



**School Newsletter**  
**Friday 19th October**

**Diary Dates**

Student banking each Tues 9am

Lunch orders each by Wed 9am

Parent Coffee 9am Thursdays  
at Goldfield Tracks Cafe

Assembly each Thursday 3pm

Breakfast club each Friday 8.30am

Note: below details are subject to  
change

**October**

20th Melbourne Shopping Tour

24th School Council Meeting  
7.30pm

25th Assembly - Grade 4

25th Grade Prep Sleepover at  
school

31st 2019 Preps Transition  
9 - 10am  
Principal & Parent coffee

**November**

2nd Grades Prep, 1 & 2 -  
Interschool Kickball  
Parent volunteers needed

2nd Walk, ride or scoot to school

2nd Lunch order change - now  
Baked Potatoes

5th Curriculum Day -  
No students

6th Melbourne Cup Public  
Holiday—No students

8th Assembly - Grade 2

9th Lunch order change - now  
Sushi

9th Lunch order sushi  
preparation 9am - Parent  
volunteers needed

**Principals Report**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The October School Council meeting will be held next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 7:30p.m.

**GRADE 5/6 CAMP**

I would like to congratulate the Grade 5/6 students who attended Melbourne Camp last week on the level of learning they displayed over the 4 days. All students showed a great deal of interest in the tourist attractions visited i.e. Parliament House, Old Melbourne Gaol, Melbourne Shrine, Immigration and Chinese Museum and asked very insightful questions throughout the various tours. Well done Grade 5/6! Thank you to Mrs Turner, Mrs Rice and Mr Fitz for putting in long hours helping to ensure the camp was a very successful one.

**MR WATKINS**

We wish Mr Watkins all the best as he commences his long service leave next week for the remainder of this term. As advised in last week's newsletter, Ms Stephanie Ferguson will be replacing Mr Watkins for the remainder of this term.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY RESULTS**

It was very pleasing to report that the families that completed the survey responded very positively with results showing an improvement compared to that of the previous year in the majority of areas surveyed. Listed below is an extract from 3 of the areas surveyed:

<b>EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING</b>	
Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching	100% positive response
My child can explore their own interests when it is related to their class work	95% positive response
This school provides opportunities for my child to develop a sense of responsibility	100% positive response

**PREP SLEEPOVER**

Prep students will be sleeping over night at school next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. A component of the camp will involve students attending Stanley Park at Harcourt on Thursday afternoon and returning to school later in the day. Be advised that Prep students will not attend Thursday's assembly due to this commitment. On Friday, students will attend the Castlemaine library and visit a number of local attractions prior to returning to school for lunch. Attached to today's newsletter is an excursion permission form and further information relating to camp. Staff staying overnight will be: Mrs Turner, Mr Walter and Mrs Rice.

**ASSEMBLY SPORTS REPORT**

Students wishing to share their sporting news at school assembly are requested to have a pre-prepared written report. We value all of our students sporting achievements and highly encourage students to share their participation with the school community. I encourage families to assist with the preparation of their child's report.

Regards

Andrew Blake

**Walk to school event**

Walk, ride or scoot to school on Friday 2 November and enjoy a fun morning before class!

To celebrate Walk to School Month Council is hosting a morning event at Harcourt Valley Primary School from 8.00am on Friday 2 November. Students can decorate their bike, shoes or scooter and have some fun as they get active together. Includes a free breakfast. It will be a great morning - see you there!

Note

Change to lunch orders,  
due to Grade Prep to 2 attending  
interschool Kickball on  
Friday 2nd November and the need  
for parent helpers,  
sushi lunch order will change to  
9th November and  
baked potatoes will replace sushi.

Friday 2nd November is now Baked  
Potatoes.

Friday 9th November is now Sushi  
Parent volunteers are needed from  
9am to make sushi.

Grade Prep Sleepover—Thursday 25th October

Children will need to bring the following items  
to school Thursday morning and dropped off in  
the library:

Small mattress or lilo

Sleeping bag and pillow  
(and a blanket if needed)

Change of clothes for Friday morning –

Children can be in casual clothes on Friday  
Pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers -

Pull Ups (if needed)

Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel,  
hairbrush (in a toilet bag if possible)

1 favourite teddy/soft toy

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

Term 4 2018 Lunch Duty Roster & Menu

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT	WED VOL.	FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS
26 October	Spaghetti bolognaise – EF/DF	Vanilla butter cake – EF	Nat B	Lorella and Stacey T

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep:

**Arlo** - for concentrating and focusing on his work during Respectful Relationships.

Grade 1:

**Moriah** - for an improved effort when writing.

Grade 2:

**Neko** - for starting Term 4 with a great work ethic and determination to succeed.

**Archer** - for starting Term 4 with a great work ethic and determination to succeed.

Grade 3/4:

**Jordan** - for improvement in his writing since the beginning of the year. Very Impressive!

**Kyle** - for working hard on his "Ginormous Chicken" story this week. Fantastic!

Grade 5/6

**Isabelle** - for making the most of all opportunities presented to her on camp.

French:

**Koby** - working hard during reading exercises and helping to get the class settled for games.



School Bank

Account Details:

Account Name:

Harcourt Valley Primary School

BSB: 063 509

Account Number: 1004 2656

Reference: eg: (Surname/Fees)

How to notify the school of your child's absence:

Schools website: <http://hvps.vic.edu.au> - click on forms and notices

Flexibuzz: click on absence icon

Phone the school from 8.30am: 5474 2266

Send in absent note prior to the day of absence - for all absences  
other than illness.



Phone: 1800 55 1800  
Cybersmart Helpline:  
1800 880 176

**PROTECT**

Protecting children & young people  
from abuse is our responsibility

