Swimming commences next week and over the two week period we are offering five days of swimming at a cost of $20 per student. 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. As the weather is looking quite good for next week we are hoping to get quite a few sessions in. You will receive a text message each afternoon to tell you where you can pick up your children.

The Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour was a great success and around $1400 was raised. Thanks Lorella for your hard work to make this so profitable. It will be on the same weekend next year.

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. If anyone is able to make preserves, please collect some jars from the office.

The next transition session is for everyone and it is on Statewide transition day, which is Tuesday December 9th. On this day, the Grade 6 children will go to their secondary school, the pre schoolers will come here and all other grades will step up into their next year level.

There are still quite a few outstanding family accounts, unpaid from the beginning of the year. The school runs an extremely tight budget and due to these outstanding accounts the school is struggling financially at present. (We receive approximately $75000 from DEECD to run the school for a year). Any outstanding accounts at the end of the school year are rolled over into the following year and it is an expectation that they will be paid.

School Levis 2015
Resource levy—$120 per child with an early bird discount of $20 if paid by 27th February.
Maintenance levy—$50 per family
Excursion Levy—$60 for Prep –2, $70 for Grades 3-6.
Note that this is a reduction of $30 per child
Grade 3-6 Netbook lease—$180
Voluntary Levy—$50
At the beginning of the school year, you will receive a financial calendar outlining all these costs and also of the school camps.
There will also be a school excursion on Wednesday 11th February which will cost between $20 and $25. More details early next year.
Studnet of the Week:

Grade P/1: Fraser: Working hard to count coins of mixed value - Amazing!
    Julie: Learning (reading) over 50 new words. WOW!
Grade 1/2: Xavier: For reading 23 out of 25 of his green words accurately. Woo Hoo!
Grade 3/4: Kester: For his sharing of his place value knowledge in a caring and supportive manner.
    Georgie: For her involvement with the class discussion and identifying the correct use of talking marks in a sentence.
Grade 5/6: Ella: For her consistent work on her camp newsletter.

Reading Nights:

Students that have achieved:

175 nights of reading: Caleb, Hayley

Term 4 Lunches

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<td>5th   Sushi (egg or tuna)/ Icy Pole</td>
<td>Andrea &amp; Jacq</td>
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<td>12th  Sausage in bread/ Chocolate crackles (Lorella)</td>
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<td>19th  No Main/ Ice cream cone 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.

What's happening in Term 4:

(events, dates & times can change)

Christmas Carol's Night:
Thursday 18th December

Dress Up Day:
Tuesday 16th December, Christmas nativity theme

Grades P-2 Pirate Day:
Friday 5th December

Grade 6 Graduation:
Monday 15th December

Grade 6 Sleepover:
Thursday 4th December

Library:
Tuesday 2nd December, all library books due back for stocktake.

Prep 2015 Transition Days:
Tuesday 9th December,

School Council Meeting:
Wednesdays, 10th December

Swimming Program:
5 days - between 2nd-12th December

The Meeting Place:
Fridays, 5th December

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

Victorian State Election:
Saturday 29th November

School Bank Account Details
BSB: 063 509
Account No: 100 426 56
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.

Fundraising Update
Wow, we are nearly at the end of another school year and the end of our fundraising activities for 2014. Last weekend a bus load of “power shoppers”, 48 to be exact, went down to Melbourne and spent what one could only describe as a long day shopping until we dropped. I am not normally a person who likes to shop for 12 hours however I must confess I had a great day and came home with some fantastic bargains. Best buy, Onkaparinga towels – retail $65, I paid $15 – yep I was pretty pleased with myself!! Favourite factory outlet, “Five Star Direct”, I could have stayed there and shopped all day. We did also stop for a delicious morning and afternoon tea and a pub lunch in between our shopping to refuel. Overall it was a great day and I know we all came away with a bargain or two because collectively we spent a whopping $14,365 – I did say power shopping!!! Thank you to Lorella for organising the day and it is the biggest bus load of shoppers we have ever had – so well done Lorella! The school will make over $100 for the day and I believe Lorella made a further $120 from the raffle she ran on the bus. Not bad for a day of shopping and eating!!!
This now brings our fundraising total for the year to just over $12,000 – well done Harcourt Valley PS we have had a fabulous year and everyone deserves a pat on the back for all the work that has gone into making our fundraising this year so successful.
We have one more, small fundraiser left which is the sausage sizzle on Election Day, this Saturday. Rochelle & Greg (Georgie & Eve’s parents) have kindly offered their time to do this and if anyone else can spare some time please pop down to the school and flip a snag. They will be there from about 10am.
Planning is underway for our 2015 fundraising, - we have dates booked for our house BBQ’s and Melbourne shopping trip and Applefest, yes Applefest planning has begun. Small, clean jars are required for jams and preserves so if you have any you can spare please drop them into the office at school. If you would like to be involved in the fundraising committee next year please come and see me. That brings me to this year’s committee – a big thank you to Lynda Wilson, Lorella Burns and Donna McMahon. Lastly thank YOU – the response from our school community has been the key factor in our success this year. Well Done!!
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