Harcourt Valley Primary School  
“THE P.I.P.”  
PARENT INFORMATION PAPER

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♦ A reminder that next Monday (24th) is Curriculum Day and no children are required at school on that day. Staff will be doing Maths professional development and looking at expanding our Kidsmatter program.
♦ Swimming commences in the first week of December and over the two week period we are offering five days of swimming at a cost of $20. The first possible swimming day will be Tuesday 2nd December as we have commitments on the Monday. Please send along swimming gear every day unless otherwise advised.
♦ We are still accepting enrolments for 2015. If you know of any families, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to help us finalise numbers for the school next year.
♦ The Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour is on this Saturday and we have 48 people booked for a big day of shopping. Thank you to Lorella for her great organisation of this.
♦ Thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair last week. A total of $1860 worth of books was bought. The rewards from this together with others from Book Club throughout the year will allow us to choose $1000 worth of books from Scholastic. This is a great opportunity to enhance our book stocks in take home readers. Thank you to Katrina VG for organising this.
♦ We are looking for small clean jars, if anyone has some to spare. We need these to make preserves for the Applefest. Please drop them in at the office as soon as possible if you have some available.
♦ The next transition session for next year’s Preps is Tuesday 25th - next week, followed by the Parent Information Session in the evening at 7pm.

From School Council
At last night’s meeting, the following issues were discussed.
♦ Accepted the budget for 2015
♦ Accepted the fundraising report and congratulated the fundraising group on raising in excess of $10,000 this year, which has contributed to our kitchen development, the Hip Hop program and an interactive whiteboard in Grade 1-2.
♦ Set the fees and levies for next year.
♦ Agreed to make sunscreen available for students during the Sun smart season
♦ Continued planning the fundraising for the Applefest.
♦ Agreed to commence planning and development of the school gardens in 2015.

Diary Dates
School Banking every Tuesday

November
22nd Melbourne Shopping Trip
24th Curriculum Day - No students
25th 2015 Prep Transition Day 9-10.30am
25th 2015 Prep Parent Info Night 7pm
27th Assembly: Grade School Captains
29th State Election - BBQ at school

December
2nd - Swimming Program – 5 days only
12th
2nd All library books due back
4th Assembly: Whole School
9th 2015 Prep Transition Day 9-11.30am
10th School Council Meeting
11th Assembly: Principal & Woodwind
15th Grade 6 Graduation
18th Assembly: Principal
18th Carol’s night
19th Last day of Term 4
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Grade P/1: **Isla**: For her conscientious approach to her school work.
Grade 1/2: **Rachel**: Being more confident and using her loud voice.
    **Josh**: For his help with watering the vegetable gardens.
Grade 3/4: **Caleb**: For his organisational skills with writing up the class program.

READING NIGHTS:

Students that have achieved:

- 150 nights of reading: Breanna, Ebony C, Shayla
- 175 nights of reading: Rhian, Angus, Isla, Hamish
- 200 nights of reading: Soren, Fraser, Eve, Beatrice
- 225 nights of reading: Georgie

Great Reading!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Number of days that students have been away this week:

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

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient
Craze of Fortune, to celebrate their amazing
successes, you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Riders
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here's how to win

Every time you enter with School Banking you automatically create
a entry for you into the competition. The more chances you have to win, the more
close you are to winning a share of a prize.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deersavers

Term 4 Lunches

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<td>Andrea &amp; Annie</td>
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<td>Ham &amp; Salad Wrap/ Custard Tart</td>
<td>Lynda Q &amp; Lynda W</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>Sushi (egg or tuna)/ Icy Pole</td>
<td>Andrea &amp; Jacq</td>
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<td>12th</td>
<td>Sausage in bread/ Chocolate crackles (Lorella)</td>
<td>Amy A &amp; Jacq</td>
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<td>No Main/ Ice cream cone</td>
<td>Jacq &amp; anyone who would like to come &amp; help!</td>
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Payment information!

- 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.

Schools Bank Account Details

BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the reference payment reference
Swimming Program for 2014
Swimming program will start on Tuesday 2nd December and conclude on Friday 12th December. 5 days of swimming over a two week period.

Cost will be $20 per student.
Swimming will be held in the afternoon each day of the program.
The whole school will walk to the pool.
The children will be dismissed from the pool at 3.30pm.
The school bus will also leave from the pool.
We will send out a text message informing you whether we are at the pool or school.
Children are required to bring the following to school each day for the swimming program:
- Bathing togs and towel - NAMED
- T-Shirt or sun-shirt
- Plastic bag/Green bag to put wet items in
- Sunscreen will be supplied by the school
- In upper swimming levels if clothing is required the teacher taking the class will advise the children of this during the program
- Children should NOT bring goggles as we are running a water safety program

Please send your children’s swimming items every day of the program.
We will decide whether the weather is unsuitable for swimming.

BOOK FAIR
Book Fair was a huge success thanks to the support from all our families. We sold over $1860 worth of books and had a couple of books donated to the school library.
With the commission from the sales, we now have $650 to spend on new resources for the school.
Thankyou—Mrs V-G
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For Sale

Al’s Tomato Plants

Range of tomato varieties
Large $3
Small $2
Contact Al at school or Andrea 0400 678 988

The Board of the Castlemaine State Festival is delighted to invite you to the

2015 CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL PUBLIC LAUNCH

Wednesday 10 December 2014
11:45am arrival for 12 noon start
Castlemaine Woollen Mills
Walker Street, Castlemaine

Light refreshments will be served

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