

Harcourt Valley Primary School

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School Newsletter

Thursday 29th March 2018



Diary Dates

Student banking each Tuesday

Assembly each Thursday 3pm

April

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

22nd Working Bee 11am

**25th ANZAC Day Public
Holiday**

26th Cooking day for lunch
orders

26th- Grade 1-2 Bendigo
27th Camp

May

9th School Council
meeting 7.30pm

15th - Naplan
17th

18th Grades Prep-2
interschool tabloid sports



Coles Sports for Schools

For every \$10 you spend at Coles, you'll receive one Sports for Schools voucher that we can exchange for sports gear. Collection box in office foyer.

Forms to be returned:

Grades 1-2 Camp
permission and medical

Overdue

Netbook Lease agreement
Student information

Principal Report

Dear Families,

Well done to everybody on a very successful term. It has been very pleasing to see all students settle into a school routine early on in the term and establish solid learning habits. We have appreciated the solid support of families and carers helping to reinforce the importance of nightly reading.

Highlights of Term 1 have included our zoo excursion, water awareness program and the Harcourt Applefest providing the opportunity for all students to submit a piece of artwork for display at the Harcourt Art Show and our choir students singing at the opening of the Applefest.

Additionally, the Grade 6 students had the terrific opportunity to attend the opening of La Larr Ba Gauwa Park and be the first cyclists to ride the trailhead after the official opening of the park.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our terrific volunteers that donated goods for our Applefest stall, helped prepare, bake and sell a large quantity of apple pies during throughout the Applefest period. I am also aware many families were able to support the school by purchasing apple pies or promoting our apple pie drive at their respective workplaces. Your support of our school is appreciated. I am pleased to notify families that the money raised totalled \$4642. As you are aware some of the funds are intended to assist with the purchase of solar panels for our school.

Please ensure you all have a well deserved and safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing all back for the commencement of Term 2 beginning, Monday 16th April.

Regards,

Andrew Blake

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 absence" 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 absence - for all absences other than illness.

Camps

Grade Prep Sleepover

25th Oct

Grade 1 & 2 Bendigo Camp

26th-27th April

Grade 3/4 Daylesford Camp

5th - 7th September

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp

9th - 12th October

School Uniform

Please check your child's uniforms, in case they have brought home the wrong clothing. Return it to the school office asap.

Also please check the lost property basket located near the toilets for missing clothing.

All clothing left in the lost property basket will go into the 2nd hand clothing.

FlexiBuzz



Currently we still have **25** 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.

Lunch orders start in Term 2!

Hi everyone,
Lunch orders start in the second week of Term 2. You should find a printed copy of the Term 2 Roster and Menu in your kids' bags and also as a PDF attachment here.

New families: Every Friday, your kids get the opportunity to have a delicious, homemade meal and dessert for a bargain price! Please take a look at the Roster and Menu for instructions on how to order (you can order and pay for the whole term or week to week).

Volunteers: For those of you who filled out the Lunch Day Helpers form in your registration pack (yes, it was ages ago), please take a look at the roster to see when you're on. If your date doesn't work, please contact Veronica as soon as you can so we can swap your date. Volunteers who offered to cook will be contacted individually, and team cooking days will be advertised via Flexibuzz and the newsletter, but we can tell you that the first team cooking day will be: Thursday 26 April at 9am.

If you are a new volunteer, you'll be partnered with an experienced volunteer to show you the ropes, so no need to worry!

School Bank

Account Details:

Account Name:

Harcourt Valley Primary
School

BSB:

063 509

Account Number:

1004 2656

Reference: Surname/eg: fees

Student Banking day is Tuesday.

Hand in deposit book and money to the school office by 9am each Tuesday. If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office.



Phone: 1800 55 1800
Cybersmart Helpline:
1800 880 176

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Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility

