Diary Dates
School Banking every Tuesday

MAY
8th & 9th  Bike/Scooter Education
9th  Mother’s Day Breakfast 8am
9th  Book Club  issue 3 orders due
13th  Parent Gathering - 9am coffee at Skydancers
15th  Assembly: Grade P,1 & 2 French Performance
16th  Lunch Order: Main: Sushi $3 Dessert: Carrot Cake $1 Helpers: Andrea & Jacq
17th & 18th  Catering - Castlemaine Cycling Club
18th to 23rd  Education Week
19th  Dress up parade—favourite book character (no super heroes)
20th  Grade 5/6 Interschool Netball Wesley Hill
20th  Parent Gathering - 9am coffee at Skydancers
21st  Open Morning 9-11am
22nd  Grade 3/4 Interschool Netball Wesley Hill
22nd  CSC Opening Morning 9am-Junior
23rd  Grade Prep-2 Tabloid Sports CSC Junior Campus
27th  Parent Gathering - 9am coffee at Skydancers
28th  School Council Meeting 7.30pm

JUNE
3rd  Grades Prep—2 Maths morning as C/Maine North PS
4th  Parent Gathering - 9am coffee at Skydancers
9th  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
11th  Arts Performance: Out of Africa
12th - 13th  Grade 1/2 Bendigo Camp

Tomorrow Friday, 9th May is our traditional **Mother’s Day breakfast**. It will start at 8am and all the mums (and grandmothers) are invited to come along and have breakfast at school with their children. You will have received an invitation from your children last week. We will also be catering for dietary requirements such as gluten free!

A reminder - **Education Week** (18–23 May) is coming up shortly and we have a number of events planned. There will be a Book Fair for that week only (there is still one later in the year). There is an open morning on Wednesday 21st from 9-11 and parents are invited to come along and spend time with their children in the classroom. If you know anyone who is thinking of sending there children here next year, invited them too! In addition to this, we are having a Favourite Book Character Dress Up Parade on Monday morning. No superheroes allowed. This is your advance warning! We will also be doing National Simultaneous Storytime on our Open Morning. More about that later.

Information regarding the catering for the **Cycling Competition** on 17 and 18 May was sent home on Wednesday night. The roster is on the front desk of the office, we would really love some support to make this another successful fundraiser.

In addition to all these activities, **NAPLAN** is coming in 13–15 May—next week, for the children in Grades 3 and 5. Please keep this low key as some children find this quite stressful. We are practising some skills to do the NAPLAN tests as well as personal management of feelings towards these tests. It’s a good idea to get plenty of sleep on the nights preceding the tests.

Lang House did the Barbecue at the Castlemaine Newsagency on last Saturday and very successfully raised $1270! Congratulations to them all for their hard work. This has set the bar high for Mitchell and Barker. Let’s hope we can raise this much twice again.
Art Room News
We are seeking 25 used clean laundry bottles, the ones with handles built in on the side and old CD’s (as many as possible) for use in the Art Program this term.

Suzan Redlande
Art Teacher

They have set the bar!

A fantastic effort by Lang raising $1270 over the weekend. Thank you to the Budnikas-Ling, Connor-Gantinas, McCallum, O’Connor, O’Keeffe, Sheppard, Simmons, Steptowe families for all that you did, manning the stall and the baking! An especially BIG congrats to the McLoughlan, McAinch and Selwood families for organising such a successful day! I hear there was plenty of team spirit around with many families getting into the fun and yellowness of Lang and dressing up for the day. A wonderful way to show everyone just how fantastic our school community is. Mitchell’s turn is coming up on August 9th, come on Mitchell we CAN beat them! But first we have the Cycling event coming up on the 18th and 19th of May, so pop your name down on the roster that's in the office. Don’t be shy, its great fun and when everyone pitches in its easy work! Even a short shift is a help.

Lunch this week is Pumpkin Soup. We will be serving it in cups from the school kitchen, so no need to bring anything from home this time. Next week is Sushi. We will be offering the choice of tuna or egg as they were the most popular last time we served them.

Cheers
Jacq Cue

Friday Lunch Orders:
Don’t forget students can hand in their lunch orders with correct money on either Mondays, Tuesdays or by 9am Wednesday mornings.

Menu

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<td>2 Sausages in Bread / Sticky Date Pudding</td>
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Mains $3 each
Dessert $1 each

Students Of The Week:
Grade Prep/1: Soren: for fantastic Maths work with Mr Fitz.
Soren: a great attitude in Scooter Ed.
Fraser: for fantastic Maths work with Mr Fitz.

Grade 1/2: Izak: for making great progress with his addition facts.

Grade 3/4: Kester: for his mature attitude to learning and strong work ethic.
Breanna: for clear, expressive & fluent reading.
Jed: for working on words to break down unfamiliar text.

Grade 5/6: Caithiona: for great contributions to class discussions.

Music
Shannon: fantastic participation in Music.

French
Kane: outstanding work in French.
Zara: consistently high standards in French.
Georgie: excellent singing in French.
Lincoln: excellent performance in French.
**Grounds & Garden:**
We are looking for interested people to join a committee for “grounds and gardens.” This group will meet at a mutually agreeable time. We are just seeking people who have plant knowledge, landscaping experience and a keen eye for developing the gardens for the future. Really if you just have ideas about the gardens and grounds we would love to have your input. If you think this is you then please submit your willingness to be involved to the school office or via email at harcourt.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Attendance or is it absence?**

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Cool to be at school winner is **Grade P/1**
Early Bird winner is **Grade 1/2**

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By Hayley C
By Ebony C
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Harcourt Valley Primary School Footy Tipping Competition 2014
Each week the winner receives a hot beverage or milkshake voucher from ASQ Skydancers Cafe.  