We have some very excited Preps who are looking forward to their sleepover tomorrow evening. Parents are asked to drop their sleeping gear and clothes off in the morning. There is no need for Prep parents to be here in the afternoon. The Preps will not be here as they will be away from the school doing their first activity.

Congratulations to our Grade 3, 4, 5, and 6 children on their excellent behaviour at the Bendigo Art Gallery yesterday. The teachers had good feedback from the public on their behaviour which is always well received! “The Walking Talking Advertisement” successful again.

Payments are still needed for the Grade 5-6 camp as this must be finalised before the children leave on Tuesday 28th. A reminder that there is a Camp information meeting tomorrow at 3.40pm. This should take about 20 minutes.

Following our school review, we have commenced work on our Vision and Values Statements, in preparation for development of our Strategic Plan for the period 2014-17. Below is a draft of the proposed vision with the changes from the current vision in italics. Please feel free to provide us with comments and suggestions. School Council will also be working on this at their next meeting, so it can also be fed back through them.

The Suggested Vision
We are learning to be responsible and engaged citizens of the 21st century. This means we are:

- Active Learners
- Effectively literate and numerate
- Socially competent
- Managing our own wellbeing
- Creative and independent thinkers
- Environmental guardians
- Technologically competent and responsible
- Contributing to and involved in the community

Stranger Danger
You will have received a text message from the school on Tuesday telling you about an incident which happened at one of our school bus stops. The bus driver reported what happened to me and then I reported it to the Education Department and the police, who have followed up with me and also our bus driver. The text message was intended to encourage families to be alert and ensure their stranger danger responses are in place. This includes discussing with their children about dealing with unknown adults and also not putting children in situations where they can be exposed to possible harm.

Unfortunately, this incident got a life of its own and was exaggerated out of all proportion, through social media. I urge parents not to take this path as this alarmist attitude is potentially more dangerous to our children. If you wanted further information I was quite happy to tell anyone what happened as I would much prefer that the truth was in the community rather exaggerated dramas which did not occur!
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**
- Grade P/1: **Soren:** Working slowly and carefully in class and asking for help when needed. Well Done!
- Grade 1/2: **Llewellyn:** For his fantastic spaghetti creation.
- Grade 3/4: **Zara:** For your enthusiasm and willingness to explore ideas with your story writing. All grade 3 & 4: For fantastic behaviour at the Bendigo Art Gallery.
- Grade 5/6: **Patrick:** For great questions and interest at the Body Beautiful exhibition. Well Done!

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Number of days that students have been away this week:

- Grade P/1: 4.5 days
- Grade 1/2: 8.5 days
- Grade 3/4: 5.5 days
- Grade 5/6: 9 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade Prep** Early Bird winner is **Grade 5/6**

**READING NIGHTS**

Students that have achieved:
- 50 nights of reading: **Jed**
- 75 nights of reading: **Olwyn, Koby**
- 100 nights of reading: **Lainey**
- 125 nights of reading: **Julie, Shayla, Luey**
- 150 nights of reading: **Isla, Hamish, Angus, Soren**
- 175 nights of reading: **Fraser, Eve, Beatrice**
- 200 nights of reading: **Shannon**

Great Reading!

**Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp**

Tuesday 28th October to Friday 31st October - Total Cost $350

*Final Payment $100 due 24th October 2014*

**Prep Sleepover**

Friday 17th October, 2014

Children will need to bring the following items to school on Friday morning:
- Small mattress or lilo
- Sleeping bag, pillow and a blanket if needed
- Change of clothes for Saturday morning
- Pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers
- Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, hairbrush
- A favourite teddy/soft toy

Please have all items labelled and have your child help with the packing so that they know what items they have.

