**Harcourt Valley Primary School**  
**“THE P.I.P.”**  
**PARENT INFORMATION PAPER**  
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- A call to all families whose children are in MITCHELL house. It’s your turn for the **Barbecue** in Castlemaine on Saturday. Helpers and goods to sell are desperately needed. Please support the school and your child’s house. There are 1000 house points available to every family that helps out on the day. The money raised will go towards the lino for the kitchen to finish it off.

- **Grade 3-4 camp** will be upon us very soon. There are still many families who have not made payments or kept up with the payment plan. We encourage you to use the payment plan to avoid financial stress closer to the camp. We also need more helpers to walk the horses and someone to come walking with us on the day of our bushwalk. Please fill out the form if you are able to assist with horse walking and see me if you are able to do the bush walk. There will also be a **camp meeting** on Friday 22nd August for parents. This will run from 3.30pm till 4.15pm.

- Please remember that Wilkinson Street is a courtesy **one way** street from Bingham’s Road to Coolstore Road in school pick up and drop off hours.

- We have some **Parent opinion surveys** back, but would love to have everyone’s back. This is much more useful information when it reflects the view of the whole community. They are due back tomorrow and take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

- **Student led conferences** are coming up in the next couple of weeks. Please find the details in the newsletter elsewhere as to how to book your appointment. It is an expectation that every child will do a 10 minute presentation for their parents and teacher.

- We have another **Arts Performance** next week, please make sure if you have not paid the Excursion Levy that you complete the note and send it as soon as possible.

- It’s time to get the planning for next year underway and in order to do this we need to **get enrolments** sorted out. If you know of anyone who is planning to bring their children to our school next year, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible as it makes our planning more accurate. Current families who have children starting prep next year are also asked to complete the enrolment process. I am also prepared to do tours of the school for people who are interested in finding out about our school. Please encourage interested people to make an appointment to see our wonderful school.

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**Schools Bank Account Details**  
BSB: 063 509  
Account No: 10042656  
Use Family name as the reference payment reference
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
- Grade Prep/1: **Eve:** For persistent work on her maths this week.
- Grade 1/2: **Heath:** For learning to sign his name using AUSLAN very quickly.
- Grade 3/4: **Will:** For learning to sign his name using AUSLAN very quickly.
- Grade 5/6: **Caitlin:** For showing great leadership in the playground.
  **Jade:** For showing great leadership in the playground.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Number of days that students have been away this week:
- Grade P/1: 1.5 days
- Grade 1/2: 12 days
- Grade 3/4: 6 days
- Grade 5/6: 6.5 days

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

READING NIGHTS
Students that have achieved 100 nights of reading:
**Julie, Caleb, Rhian, Breanna**
Students that have achieved 125 nights of reading:
**Soren, Megan, Sammy**

Great Reading!

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**

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<td>8th Pastie, Meringue</td>
<td>Lynda Q &amp; Kendall</td>
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<td>15th Chicken Noodle Soup &amp; Bread, Choc chip biscuit</td>
<td>Jason &amp; ???</td>
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<td>22nd Ham, Cheese, &amp; Pineapple Pizza, Apple Cake</td>
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<td>29th Baked Potatoes, Muesli Slice</td>
<td>Naomi &amp; Jodi</td>
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<td>5th Sep 2 X 3 inch Sausage Rolls, Cake Pops</td>
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<td>12th Nachos, Jelly Cup</td>
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We need a parent helper for Friday 15th August,
please contact the school office if you can help.

Emailing Newsletter
In the interest of saving paper, money and time we are keen to email the newsletter to as many
families, relatives and friends of Harcourt Valley Primary School as possible.
Please contact the school office with your email address.
Student Led Conferences
Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st August from 3.45pm to 5.15pm. 10 minutes each conference
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/?z=zXrWg6
Enter event code: 34R2J
Contact the school office staff if you have any questions.

