

Harcourt Valley Primary School

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Diary Dates

*Student banking starts Tuesday
13th February*

February

- 13th Swimming Program
- 14th Grades 1 to 6 Zoo excursion
- 14th No Preps
- 16th Prep health forms due
- 16th Swimming Program
- 19th Parent Teacher information exchange
- 21st No Preps
- 21st School Council Meeting
- 23rd Parent Teacher information exchange
- 23rd Swimming Program
- 28th No Preps
- 28th School Fees due to receive the \$20 Discount
- 28th CSEF new student applications due
- 28th Conveyance applications due
- 28th Family BBQ 6 - 8 pm

Forms to be returned:

**Student information
Returns booklet
Zoo form
Prep Health envelope**

**Assembly each Thursday
at 3pm**

School Bank Account Details:
Account Name:
Harcourt Valley Primary School
BSB: 063 509
Account Number: 1004 2656
Reference:
Surname/eg: fees

School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2018

Principal Report

SWIMMING

Despite our extensive planning and attention to detail relating to our water awareness program this year, we were very disappointed to have been notified at an unacceptably late time that the water quality was not suitable for swimming on arrival at the Harcourt pool. Whilst I will be following this issue up with relevant authorities, I must commend all students on the terrific way they handled the disappointing news. I take my role as an advocate for all students very seriously and will be holding high level conversations to seek compensation to cover expenses associated with yesterday's trip to the pool. Further information relating to the outcome of these conversations will be provided in due course.

GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP PRESENTATIONS

The Grade 6 students will be presenting their leadership speeches to fellow students next Monday. At the completion of speeches, students will have the opportunity to vote for their School Captains and Vice Captains. The presentation of the 2018 Grade 6 leadership positions will be held at assembly next Thursday afternoon commencing at 3:00p.m.

ZOO

Next Wednesday 14th February, Grade 1 to Grade 6 students will attend the Royal Melbourne Zoo. Students will be departing at 09:00 and return to school at approximately 3:15 p.m. Please ensure students are in school uniform and have a packed lunch, morning tea and water bottle.

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Parent teacher information exchange sessions will be held on: Monday 19th, Friday 23rd and Monday 26th February. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents to share additional information with teachers relating to their child's learning. Bookings are available on the following link www.schoolinterviews.com.au Use code: **dt36f** Bookings are now opened.

SCHOOL DROP OFF

To assist with traffic management during school drop off and pick up times, where possible, it would be appreciated if families could attempt to drop off and collect students via the Mills Road gate (Stadium side). Whilst Wilkinson Street (the road that runs along the front of the school), is a two way street; we encourage families to enter Wilkinson Street from Bingham Road and exit via Coolstore Road during school drop off and school pick up.

2018 FAMILY BUS PICKUP AND DROP OFF TIMES

With a number of new students utilising the school bus service, we are in the process of finalising pick up and drop off times. A 2018 school bus timetable will be issued with next week's newsletter.

PREP HEALTH FORMS

Prep Health Assessment forms are inserted into the students blue take home reading bags. Please ensure these forms are completed and returned to school no later than next Friday 16th February.

PRACTICE FIRE DRILL-CFA

Please be advised that next Thursday 15th at 7:00 p.m, a number of CFA units are conducting practice exercises at the school.

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew Blake

Family accounts

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

- Grades 1, 2, 3/4 and 5/6 camps to be invoiced when bookings are finalised.
- Centrelink-Centrepay. Pay directly from Centrelink, family assistance or parental leave payments. Forms available at school office.
- Do you have a health care card or pension card? Information and applications (for new students only) are available at the school office regarding CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursion fund).
- Bank transfer - bank account details on front page, an option is to pay weekly, fortnightly or total of account owing, refer to statement sent home last week. Please notify the school office if paying in instalments.

Applefest

We're getting Applefest preparations underway, and we need your help!

Donations

If any of our families have laying chooks and you have spare eggs, please consider donating them to the school during Applefest preparations. Any other donations are welcome too: Flour, butter, sugar.

Also, for the jammers and chutney-ers out there, feel free to get started on those too! Jams, preserves, chutneys (and anything that keeps) can be dropped off at school any time, to sell at our stall. We will label jars at school, but remember to include a list of ingredients.

Peeling, stewing and baking

Here are all the dates so you can pop them in your calendar. Baking takes place at the school kitchen, and remember: it's fun! New families: this is a great way to meet other parents!

- Tuesday 13 Feb 9am
- Thursday 15 Feb 9am
- Wednesday 21 Feb 9am
- Friday 23 Feb 9am
- Tuesday 27 Feb 9am
- Thursday 1 March 9am
- Tuesday 6 March 9am
- Friday 9 March 9am

Children welcome, morning tea provided! Hope to see lots of you there!

Student Banking day is Tuesday.

Each week you need to 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 or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.



Conveyance Allowance

Who can apply: The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria.

Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

For further details go to the following link:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

Application forms are available at the school office and need to be returned by 28th February.

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. Speak to school office staff if you need any help.



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.