Pick Up: Children are to be collected on Saturday 18th October at 8.30am

**Grade 5/6 & 3/4 Cricket T20 Blast**

Grade 5/6: Monday 20th October
Grade 3/4: Tuesday 21st of October
COST: $6 (Paid from Excursion Levy)
Wesley Hill Reserve, Castlemaine
Times – Depart 9 start and finish at 2 30pm
CHILDREN WILL NEED: School uniform, water bottle (filled with water), hat, lunch and a snack.
PREFERENCE SLIP MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY Friday the 17th of October.
CHILDREN NOT RETURNING THE FORM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE

**Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour**

Saturday 22nd November, 2014
Includes 2-course lunch, morning & afternoon tea, raffle prizes and a hostess who knows all the great spots to go!
Book your spot today with Lorella on 0422 286393
$65 per adult, $35 per student U17
Bus Departs Stanley Park 6.30am Returns approximately 7.30pm
Term 4 Lunches

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<td>No Main/ Ice cream cone</td>
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Payment information!
- Fill out a form for every week of term, calculate costs, pay for the whole term at once, pay by direct deposit as above or cash
- Pay weekly by 9am Wednesday, filling in form each week. Form not accepted without money and to be placed in lunch bag and left in classroom box.

What’s happening in Term 4
(events, dates & times can change)

Arts Performances:
Friday 14th November, 2pm, Sam Angelico: Magic

Christmas Carol’s Night:
Thursday 18th December

Fundraising:
Whole Town Garage Sale - Saturday 25th October
BBQ - Barker House, Saturday 8th November, in front of Castlemaine Newsagent.
Melbourne Shopping Trip: Saturday 22nd November

Grade 6 Graduation Photo:
Friday 17th October

Grade 6 Graduation:
Monday 15th December

Interschool Sports:
T20 Blast Cricket - Grade 5/6, Monday 20th October. Grade 3/4, Tuesday 21st October
Kickball - Grades Prep to 2, Friday 7th November

Prep 2015 Transition Days
Tuesday 21st October, Tuesday 11th November, Tuesday 25th November, Tuesday 9th December,
Parent information night - Tuesday 25th November

Preparation for Puberty Sessions:
Grade 5/6, 21st October, 11th November, 18th November, 25th November

School Camps:
Prep Sleepover, Friday 17th October
Grade 5/6 Melbourne, Tuesday 28th October to Friday 31st October

School Council Meetings:
Wednesdays, 22nd October, 19th November, 10th December

Scholastic Bookfair:
Mid November (dates to be confirmed)

Swimming Program:
5 days - between 1st-12th December

The Meeting Place:
Fridays, 24th October, 21st November, 5th December

Term Dates:
Term 4: Monday 6th October to Friday 19th December

Victorian State Election:
Saturday 29th November, the grade 5/6 classroom will be a polling place for Victorian Electoral Commission.
Harcourt Valley Primary School does not endorse any advertising that appears in this newsletter.

**MILO CRICKET**
Starts Wednesday 29th October at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve.
Registration Day will be Wednesday 22nd October 4.30pm to 5.30pm.
Cost $65
New Contact Andrea - 0400 678 988 for more details.

**U13 Cricket**
The Harcourt Cricket Club will be fielding an U13 team.
Games are played on Fridays from 4.30 - 6.30pm.
Boys and girls are all very welcome and no experience is necessary.
Training starts Wednesday 29th October, time: TBC
Please contact Andrea on 0400 678 988 if you are interested.

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**IS YOUR CHILD A SMART SCHOOL SAVER?**
We measured the ‘Savings IQ’ of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers.
To find the next generation of savers, we’re launching a national competition.
Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:
- An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
- $1,000 for their savings (one national winner)
Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORT FORUM IN HARCOURT**
Thursday 23rd October, 7pm–8.30pm
at the Harcourt Bowling Club

Harcourt is growing with new housing, more residents & families, increased tourist & visitor numbers.
What does this mean for Harcourt’s transport options? How do we get the public transport we want and that suits our needs?
Find out about the regional rail plans and hear from the Department of Transport's Transport Coordination Manager, Council's Director of Sustainable Communities and a representative from Taubie where they won the battle and succeeded in re-opening their railway lines.

_If anyone can do it – Harcourt can!_

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**Schools Bank Account Details:**
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