



HHPS



School and Community Growing Together

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TERM 1 CALENDAR

22nd February	No School for Prep Students
1st March	No School for Prep Students
2nd March	HHPS Community BBQ 4:30-7:00pm
13th March	Labour Day- No School
31st March	Last day of Term 1

----A Message from the Principal----

Dear Harvest Home Primary School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your family to the Harvest Home Primary School Community. Our wonderful children have settled in well to their new school and are thoroughly enjoying meeting new friends, utilising the learning spaces and meeting their teachers. Staff worked tirelessly in setting up the learning communities, ready for day one.

We were very fortunate to have the Hon. Deputy Premier and Minister for Education James Merlino attend our school for the official opening. Minister Merlino was impressed with the design, the uniform and the calm and positive environment. What a great compliment from the Minister! Providing a calm and positive environment for our children is our aim.



Over the first three days of school, the staff worked collaboratively in developing our Vision and Mission Statement for our School Community. We also looked at our school values and principles.

At Harvest Home Primary School one of our core principles is:

Harvest Home KAIZEN

KAIZEN is a Japanese word meaning '***A little bit of improvement every day***'. As a school leader, it is crucial that I follow this principle. I aim to be a little bit better as a leader than what I was yesterday, as staff members we aim to be better teachers than we were the day before. To our wonderful children, they need to come to school and aim to be better than what they were yesterday. Finally, our wonderful Community will strive to improve a little bit every day. If we all aim for our Harvest Home Kaizen and improve 1% everyday, we will be 100% better by the end of the year.

Please share your Harvest Home Kaizen with me next week.

Kind regards,

Anthony Simone

HHPS School Values

Achievement --- Cooperation --- Acceptance --- Responsibility --- Integrity

----Curriculum Report----

It has been a busy start to the Term as our staff and students settle into their Learning Communities and get to know one another. In the initial weeks each Learning Community has been focusing on '*Learning to Learn*', they have been developing expectations on how they will work in their Learning Community, utilising the different spaces and furniture as they begin to understand how they learn best.

Teachers have been busily assessing students in areas of Literacy and Numeracy to find out their strengths and needs. They will use the data collected to create flexible groups within their Learning Communities.

The students have begun their specialist classes, having Science with Joel and Physical Education with Andrew.



Take Home Reading Program

The HHPs Take Home Reading Program will begin shortly. As an inaugural student at HHPs, your child will be provided with a HHPs Reading Satchel. Students will either borrow books from set boxes or access eBooks through their Wushka account. It is expected that reading is occurring nightly and the books read are recorded in their home reading log book. The books your child will bring home/access on Wushka are intended to be easier than the levels they are reading at school, as it is a time for them to practice learnt reading strategies and build their fluency.

Online Programs

Included in the school fees is access to wonderful online learning programs that will be used as part of school and home learning. Individual logins will be found inside your child's home reading log book.

The programs are:

Wushka- Learning to Read (web-based)

Reading Eggs/Eggspress (app or web-based)

Mathletics (app or web-based)

Spellodrome (app or web-based)

Kind Regards,

Joanne Branidis
Assistant Principal

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support at Harvest Home Primary School (SWPBS)

Here at Harvest Home Primary School we have a whole school approach to the positive management of student behaviour. We are focused on having clear and well explained expectations for all students and staff. Our students are recognised and rewarded for appropriate behaviours, and supported to display our school wide expected behaviours.


Over the past few weeks the students and teachers have been working hard to establish their community procedures and expectations. A part of this has been learning our expected school behaviours and what these mean for us as a school community.

Our expected school wide behaviours are:



Next week our whole school will be focussing on Being Safe. These expectations will be taught in the communities and reinforced during all interactions throughout the school week.

To support our program and whole school approach please read through this chart with your child/ren and discuss what this means for them and our school community.

	
Harvest Home Primary School Positive Behaviour Expectations	
Learning spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We handle tools & equipment carefully We always walk in the learning spaces We keep our hands & feet to ourselves
Stadium and STEAM Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use equipment in a safe and appropriate manner We move around the space in an appropriate manner We think before we act We are aware of others and our surroundings
Moving around the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use the correct doorways & gates We stay with our partner when travelling in pairs
Play Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We go to the yard duty teacher when needed We play without tackling during games We line up in an orderly manner We use all equipment appropriately We walk on all hard surface areas
Canteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We line up sensibly in a single line We buy & eat our own food
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wash our hands after using the toilet We understand that the toilets are not a play area
Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We exit & enter the Stadium as instructed We remain seated during assembly
Outside of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use supervised crossings when walking home We wait for our parent or guardian if being collected

REMINDERS

SCHOOL TIMES School begins at 8:50am. Please ensure you arrive to school with plenty of time for your child/ren to calmly enter their Learning Community. School Gates are opened at 8:30am and Staff are on duty from 8:40am. If late, parents must sign their students in at the office. The school day ends at 3:10pm.

UNIFORMS Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled. A lost property tub can be found in the Community Hub (room next to the Canteen) where unnamed items found in the school yard are kept.

SICK BAY Parents are reminded that if your child needs to be medicated during the school day, you will need to bring the medication to the Office in the morning and complete a form giving us permission to medicate your child. At the end of the day the medication must be collected by an adult and signed out.

SCHOOL CROSSING Parents, as a school community, we are asking you to please set the right example and use the crossing points when crossing the streets around our school. The safety of our parents and children is of paramount importance.

SCHOOL CAR PARK Parents, as a reminder please be aware that the staff car park is for **staff vehicles only**.

Please note that NO pedestrians are allowed to walk through the staff car park at anytime, for safety reasons. We have staff cars coming and going on a regular basis and we want to avoid any accidental injuries to our school community.

COURT ORDERS If you have any court orders relevant to your child could you please provide the school with a copy, to ensure their safety while in the school's care.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION Is all the general and emergency information you have given the school up to date? If not could you please notify the Office ASAP. This information is very important in case we need to contact you at any time.

PREP 2018 Enrolments for Prep next year will be taken in 2nd term. Please come to the office at the end of April /early May to collect an enrolment form.

PHOTO DAY Our school photos will be taken on Friday, 21st April. More information to follow.

CSEF (Camp, Sport and Excursion Fund) Parents who hold a current Centrelink Pensioner concession or Health Care benefit card or a Veteran Affairs pension card are required to come to the Office to apply for CSEF. Please bring your concession card with you. The CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools with the majority of payments to commence from March, 2017.