

Harcourt Valley Primary School

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Education for a Sustainable Future

School Newsletter

Friday 18th May 2018



Diary Dates

Student banking each Tuesday

Lunch orders each by Wed 9am

Assembly each Thursday 3pm

Breakfast club each Friday 8.30am

May

22rd Grade 3/4 - Netball /
AFL 9's Interschool
sports

23rd Grade 5/6 - Netball /
AFL 9's Interschool
sports

23rd Open Morning 9 - 11am

24th Assembly - Grade 5

25th Grades Prep, 1 & 2
Edward's farm visit
9.30am - 1.45pm

31st Assembly - Grade 3

June

7th Assembly - Grade 6

7th Lunch orders

8th Curriculum Day -
No students

11th Queen's Birthday
public holiday

14th Assembly - TBA

20th School Council Training

21st Assembly - Grade 4

23st BBQ - Castlemaine
Newsagent

25th Parent/Teachers
Interviews

26th Parent/Teachers
Interviews

28th Assembly - Principal

29th Last day of Term 2

Reminders:

Grades 3/4 & 5/6
AFL 9's/Netball
permission form

Principal Report

SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

I am pleased to advise that we have been successful with a number of our grant applications.

Landcare Australia Grant: \$700-Project- 'Bringing Back Butterflies and Bees (Native).' Funds will be spent on adding additional native plants to our school grounds including planting at Ulambara.

A big thank you to Kirsty Skilbeck for assisting with this grant.

Tennis Victoria Hot Shot Court Development Grant: \$1000- Funds will be spent on line marking enabling all students to participate in the tennis Hot Shot Program.

Thank you to Mr Walter and Nicki for working on this grant.

Solar Panel Grant: \$3,600: Assist with the installation of a 5.5kw solar system. Thank you to Natalie McCarthy and School Councillors for coordinating this application.

This is a terrific team effort and great news leading into the start of Education Week commencing next Monday. It is important to note that whilst all of these grant application take considerable time and effort into submitting a quality application, as a school community we are committed to ensuring that students of HVPS benefit from these grants enabling all students to receive high quality learning experiences within the Harcourt and broader community.

PARENT/STUDENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Mid semester reports will be issued on Friday 22nd June. A component of our reporting process, includes the attendance of families and their child at parent / student / teacher interviews. These interviews provide the opportunity to discuss the mid semester report and also focus on future learning goals. Whilst 2 days will be scheduled for parent/student/teacher interviews, the first day will be held on Monday 25th June.

Booking for Monday 25th June are now available on the following link:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au Make a booking Event code: **4fu2m**

NAPLAN

Yesterday was the final day of the Grade 3 & Grade 5 NAPLAN tests. Results of these tests will be sent home to families in due course. Having supervised the 3 days of testing, I would like to congratulate the students on their diligence during these tests. Well done Grade 3 & Grade 5!

OPEN MORNING

An open morning for prospective families will be held next Wednesday May 23rd from 9:00am to 11:00am. I encourage prospective families to contact the school prior to the 23rd of May to assist with the scheduling of tours.

BUS MEETING FOR FAMILIES UTILISING THE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Thank you to the families that contributed their point of view at last Wednesday's bus meetings. All points of view will now be considered during the review process of our current bus route and timetable. Families will be notified prior to the end of Term 2 of the outcome of our review.

Regards

Andrew Blake

Students of the Week

Prep:

Sienna - for modelling with counters and then writing the numbers to show how to double numbers under 10.

Athena - for your magnificent effort working on the life-cycle of a chicken.

Callum - for being brave and trying new things at HVPS

Arlo - for a great improvement when interacting and listening to instructions on the floor.

Grade 1:

Edwin - for using precise words in his writing.

Moirah - for a focused effort during mathematics.

Grade 2:

Amy - for being helpful and encouraging during tabloid sports.

Phoebe - for her excellent work ethic. Phoebe always tries her best and takes great pride in the presentation of her work.

Grade 3/4:

Kate - for her effort in researching the early explorer, Dirk Hartog in DC.

Abi - for her quiet determination and effort on her Passion Project on Huskies.

Grade 5/6:

Ruben - for demonstrating empathy towards another student and showing leadership skills in the playground.

Hunter - for demonstrating empathy towards another student and showing leadership skills in the playground.

Isaiah - for demonstrating empathy towards another student and showing leadership skills in the playground.

French:

Tobias - always participating during speaking activities and maintaining a positive attitude.

Archer - Excellent effort and participation.



Help keep our school healthy this flu season

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against infection

Key tips to keep our students and staff healthy

- We should encourage all children and adults to regularly wash their hands.
- We should encourage all children and adults to cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands.
- Students and staff with cold or flu-like symptoms should be encouraged to seek medical attention.
- Students exhibiting such symptoms should limit contact with others, and stay at home until the symptoms have passed.

If a child becomes ill at school with these symptoms, schools should contact the family and arrange for the child's collection.

Invitation

Sunday 20th May 2018

Dja Dja Wurrung in Harcourt

In recent years Harcourt has been the scene of a large number of Cultural Heritage Investigations. These site surveys have been conducted in the course of the Rural Pipeline construction, the various housing developments and in the creation of La Larr Ba Gauwa Mountain Bike Park. An immense amount has been learned about the activities of the Dja Dja Wurrung in Harcourt. Sunday's talk will share the outcomes of these new discoveries. The event is part of the National Trust Heritage Festival and is expected to attract wide attendance.

At Harcourt Heritage Centre, High St, Harcourt, 1.30 pm

Afternoon tea - please bring a plate to share.

Cost \$5 per adult For further information, phone George Milford 0400916527
Harcourt Valley Heritage Committee

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MAIN \$3 each</u>	<u>DESSERT \$1 each</u>	<u>WED VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS</u>
25 May	Hot chicken rolls – EF/DF	Weet-bix ginger slice – EF/DF [Jason M]	Lynda Q	Bek E / Jason M
1 June	Pizza – ham, cheese, pineapple – EF	Coconut, white chocolate and raspberry slice – EF [Alicia B]	Lynda Q	Lynda W / Kelly W
7 June	Fried Rice – GF/EF	Carrot cake – EF [Nat B]	Helen S	Lynda Q / Ange F
15 June	Baked potatoes – EF/GF	Jam slice – EF [Sandra G]	Elsa H	Naomi HW / Nat B
22 June	Lasagne – EF	ANZAC biscuits – EF/DF [Sharon U]	Nat B	Andrea B / Jessica B
29 June	Two sausages in bread – EF/DF	Apple crumble – EF [Veronica]	Lynda Q	Nat M / TBD

