Thank you to those families who have attended the Student Led Conferences. Although many children find them never racking, there are many very happy children who are very proud to show their parents what they have achieved.

**Fathers Day breakfast** is on Monday 8th September due to our camp commitments. We look forward to seeing as many fathers as possible on this day. 7.30am start.

As it is National Literacy and Numeracy Week this week, we have been doing some special activities. The children had a great morning doing Maths activities across the school on Tuesday. As the Literacy component and part of Kidsmatter/Values Ed, we have done “Letters From the Heart”. Many of these are on the display boards in the deck area and also in the assembly area. Please come in and have a look, the children enjoyed this activity and produced some wonderful letters.

Please finalise paperwork and payments for the **grade 3-4 camp** as soon as possible as this needs to be completed before we leave next Wednesday.

A **Casserole Dinner** is planned for Wednesday 10th September. Please come along and join us. Bring food to share. It will a 6pm start with a planned finish by 8.30pm.

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.

We have tickets for the **Buda Fest School’s Harvest Dinner** on Friday 5th September. The cost is $10 per ticket. This is the night when the vegetables we have grown in our garden are used to cook a dinner for parents of our local schools. Two senior grade children will be selected to attend and represent our school. If you would like to attend please contact the office.

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**Absence or is it attendance??**

Last week, Jacq, Katrina and I represented our school at the Mount Alexander Principal’s Network attendance summit. It was a very informative morning and also the beginning of a Shire wide project to improve the poor levels of school attendance in our Shire. The research shows that there is a very clear correlation between academic success and good attendance at school. A key message from the morning was that…. There is NO safe level of absence for any child, and that the first few days have the most impact.

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**Diary Dates**

**School Banking every Tuesday**

**AUGUST**

29th  Grd 5/6 Camp permission form and deposit due

29th  Grade 3/4 Medical form due

**SEPTEMBER**

3rd-5th  Grade 3/4 Daylesford Camp

4th  Assembly - Grade 1/2 French Play

5th  Father’s Day raffle drawn

5th  Buda Harvest Dinner 6pm

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  Chess Tournament—Grade 5/6

17th  School Council Meeting 7.30pm

18th  Assembly—Grade 5/6 French

19th  Last day of Term 3-2.30pm finish
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Grade P/1: **Lainey**: For her great effort with her maths.
Grade 1/2: **Izak**: His focused work in maths. Well Done!
Grade 3/4: **Jai**: For persistent and independent work during Theme Studies.
**Lochlin**: For being the “speediest” class captain ever.
**Lochlin**: For your creative sentence structure when using your spelling words.
Grade 5/6: **Jade**: Leadership award. For showing leadership in the playground by helping a prep child.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- **Grade P/1**: 6 days
- **Grade 1/2**: 5 days
- **Grade 3/4**: 2.5 days
- **Grade 5/6**: 22 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 3/4**
Early Bird winner is **Grade 5/6**

READING NIGHTS

- Students that have achieved 100 nights of reading:
  - **Rachael, Paige**
- Students that have achieved 125 nights of reading:
  - **Owen, Ebony C**
- Students that have achieved 150 nights of reading:
  - **Piers**
- Students that have achieved 175 nights of reading:
  - **Murray**

Great Reading!

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

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

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**Grade 3/4 Dayslesford Camp**

Dates: Wednesday September 3 – Friday September 5, 2014
Total Cost: $250

Final payment due 28th August

**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.

ART NEWS

This year we are encouraging the children to enter an artwork or photograph in the Castlemaine Show.

To make it easier for the children, we are collecting the entry forms and the art if possible by October 8th (1st Wednesday of term 4). If you wish you may enter privately and the closing date is October 25th for entries.

Entry forms are available from the school office.

The art works are to be left with Ms Redlande. We will ensure they are labelled correctly and we will deliver them to, then collect them from, the Show. The school will pay the entry fee.

The children’s exhibit categories are available to view online or at the school office.

www.castlemaineshow.com.au

These artworks can be work they have created this year at home or at school…… Please talk to the children about work they are proud of and may wish to enter.

Suzan Redlande (Visual Arts Teacher)
CLOTHING REMINDER

Now the weather is warming up and students are removing their jumpers, make sure all clothing worn to school has a legible name written in a visible area of each item. Also show your child were you have written their name, this will make it easier for them to find.

If you have any clothing belonging to another child, return it to the school office asap.

Schools Bank Account Details

BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the reference payment reference

FUNDRAISING

Term 3 has been a busy one for fundraising and as we approach the end of the term we are now planning and finalising our fundraising events for next term. Last week there was information about the shopping tour and there are still seats available so please if you do want to go along then contact Lorella to secure your seat on the bus. The date is Saturday November 22nd and there is a flyer with Lorella’s contact details on the noticeboard near the office.

Next term we will also hold the final of our house BBQ’s on Saturday November 8th – so again please support Barker House and keep the date free if you can. We have also registered our school with a company called Research Connections. Research Connections conduct market research discussion groups and online interviews and pay participants for their time. If you feel you might have time to spare and would like to register then please visit www.researchconnections.co.au and follow the prompts – and put Harcourt Valley Primary School in the ‘source name’ field. There is a flyer attached to the newsletter that gives you all the details.

Finally we gave you some information recently in the newsletter about a whole town garage sale that the school will be holding in October. There is an information sheet and registration form available at the school office so please have a look at it and if you have some stuff to sell – get involved. The information sheet and registration form will also be available on the schools website from next week so if you know anyone that would be interested in holding a garage sale let them know. For those who may not have a lot to sell or would prefer not to hold a sale at their home there is the option of registering a site on the school oval. All you need to know is on the information sheet ; the costs, dates and when and how to register.

Di Selwood

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

Great Schools Vegie Challenge Raffle

Raffle tickets available at the school office

$2 each

1st Prize: Bress Winery—Luncheon for four—Value $320

2nd: Rose Pillar—Tait Decorative Iron—Value $195

Drawn: 5th September

GREAT SCHOOLS HARVEST DINNER

Friday, 5th September 2014

6pm for 6.30pm serving

$10 per person

Tickets available at the school office

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.
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015
For enrolments at:
- South Castlemaine Kindergarten
- Castlemaine Kindergarten
- Harcourt Preschool
- Maldon Preschool
- Newstead Kindergarten

Please ring the YMCA on 5329 2816 or go to www.ballarat.ymca.org.au/kindercluster for an enrolment form.
Please also feel free to ring individual kindergartens as we would love to talk to you about our fantastic programs and have you come and visit.

MILO CRICKET
Starts Wednesday 29th October at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve.
Registration Days are Wednesday 15th & 22nd October.
Contact Michael O’Brien 0402 235 891 for more details.

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, Faye Hards 54 742580 or email micblake@bigpond.net.au

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