**Diary Dates**

**School Banking every Tuesday**

**AUGUST**

- 22nd Grade 3/4 Camp meeting 3.30pm
- 22nd Conveyance Claims due
- 25th-29th Literacy/Numeracy Week
- 26th Student Led Conference
- 27th “Poem in your Pocket”
- 27th Open Morning- new families 10am
- 28th School Council Meeting 7.30pm
- 28th Assembly - Grade 3/4 French Play
- 28th Student Led Conference
- 29th Grd 5/6 Camp permission form and deposit due

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3rd Grade 3/4 Daylesford Camp
- 4th Assembly - Grade 1/2 French Play
- 5th Father’s Day raffle drawn
- 8th Father’s Day Breakfast 7.30am
- 9th Curriculum Day
- 10th Grade 5/6 AFL 9’s-Wesley Hill
- 10th Casserole Dinner 6pm
- 11th Assembly - Grade P/1 French
- 12th Grade 3/4 AFL 9’s-Wesley Hill
- 12th Casual Clothes Day except Grade 3/4
- 17th School Council Meeting
- 18th Assembly—Grade 5/6 French Play

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Many parents have not booked in for their children’s student led conference and it is an expectation that ALL children will make a presentation to their parents. Please book in for one as soon as possible. The booking code and details are on page 3.

The Fathers Day raffle is still running. Tickets are $2 each and it will be drawn on Friday 5th September.

A reminder that Fathers Day breakfast is on Monday 8th September at 7.30am as we have camp commitments on the Friday.

Thank you to the staff and helper parents for their organisation of the House Aths. It was a great morning and congratulations to Barker on their win.

The August School Council meeting is on next Wednesday 27th at 7.30. Briefing papers will be sent home on Friday.

Next week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. We are celebrating Poem In Your Pocket on Wednesday so children are asked to bring a poem they like on Wednesday 27th. We will also be doing a mini Writers Festival as part of our celebrations. The topic will be “Letters From the Heart”.

The information and payment schedules are now with families for both the 3-4 and 5-6 camps. If you have payment issues with these, please make sure that you contact me to discuss these matters as we would like all children to be able to attend our camps. We still need horse walkers for the Grade 3-4 camp so if anyone has time to spare, please contact the office.

Planning is underway for 2015. If you are aware of anyone intending to bring their children here next year, please encourage them to make contact with the school. We would like all prospective enrolments completed as soon as possible.

Wednesday 27th at 10am is our scheduled information/open morning for prospective families, so if you know of anyone who wants to have a look around, please invite them to join us. There are fliers about this in the Castlemaine Pre Schools about this.

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Absence or is it attendance??

So far this year, our school is sitting on an average absence rate of 14.53 days per student. Given where we are in the school year, this is very worrying. That means the children have missed nearly three weeks of school for the year!
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**

- Grade P/1: **Fraser**: For his participation in the House Athletics day.
- Grade 1/2: **Megan**: For her leadership during the maths rotations.
- Grade 3/4: **Hayley**: For making links between making generalisations in Guided Reading and Theme Studies.
- Grade 5/6: **Charlotte**: For her resilience with her broken arm and persisting with her school work.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Number of days that students have been away this week:

- Grade P/1: 9 days
- Grade 1/2: 5.5 days
- Grade 3/4: 7 days
- Grade 5/6: 10.5 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 1/2**
Early Bird winner is **Grade Prep/1**

**READING NIGHTS**

Students that have achieved 125 nights of reading:
- **Hayley**

Students that have achieved 150 nights of reading:
- **Georgie**

*Great Reading!*

**House Points**

From Athletics Sports Day held on Friday 15th August

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See over the page for some photos from the day.

**FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS**

Each week bring in lunch orders with correct money on either Monday, Tuesday or by 9am Wednesday.

- **Mains**: $3 each
- **Dessert**: $1 each

See flyers sent home for details of warehouses.

**Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour**

Saturday 22nd November, 2014

Great, fun day out, get your Christmas shopping done, pick up a bargain or two for yourself, 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

See flyers sent home for details of warehouses.
Student Led Conferences
Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th August from 3.45pm to 5.15pm. 10 minutes each conference.

Note: Grade 3 students are only on Thursdays
Grade 4 students are only on Tuesdays

To book your child/ren conference go to:
http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter event code: 34R2J

Contact the school office staff if you have any questions.

Father’s Day Raffle—Tickets $2 each
1st Prize: Wheelbarrow filled with lots and lots of goodies and vouchers
Tickets to be sent home to families, extra books and tickets available at the office.
Drawn: 5th September

Last Friday 5 raffle tickets were sent home to each family for a wonderful Father’s Day raffle that is being held by Mitchell House. This is an ongoing raffle from our recently held BBQ in Castlemaine and we thought that the prize was so great that more people should have the chance to win.
The prize is a magnificent wheelbarrow filled with great items and vouchers that any Dad would love (possible Mum too!). It’s currently in the front foyer near the office, so come and check out how great it really is and at only $2 a ticket, how happy would Dad be to receive it on Father’s Day.
It will be drawn on Friday 5th September, so as they say, you have to be in it to win it!
Please support this raffle (even if you are not in Mitchell House) as all funds raised go towards making Harcourt Valley Primary even better!
If you would like additional ticket please come in and see the lovely office staff.

Lynda Wilson

Grade 3/4 Daylesford Camp
Dates: Wednesday September 3 – Friday September 5, 2014
Total Cost: $250
4th Instalment $50 due 21st August
Final payment $50 due 28th August

Information session for the grade 3/4 camp will be Friday 22nd August 3.30pm to 4.15pm in the grade 3/4 classroom.

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp
Tuesday 28th October to Friday 31st October
Total Cost $350
Permission note and non-refundable deposit of $50 due by Friday 29th August.
A preliminary note was sent home last Friday with details of the camp and payment plan.
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HARCOURT PRE-SCHOOL
August 29th @ 9.30am
Animal Zoo is visiting.
All welcome.
Under 3yo accompanied by a parent is only $5.
Come and support the Pre-School BBQ at Castlemaine Newsagent on August 30th.

HARCOURT TENNIS CLUB
The Harcourt Tennis Club are running a 4 week program for Primary School students. The Tennis Club has tennis racquets and balls for the program. There will be no cost for the program.
WHERE: Harcourt Tennis Courts
START DATE: Monday 1st September @ 4.30 pm
CONTACT: Sharon Blake on 54 742680,