Diary Dates

NOVEMBER
8th
Lunch Order:
Sweet: Pikelet with jam
Salad: Dip
Helpers: Elsa & Naomi

8th
Grade 5/6 AFL 9’s - C/Creek Football Oval

9th
Melbourne Shopping Trip

11th
Special Lunch Order-Sushi

12th to 15th
Grade 5/6 Halls Gap Camp

14th
Assembly: Grade 3

15th
Prep Transition 9am to 10am

15th
Lunch Order:
Sweet: Custard Tart
Salad: Dip
 Helpers: Raelene & Gussie

18th to 21st
Scholastic Book Fair

20th
Orphfund Casual Clothes Day

21st
Assembly: Grade 1 & Grade 3/4 French Play

22nd
Prep Sleepover

22nd
Lunch Order:
Sweet: Apricot Balls
Salad: Chicken
Helpers: Jacq & Lorella

26th
Religious Instructions-Last session

28th
Assembly: Grade Prep & Grade 1/2 French Play

29th
Prep Transition 9am - 10.30am

29th
Prep1/2 Orienteering—parents come along and do orienteering with your kids.

29th
Lunch Order:
Sweet: Fruit Jelly
Salad: Chicken
Helpers: Jacq & Naomi

29th
Working Bee & BBQ 3.30pm

• **Thank you** to Lynda for organising and all the other people who helped with the Barbecue at the newsagent in Castlemaine on Saturday. It was a good result and we raised $806.

• **Grade 5/6 camp** leaves on Tuesday morning and final payments need to be made by tomorrow. Medical forms also need to be returned immediately as well. Please hand any medications to Mrs P on the morning of the camp. These need to be clearly labelled with name and instructions.

• **Prep sleepover** is coming up soon, please make sure that you have returned the form and payment by 21st November.

• **Thank you** to Jacq and Andrea for organising the Sushi Day on Monday. We are all looking forward to this.

• We have had a number of children bringing **toys** to school recently. This is of concern to us as they can be easily lost or broken. This will very upsetting to the children so we are requesting that toys are not bought to school. If this happens we will collect the toys from the children and keep them until the end of the school day, when they will be returned.

• Don’t forget the **Scholastic Book Fair** which we will be having from the 18th November for a week. It’s a great place to do some early Christmas shopping.
Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Trip
This Saturday 9th November 2013

Departs: Bus departs at 6.30am from Stanley Park, Harcourt Returns: Approximately 8.00pm
Please contact Lorella on 0422 286 393

BBQ & Cake Stall
A BIG thankyou to all those parents and students who volunteered their time and to those who baked delicious goodies for the fundraising BBQ last weekend in Castlemaine. After a very slow start to the morning we managed to make just over $800 on the day, which is a great effort. Thank you to all those families who contributed and a special mention to Mrs. V-G, Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Chapman for their assistance in setting up and serving on the day, your help was very much appreciated. All monies raised from fundraising activities directly benefits students educational experience, so please continue to support these events where possible.
Thanks again for a job well done.
Lynda Wilson

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Students Of The Week:
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Grade Prep: Hamish: working hard on his maths.
               Rachael: her beautiful reading with expression.
Grade 1/2: Whole Grade: for great work during testing in Maths yesterday.
Grade 3/4: Lochlin: for very good results in Maths.
Grade 5/6: Maddi: for asking great questions during P4P.

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: 6 days       Grade 3-4: 13 days       Grade 5-6: 5.5 days
Cool to be at school winner is Grade 5/6       Early Bird winner is Grade Prep

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This week Jade interviewed:
Mrs Victor-Gordon

Jade-What is your full name?
Mrs V-G- Katrina Rachael Victor-Gordon
Jade-What grade do you teach?
Mrs V-G- Prep
Jade- When is your birthday?
Mrs V-G-2nd of July
Jade-What primary school did you go to?
Mrs V-G- Ivanhoe, MacLeod and Cornell in the USA
Jade-What is your favourite TV series?
Mrs V-G- Grand Designs and Wonderland
Jade- What pets do you have?
Mrs V-G-3 goldfish
Jade-Why did you want to become a teacher?
Mrs V-G-I love working with kids and I hope I make a difference sometimes
Jade-When you were little what did you want to be?
Mrs V-G-A teacher or an architect
Jade-Do the preps get out of control a lot?
Mrs V-G-No, they’re good kids.

