

School and Community Growing Together

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IMPORTANT DATES

31st March	Last day of Term 1-finish 2:30pm
18th April	First Day of Term 2
21st April	School Photos
25th April	ANZAC Day- No School
May	National Family Reading Month
May 30th-2nd April	Scholastic Book Fair
3rd May	2018 Prep Information Evening
12th June	Queen's Birthday- No School
28th – 30th June	Year 3 – 6 Camp
30th June	Last Day of Term 2

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

Dear Harvest Home Primary School Community,

What we stand for

What a wonderful term of learning we have had at Harvest Home Primary School. The students are enjoying their new school and we are developing our core values and principles. You would be aware of one of our principles - **Harvest Home Kaizen, a little bit of improvement every day**. Congratulations to all of our 'Kaizen Award' recipients who were presented with their certificate at our 'Together on Friday' sessions this term. A reminder that if you are able to attend, it commences at 2:30pm on Friday afternoons in our stadium. It is a nice way to celebrate our successes of the week as a community. Another Principle that we are unpacking as a school is - **PRIDE OF PLACE**. When we unpack pride of place, we endeavour to go as deep as possible. Having pride in appearance, wearing our uniform with pride and ensuring we take pride in our work. We also need to take pride in our Learning Communities, what does that mean for our students? What does it mean in the schoolyard? You can transfer the two principles that we have unpacked at school also at home. **Harvest Home Kaizen - A little bit of improvement, every day** and **Pride of Place** can also be discussed with your children outside of the school gate. What does it look like in your home? Your children should be able to lead this discussion.

School Council

This term we have had two School Council meetings. Our School council consists of Kate Malcolmsen, Keila Biao, Andrew Gaitanis, Pania Bailey- Jenkin, Jo Brandis and myself. Kate Malcolmsen has been elected as our inaugural school council president and Keila Biao will be our inaugural Vice President. As a school council, we will be the governing body that will make decisions in the best interest of the Harvest Home Primary School Community.

Traffic Management

Please use the school crossing on Gammage Boulevard when crossing the road. It has been noted that there are some families crossing not using the designated area, which poses a great danger. When crossing at Harvest Home Road please ensure you are crossing at the traffic lights. Although the lights are not currently in operation, it is a much safer option.

When picking up or dropping off on Harvest Home Road, please be mindful of the amount of pedestrian and car traffic in this area. Double parking poses a huge risk for students and parking inspectors often visit schools and will issue parking infringements to anyone found posing a danger or parking illegally.

School Captains

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our first school captains. Yuvraj Sharma and Kashvi Shah will represent our school with great dignity and pride. Nelson Mandela said... ***"True leaders don't create followers they create more leaders."*** Yuvraj and Kashvi will pave the way for our other leaders throughout 2017. Congratulations.

Have a wonderful break with your families and thank you for all of your support.

Regards,

Anthony Simone
Principal



HHPS School Values

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

----Curriculum Report----

It's hard to believe that Term 1 of our new school has almost come to an end. Teachers and students have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum and have a lot of amazing work and outcomes to show for it. We hope you enjoyed reading the Learning Community Newsletters earlier in the term and seeing all of the wonderful learning that is happening across the school.



We are excited to report that we have employed an Arts teacher. Her name is Sarah Morris and she will begin in Term 2. The Arts in the Victorian Curriculum encompasses five areas in Primary School- Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music and Visual Arts. In Term 2 all students will attend Performing Arts sessions and in Term 3 and 4 all students will attend Visual Arts sessions. We are pleased to add the Arts into our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) approach to learning.



In Term 2, students will be following the Challenge-Based Learning approach to inquire into the big idea of **Health**. Students in all year levels will work in collaborative groups and use technology to tackle real-world issues in the context of their school, family or local community. Stay tuned as your children will be enlisting your help!

Compass

It's great to see and hear that the majority of our families have successfully logged into Compass and are using the system to log student absences, keep up to date with school information and communicate with community teachers. If you are having any difficulty logging in for the first time, please contact the office.

Progressive Reporting

At the end of this term, you will be able to access your child's progressive report on Compass, outlining goals they are working on and some of their achievements to date. This report is cumulative and over a semester you will see goals and achievements being updated. At this stage you will find the main goal they are working on in each key learning area.

Our aim at HHPS is to strengthening the school-home connection and for students, staff and parents to work collaboratively in supporting our students in achieving their goals.

A notification will be sent via Compass in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of a term, reminding you to check the status of your child/ren's report. A Mid Year and End of Year Report assessed against the Victorian Curriculum standards will still be provided.

Holiday Home Learning

Over the holidays we would expect to see students continuing their learning. Students can access text on Wushka or record any other reading material in their Take Home Reading Journal. We will be doing a stocktake of the school books over the holidays so they will be collected from students on Thursday 30th March.

We have received wonderful feedback about the Online Learning Programs. Please encourage your child/ren to be completing the online tasks over the holidays. These programs complement the learning happening at school and allow children to have anywhere, anytime learning.

Wushka- Learning to Read (web-based)

Reading Eggs/Eggspress (app or web-based)

Mathletics (app or web-based)

Spellodrome-same password as Mathletics (app or web-based)

Please refer to the Homework at HPS document that was sent through Compass.

3-6 BYOD iPad Program

It's great to see and hear that so many 3-6 students have organised an iPad. Joel and our technician Brian have been working hard to get them connected to the school's wifi. A reminder that from next term teachers will be planning for the use of iPads and it will be expected that they are at school everyday-charged and ready for use.

Have a happy and safe break.

We'll see everyone back on Tuesday 18th April.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Branidis
Assistant Principal

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. Enrolment forms can now be picked up from the School Office

PHOTO DAY Our school photos will be taken on Friday, 21st April. Payments are to be made online. A note has gone home and also been posted on Compass about this.

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.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on Friday 21st April. Tickets are \$1 each or \$8 for the page of ten tickets. All fundraising will go towards the purchase of Classroom Library books.