



The P.I.P.

Parent Information Paper

The Great Schools Vegie Challenge—It is with much excitement that I announce that our school was awarded 1st place in the Buda 2015 Great Schools Vegie Challenge. This was announced during the Buda Harvest Dinner last Friday night to a very shocked, yet delighted Charlotte and Al who were 2 of the many students to cook the annual Harvest Dinner for their families and local community members using the produce grown in all the local schools. The school was commended for its involvement of the students and school community in planting and using the garden and the implementation of novel growing techniques. As a result, the school has received \$300 in vouchers from ASQ which will be used for more gardening projects in the future. A big thankyou and congratulations to staff, students and the school community for making this happen.

Father's Day Breakfast—Last Friday morning, the school was filled with the aroma of sizzling bacon and eggs as Dads, stepdads and grandfathers alike were treated to a delicious breakfast of egg and bacon rolls, cereal and toast to celebrate Father's Day. We had an amazing attendance and it gave the fathers a chance to see some of their child's work and catch up with other dads. I hope all fathers had a great Father's day last weekend. Many thanks to all the staff who helped with this event.

NAPLAN—There are some NAPLAN results for students in Grades 3 and 5 that are still waiting to be collected. Parents are asked to see Mrs V-G to collect their child's results.

Arts Performance—There will be an Indigenous Arts Performance featuring Sean Choolburra this Thursday at 12.30pm. This performance was postponed from last April. Most families have already paid for this performance. If you did receive a note, please pay at the office by Wednesday 9am. Parents are welcome to attend this event.

Bike and Scooter Ed—Ric Boyd from Victoria Police came to speak at last week's Assembly about the importance of road and bike safety. He then spent some time with the Grade 5/6 students putting their bike riding skills into practise. Bike and scooter Ed is running each Thursday and Friday until the end of term.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers—Today is the last day that Earn and Learn Stickers will be given out with purchases at Woolworths. If you have any more stickers, please drop them off in the box at the office asap. It is amazing how many stickers we have received and each sticker enables us to receive classroom and sports equipment.

School enrolments—As the end of Term 3 is fast approaching, it is important for the school to know the enrolments for 2016. If you are yet to enrol your Prep child at school, please see the office for an enrolment pack. Additionally, if you know of new families in the area who are still deciding, tell them about this great school and ask them to contact the school to have a tour and get information.

Last Day of Term 3—It has been an incredibly busy term. A reminder that **Friday 18th September** is the last day of Term 3 and school will finish at **2.30pm**. All parents are asked to make arrangements to collect their child at this earlier time.

Acting Principal

Mrs Victor-Gordon



Mrs Rice, Mrs Turner, Mrs Wiseman & Mrs Victor-Gordon on our casual clothes day!!



Charlotte & Al at the Buda Harvest Dinner last week with our well-earned prizes!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 10/9 Arts Performance: Sean Choolburra
- 16/9 Chess Tournament at CSC
- 16/9 School Council
- 18/9 Last Day Term 3—2.30pm pick-up
- 5/10 First Day Term 4

Student's Gig

Drew Thorpe Music will be having a Student's Music Gig at the Music Man Megastore in Bendigo on Wednesday 17th September from 7.30pm. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

School Banking update

Due to some issues logging on to the School banking portal over the past few weeks, you may notice that your child's student banking deposits have not been entered. This has now been corrected today, but the past 3 weeks (including today) have been entered as one single deposit. Students will, however, be given the correct number of tokens for the number of times they had expected to deposit. If you have any questions, please speak to Nicki Renfrey, our school banking co-ordinator.

READING NIGHTS for Grade Prep/1

75

Rachael, Koby, Hudson

100

Izak, Sammy, Xavier, Isabelle

125

Luey

150

Fraser, Elwyn, Edward, Hamish, Freyja, Ebony

175

Soren



ADMINISTRATION

CentrePay: For families that receive payments from Centrelink, you can now have your school fees deducted as a regular amount from your Centrelink payments. To set up a regular deduction from your Centrelink payment please collect a brochure & forms from the office. Or go to:

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/centrelink/centrepay/applying>



