Ebony H, Heath, Riley, Mitchell, Piers, Soren, Fraser, Shannon, Angus, Hamish, Nate, Luey, Beatrice.*  
**Well Done!**

**Attendance or is it absence?**  
Absences notes are available at the school office or online at:  
Absence data this week:  
Grade Prep: 16 days  
Grade 1/2: 8 days  
Grade 3/4: 21 days  
Grade 5/6: 19 days  
Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 1/2**  
Early Bird winner is **Grade 1/2**

**Every day counts**

**Every day counts – school attendance**

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.  
For more information regarding School Attendance Guidelines 2014 see DEECD website via the following link:  

**Fundraising: Bulbs—Garden Express**

Order forms have been sent home, spare order forms at the office.  
Order forms due back by Friday 17th March 2014  
Delivery of bulbs by: End of term 1

**Grade 6 Polo Top**

This year’s polo top for grade six students is currently being screen printed. Order forms were sent home last week and please return the form and money by Wednesday 12th March.
Community Corner

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

Net Set Go! 2014
Registrations Saturday 15th March 9-11, Wesley Hill Courts.
Season commences 23rd April, 4-5pm, and runs for 10 weeks.
ANZ NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s only junior entry netball program.
It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning
and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and
continued participation.
For more information contact Vanessa Saunders 0407508391.

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

LEMONS
Desperately needed by
Friday 7th March
Contact Gen Ward:
0409 070 930

“What a parent does WITH kids matters far more than what they do FOR them.”
Michael Grose, Parentingideas

BLUE LIGHT RAGE
FRIDAY 7th MARCH
CASTLEMENAINE THEATRE ROYAL
JUNIORS (PRIMARY AGE) 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.
ENTRY $5.00. FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT
DAVE PETRUSMA or PETER LUKAITIS 54722099
MUSIC BY D.J. KATIE. DOOR PRIZES.

“We don’t just dance”

NO ALCOHOL - NO DRUGS - NO PASSOUTS