

Harcourt Valley Primary School

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School Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2018

Diary Dates

February

- 7th No Preps
- 7th Swimming Program
- 8th Swimming Program
- 13th Swimming Program
- 14th Grades 1 to 6 Zoo excursion
- 14th No Preps
- 16th Swimming Program
- 21st No Preps
- 21st School Council Meeting
- 23rd Swimming Program
- 28th No Preps
- 28th School Fees due to receive the \$20 Discount

Forms to be returned:

- Student information**
- Returns booklet**
- Swimming form**
- Zoo form**

Assembly each Thursday at
3pm
Except 8th February

School Bank Account Details:

Account Name:
Harcourt Valley
Primary School
BSB: 063 509

Account Number:
1004 2656

Reference:

Surname/(reason for payment)
eg: fees

Principal Report

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone to the 2018 school year. A special welcome to our new families that are commencing at HVPS for 2018.

We have a very exciting term ahead of us with our major topic based on the learning area of Science for all classes. Other highlights for the term include: Water awareness/safety program to be held at the Harcourt Pool, Melbourne Zoo excursion for the Grade 1 to Grade 6 students and the public display of student art work at the Harcourt Applefest.

As advised in last week's correspondence via FlexiBuzz, school assembly will be held on Thursday afternoons commencing at 3:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m at the conclusion of assembly. Due to our swimming commitments, there will be no assembly held on Thursday 8th February. As in previous years, all grade levels will have an opportunity to present their work at assembly once a term. Listed below are the dates respective grade levels will be presenting their work.

CORRESPONDENCE

Today you will receive a considerable quantity of correspondence. Please ensure you read this literature carefully and complete and return the required forms.

GRADE FOCUS

Grade 6	15th February
Grade 4	22nd February
Grade 2	1st March
Grade 1	8th March
Grade 5	15th March
Grade 3	22nd March
Prep	29th March

ZOO EXCURSION

Due to a number of available seats on the buses, taking students to the zoo on Wednesday 14th February, there is an opportunity for interested families to attend this school excursion. Please be advised there will be an entry cost associated with the excursion. Interested adults are welcome to register their interest at the office.

I look forward to working with you all this year.

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew Blake

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



Family accounts

In the pack sent home with this newsletter there will be a statement for your family account.

- Grades 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 camps to be invoiced when bookings are finalised.

Options to pay the school fees are:

- Centrelink-Centrepay. Pay directly from Centrelink, family assistance or parental leave payments. Forms available at school office.
- If you have a health care card or pension card see flyer in pack for information regarding CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursion fund).
- Bank transfer - see front of newsletter for schools bank account details, an option is to pay weekly, fortnightly or total of account owing. Please notify the school office if paying in instalments.

Check family statement carefully, any credits from 2017 have been applied to BOLC excursion, Swimming program or Essential Students Learning Items.

Don't forget early bird discount \$20 per student, pay by 28th February

Water Awareness Program for 2018

Our water awareness program for this year will commence on Wednesday 7th February and conclude on Friday 23rd February. We will provide 5 lessons during that period. Please see the blue Building Our Learning Community letter for details of scheduled dates, weather permitting.

Permission form and payment must be returned to school before the commencement of this program.

The program cost will be as follows:

- \$20 per new student (5 sessions)
- \$16 per Prep student (4 sessions)

The swimming program cost is included in the school fees, if you haven't already paid them, please pay above amount.

The whole school will walk to the pool at approximately 1.15pm, weather permitting.
A bus will be organised for transport in excessive heat conditions.

The children will be dismissed from the pool at 3.30pm.

Children are to be collected from the pool NOT the school.

The school bus will also leave from the pool.

Children are required to bring the following to school each day:

Bathing togs and towel - NAMED

T-Shirt or sun-shirt - NAMED

Plastic bag/Green bag to put wet items in

Sunscreen will be supplied by the school

In upper swimming levels, if clothing is required the teacher taking the class will advise the children of this during the program.

Building Our Learning Community Zoo Excursion Grades 1-6 only

Date: Wednesday 14th February 2018

Building Our Learning Community (BOLC) will see us travel by bus to Parkville to visit the Royal Melbourne Zoo.

Students are required to be in full school uniform and bring their own lunch, snack and water bottle in their school bag. The bus will depart from school at 9am and return before 3.30pm.

Please note this excursion is a component of the overall school fees, so if you haven't already paid the fees, payment of \$25 is required by Monday 12th February 2018 with permission form.

FlexiBuzz

Update your communication groups for 2018



To ensure you stay up-to-date with what's happening at the school, please ensure you are connected to the correct communication groups for 2018. Please check your box subscription in the app. You can do this by selecting the parallel lines at the top of the newsfeed then add/removing the boxes relevant to the information you wish to receive. Speak to school office staff if you need any help.