Cool to Be at School

Grade Prep/1

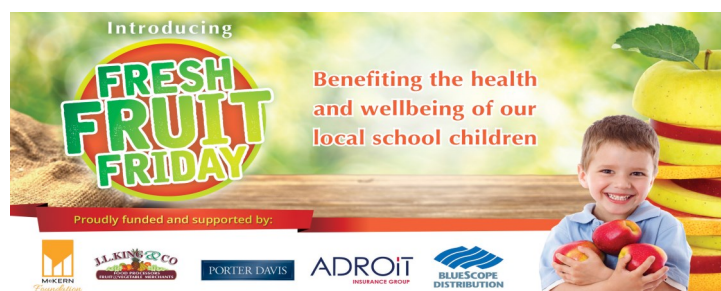
The Cool to Be at School Cup is awarded each week at assembly to the grade with the least number of absences in the previous week. It is a term long competition and each class is keen to win it.

The reward for winning is an extra five minutes play at playtime.



Early Bird Grade Prep/1

The Early Bird Award is also awarded at assembly to the grade which has the least number of late arrivals in the previous week.



How to raise a child to be a giver

By Michael Grose



Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. “I want...” “Give me...” “It’s mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means its something they grow out of...or they’re supposed to.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. Expect kids to help

With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. Think ‘gang’

It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’ ‘We put ourselves out for each other’ is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3. Don’t let them get away with meanness


Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

4. Develop a sense of other

Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.


5. Encourage giving

During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.



WORKING BEE

HVPS are holding a working bee from now to the end of term 3. We would appreciate any help we can get. There is a list below of things that could be done to help.



Weeding any of the gardens.
Moving granite blocks to make the new garden at the front of the school.

Term 3 Lunches & Duty Roster

Duty begins at 12:30 and should be done by about 2pm. All the food will be pre-prepared, ready to heat and serve. If there are leftovers please enjoy them or take them home.

Jacq Cue 0418 355460

Thanks again to everyone who supports the school lunches program!

September

Menu

Duty

11th Pasties, Choc Chip Biscuit
18th Pasta Bake, Honey Joys

Lorella, Andrea
Jacq

Castlemaine Social Ladies Netball

2015-2016 Summer Season

Fun Friendly Fitness

Wednesday Nights

Wesley Hill Stadium

Registration on

Wed 7th October 7.30pm

Contact Kirsten 0412 325 985 or

Anne Maree 0458 899 981



Harcourt Pre-School is now taking enrolments for 2016 in both the 3 and 4 year old sessions.

For any information please contact Lisa at the Pre-School.

Phone: 54742391

Email: harcourt.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

School Banking Details for EFT Payments.

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 063509

Account: 10042656

Use your family name as the payment reference

Harcourt Pre-School is hosting the **Wild Action Mobile Zoo** on Monday 14th September from 10am-11am at the Pre-School.

All families are welcome to attend for a donation of \$10/family.

For details about Wild Action Mobile Zoo—check out their website at www.wildaction.com.au

Harcourt CWA Branch is celebrating their 85th Birthday on October 1st at the Harcourt Leisure Centre from 1.30pm.

There will be a great musical afternoon with a display of ladies and gents vintage hats, followed by the terrific afternoon tea.

RSVP is necessary to Lynette Carter on 54723463.

Entry s \$6

Tattoo You

Holiday printmaking workshops for children 8 – 14 at Castlemaine Art Gallery with artist and teacher Margot Feast



**Friday 25 September or Friday 2 October
10.30am to 12pm**

Jump on your bike and ride on into Castlemaine Art Gallery to discover three amazing Australian printmakers and their tattoo inspired art. Then get creative designing your own tattoo/animal inspired A4 size prints. These will be made by creating a collagraph printing plate. Once your plate is made learn how to ink it up, make an edition of prints onto paper and what a ghost print is.

To finish the workshop, roll up your sleeves and add some cool stencil art.

Margot Feast

Margot Feast is an exciting visual educator with many years of experience teaching art to children in galleries and schools. In particular Margot likes to stretch children's thinking about their and other peoples' art through encouraging conversation and experimentation.

Cost - \$ 20 per child. Limited numbers, for bookings call the Gallery – 5472 2292

Castlemaine Art Gallery – 14 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine, 3450



Castlemaine Art Gallery
and Historical Museum

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