

## Harcourt Valley Primary School

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### School Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2018



## **Diary Dates**

Student banking each Tuesday

Assembly each Thursday 3pm

### **March**

27th Grades Prep - 2  
Not a Daffodil  
Excursion to Capital  
Theatre, Bendigo

29th Assembly - 1.30pm  
See principal report

**29th Last Day Term 1**  
**Assembly 1.30pm**  
**Finish 2.30pm**

### **April**

**16th Start of Term 2**  
**9am start**

25th **ANZAC Day Public**  
**Holiday**

26th- Grade 1-2 Bendigo  
27th Camp



### **Forms to be returned:**

**Grades Prep - 2**  
Not A Daffodil  
Forms and \$12  
(this excursion is in addition to  
the excursion levy)

**Grades 1-2 Camp**  
permission and medical

**Overdue**  
Netbook Lease agreement  
Student information  
Returns booklet

## **Principal Report**

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Congratulations to the following School Council representatives for being elected to the following positions at last Wednesday's School Council meeting: President: Veronica Budnikas, Vice Presidents: Lorella Burns, Treasurer: Jason McAinch and Secretary: Matthew Watkins and Stacey Turner. Other School Council representatives for the 2018 year include: Megan Woods (Community Representative), Natalie McCarthy, Brian O'Connor and Brad Turner.

### **EASTER BONNET PARADE**

Students and staff have been working hard on their Easter bonnets in preparation for next Thursday's Easter bonnet parade commencing at 2:00 p.m. We encourage all families to come along and enjoy the festivities and perhaps bring along their own Easter bonnet.

### **END OF TERM –ASSEMBLY**

A reminder to families that the end of term will conclude next Thursday at 2:30 p.m. School assembly will commence at 1:30 p.m followed by the Easter Bonnet Parade commencing at 2:00 p.m.

### **STAFF NEWS**

**Mr Watkins:** We wish Mr Watkins and his partner, Kate the very best for their wedding next Friday the 30th of April. In other exciting news, Mr Watkins and Kate have announced that they are expecting the arrival of their first child later in the year. Congratulations Kate and Matt!

**Mr Walter:** In further exciting news, Mr Walter has recently announced that his partner, Clare is expecting their third child later in the year. Congratulation Clare and Ben!

### **SHELTER IN PLACE DRILL**

Please be advised that as part of our OH&S schedule, a Shelter in Place drill will be held next Monday morning. If families require further information relating to the drill they are most welcome to contact me.

### **WORKING BEE**

A working bee has been organised for Sunday 22nd April commencing at 11:00 a.m. A focus area will be on oiling a section of our school decking. To assist with catering for a barbecue lunch at the completion of the working bee, families intending to attend this event are requested to notify the school. Thanking you in advance.

**Enjoy your weekend!**

Andrew Blake

## Students of the Week

Prep:

**Hailee** - for making improvements with her listening skills.

**Derek** - for improving his concentration skills during class discussions.

**Charlie** - for a great improvement when working at the tables.

Grade 2:

**Cooper** - for working really hard to finish his work on time and always trying his best.

Great work!

**Emma** - for concentrating hard during handwriting and really trying to write her letters neatly and correctly.

Grade 3/4:

**Sienna** - for her great persistence during cross country. You should be very proud of yourself!

**Julie** - for her great persistence during cross country. You should be very proud of yourself!

**Jack** - for his great thinking when sorting simple machines in DC. Well done!

Grade 5/6:

**Elwyn** - for her great persistence during cross country. Well done!

**Piers** - for her great persistence during cross country. Well done!

**Luey** - for her great persistence during cross country. Well done!

French:

**Murray** - enthusiasm for learning

**Megan** - consistent focus



## FlexiBuzz

Currently we still have 28 families either not connected to flexibuzz or have not updated to their child's **current** grade. To ensure you stay up-to-date with what's happening at the school, 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.



## Notifying parents of an unexplained student absence

*A Department of Education notification to all schools*

From the end of Term 2, all schools are required to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable when a student absence is unexplained.

A review of the Attendance Guidelines for schools was undertaken in Term 4, 2017. The review and resulting changes to the Guidelines will help ensure the safety of school-aged children during school hours and ensure that schools are supported in their duty of care obligations.

The new requirement for schools under the Guidelines is to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable on the day of a student's absence. This was formerly three days.

While the changes will be introduced from Term 1 2018, full implementation by all government schools will be required by the end of Term 2, 2018.

*From Harcourt Valley PS*

From the start of term 2, we will introduce notifications via text and emails. Our attendance computer program will automatically notify parents when an absent code of "unexplained absent" is entered. There will undoubtedly be some problems while introducing this requirement, please be patient and understanding with this new process.

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 absent. (for all absences other than illness)**

## Goldfields Libraries School Holiday Events

There's loads of stuff happening at the Goldfields Libraries these school holidays. Do a coding workshop, learn how to draw anime characters, catch a movie, do some gardening, play some minecraft and more! Check out the program on the HVPS website. [www.hvps.vic.edu.au](http://www.hvps.vic.edu.au).



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Protecting children & young people  
from abuse is our responsibility