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
Grade 5/6 Halls Gap Camp
Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th November. Cost for this camp is $290 per student.

Prep Sleepover
Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November, 2013
Time: 3.00pm until Saturday 23\textsuperscript{rd} November, 8.30am
Where: School
Cost: $30 per student
Children will need to bring the following items to school on Friday morning:
- Small mattress or lilo
- Sleeping bag, pillow and a blanket if needed
- Change of clothes for Saturday morning
- Pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers
- Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, hairbrush
- A favourite teddy/soft toy

Please have all items labelled and have your child help with the packing so that they know what items they have.

Children are to be collected on Saturday 23\textsuperscript{rd} November at 8.30am.
THE PERMISSION SLIP AND MONEY MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 18\textsuperscript{th} OF NOVEMBER. CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

News from out School Council President
The notoriously busy term 4 is running away from us! But we still have lots of good stuff happening. I hope everyone who is off on the shopping tour on Saturday has a great time and Grade 5/6 don’t wear themselves out on camp next week! (say hi to the deers for me at Halls Gap Zoo! Watch out they are cheeky!) I am enjoying watching the moustaches steadily growing on Mr Watkins and Mr Walter, if you would like to donate to their growth fund?! There’s a donation box in the school office so support Mens Health Research because we love our Granddads, Husbands, Dads, Brothers, Uncles and Sons and that's the BEST reason why!
Our special Sushi lunch has been a hit. Don't forget that parents are always welcome (I am sure you can sneak your orders in by Friday morning!) I hear that there will be a couple more special lunches before the year is out...I hear whispers of homemade ice-cream in a cone and a sausage sizzle....yum!

Cheers
Jacq Cue

Prep Transition Days
Friday 15th November 9am-10am
Friday 29th November 9am-10.30am
Tuesday 3rd December 9am-11.30am (Statewide Transition)
Prep Information Night (parents only) Wednesday 4th December 7pm
Bring your Kindergarten child along to the transition sessions so they can get a feel for the school, meet their teacher and have some fun learning about school life.
If you have any questions about the transition days please contact the school.

Book Fair
The BOOK FAIR is coming to school! The Book Fair will be open for business from Monday the 18\textsuperscript{th} of November until Friday the 21\textsuperscript{st} of November. Times to be advised. Don’t forget to save your money to find those perfect Christmas gifts – and help the school to support our library and resources. Donations to the library will also be gratefully received.

Michael Grose, Parentingideas
“Strong families build up their own rituals and traditions, which help define them and set them apart.”
This year Mr. Walter and Mr. Watkins are growing a moustache to support Movember. The Movember movement is about changing the face of men’s health. During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of moustaches around the world. With their “Mo’s” men raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health. This year, we are asking people to crank up the volume, make some noise and fly the flag for men’s health by fighting the good fight.
Everyone can get on board by supporting us at http://moteam.co/harcourt-valley-p-s or by making donations at the front office. If you want to join Mr. Walter and Mr. Watkins and grow a Mo then please sign up at au.movember.com/register and use the Harcourt Primary as the group.

Rewards Redemption Day
Tuesday November 26th

Due to changes being made to the School Banking Rewards program, all tokens must be redeemed before the end of the year. To assist with this, our School Banking Area coordinator, Helen, will be visiting with all her rewards items for the children to spend their tokens on. This will take place at recess, so please put a reminder on your calendar, in your diary or on your phone so that your child remembers to bring their bank book and tokens (silver and gold) to school on Tuesday 26th November.

Castlemaine Theatre Company presents
Cinderella With The Lot - A Modern Day Fairytale!
Tickets will go on sale on 1st November for Cinderella with the Lot – A Modern Day Fairytale. But this is no ordinary fairytale! Cinderella with the Lot is entirely created by the kids of Castlemaine Youth Theatre, the dynamic and ever evolving youth arm of the CTC. 18 talented young actors aged 11 – 14 have developed this hilarious ninety-minute show, to be performed at The Phee Broadway Theatre on Fri 22 November, 7pm; Sat 23 November, 3pm; Fri 29 November, 7pm; Sat 30 November, 3pm.
Book today at Maine Shoes and Accessories, 174 Barker Street, Castlemaine, 5472 1136 or online at www.trybooking.com (you’ll pay an extra 30c to book online).
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