Arts Performance Andy Wright - Storyteller
“Andy Wright has been telling stories around the world for over a decade. He is committed to helping children and adults discover their own stories and celebrate their own culture and the culture of others. Andy portrays a sense of fun, mixing a fine blend of humour with true emotional pathos. As well as folk and fairy tales, Andy tells a number of personal stories about growing up in a provincial city.”

DATE: Thursday 14th August 2014
TIME: 10am
VENUE: At School
GRADES: P-6

Parents and toddlers are welcome to attend

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 more information to come.

Grade 3/4 Daylesford Camp
Dates: Wednesday September 3 – Friday September 5, 2014
Total Cost: $250
Permission form and deposit of $50 due Thursday 31st July
2nd Instalment $50 due 7th August
3rd Instalment $50 due 14th August
4th Instalment $50 due 21st August
Final payment $50 due 28th August

Parents Victoria
Are you a member of Parents Victoria? Find out how to run a successful parents club and hear about the latest digital technologies and online resources at this year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference. This year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference will be held at the Melbourne Zoo on 29 and 30 August. Parents Victoria is a statewide democratic organisation representing parents of students in Victorian government schools, and provides parents with a voice, presenting an organised parent perspective to State and Federal Governments, educational bureaucracies and institutions, community organisations and the media. The theme for this year’s annual conference is Education for Everyone – let’s engage! For more information about the Parents Victoria Annual Conference, click here Find out more information about Parents Victoria at: http://www.parents victoria.asn.au/
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Community Corner

Discipline is easy when children are easy. It can be downright tricky when children are difficult, have interesting personalities or who at more difficult developmental stages.

But it’s with challenging kids that we need to get our discipline techniques right.

Here are 10 common mistakes I see many parents making when trying to get cooperation from their children; keep them safe or teaching them behave well.

Do any of these bloopers ring a bell?

1. Repeat yourself. If so, you are training kids to become parent-deaf. Kids learn more from respectful actions than your repeated words so talk once, twice at most, then DO something.

2. Shout to be heard. You are better off going below the noise baseline to get their attention rather than raising your voice.

3. Set limits too late. Set a limit a few weeks after new object or situation is introduced (e.g. kids get a new mobile phone, teen starts going out at night) and suddenly you are seen to be taking away a freedom. Set limits first then loosen them up later.

4. Set no limits. Boundaries, rules, expectations and standards teach kids what's expected. Boys love them. They also like to push against them so you need a firm backbone.

5. Fail to follow through. Talk! Threaten! Nag! No way! See No. 1 above.

6. Make consequences too harsh. ‘You're grounded for a month Mr. 6 year old’ is a tad harsh and will usually bring resentment not to mention confusion. Stick to the 3 R's of respectful, reasonable and related to the behaviour when setting consequences and you can't go too far wrong.

7. Apply consequences when you or they are angry. When anger is in the air kids will become mad at you.....if they listen at all. Calmness makes a huge difference to effectiveness at the point of discipline.

8. Mix discipline with counselling. Never mix the two as it sends mixed messages. If a child misbehaves manage that situation. If you suspect something negative is going on in their life, then deal with that at a separate time. Keep the two actions separate so they can both be effective.

9. Defer discipline to a child care centre, pre school or school. This is taking the easy way out and teaches kids that you don't have real authority. Have the confidence to be the authority and take a lead.

10. One parent is always the bad guy. This gets wearing. Also it’s hard to have fun when you are the tough cop all the time. If you are in a two parent situation take discipline in turns. If you are parenting solo bring sparents into the act.

We've all made mistakes when disciplining kids. Tiredness, emotion and lack of skill can get in the way of effective discipline.

But part of the evolution and growth of you as a parent involves eradicating some of your old ways, and replacing them with new, more effective, more sophisticated ways of managing yourself and your kids.

For better, more sophisticated and more effective discipline techniques visit my online parenting manual that is also known as ParentingIdeas Club. There are 1,000’s of strategies waiting to be used. Take your FREE Trial now.