



HARVEST HOME PS

School and community coming together

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Harvest Home
Primary School

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Dear Harvest Home Primary School Community,

Last week I attended the Community forum about the new Edgars Creek Secondary College that will open in 2018 for Year seven students. The Department of Education has been able to arrange for the school to be trans-located temporarily to Mernda Central P-12 for Term 1 and 2 whilst the school is being constructed. Students will be transported to Mernda Central by bus during that time, this will be fully funded by the Department of Education. Appropriate pick up and drop off locations will be arranged shortly. The new Secondary School will be operational at Epping North in Term 3. The appointment of a Principal will be made this Term; this will allow the successful applicant to work on developing the school's vision, curriculum and uniforms. We at Harvest Home PS will support the new Principal as they begin this exciting next chapter for the residents of Epping North. If you have any questions please feel free to come and see me.

This week our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the nationwide NAPLAN testing. This will provide students, parents and the school with another piece of knowledge to further personalise the learning for our children. The assessment will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We wish our students all the best this week.

Next week students in Year 4-6 will complete an online survey. The overall objective of the annual Attitudes to School Survey is to collect data about the opinions of students from Years 4 to 6 to assist us with planning, developing curriculum and improving student outcomes. The survey will assist us to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and their experience of our school. It will provide us with valuable data on students' views of their wellbeing, teaching, learning and school in general.

Enrolments for 2018 are open! If you have a child going into Prep next year, please see the Office Staff for an enrolment form. A Kinder to Prep transition program will be run in Term 4.

Warm regards,

Anthony Simone

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---- Curriculum Report ----

It's been a busy start back to school and we have a jam packed term ahead! Students and teachers across the school have begun their Challenge Based Learning (CBL) approach to the *Big Idea*: Health. During the strategic immersion stage, students have been absorbed in lots of different health related activities to start getting them thinking about what 'being healthy' means. Shortly the **challenge** will be set for them to work on how they will make a difference to their own health, the health of their families or promote health to the wider community.



This year's **Education Week** will be celebrated from 21st to 27th May with the theme of *Healthy Mind, Healthy Body*. This ties in nicely with our CBL focus. Stay tuned for more information to come.

---- NAPLAN ----

This week our Year 3 and 5 Students are sitting the national NAPLAN assessment. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Tuesday 9 th May	Wednesday 10 th May	Thursday 11 th May
Language Conventions Writing	Reading	Numeracy

Later in the year families will receive their child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in the above areas. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

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---- Progressive Reports ----

If you haven't recently checked your child's Progressive Report that you are able to do so by clicking on 'View Academic Report' when you are on the Home Screen. You will need to 'Open in Browser' if accessing via the Compass App.

Here you can see what their current goals are and note some of their achievements to date. Knowing what they are working on, helps strengthen the school-home relationship as you are able to follow up on what they need to practice. Please note that if a goal has remained, this means your child is still working on this area. Some goals take longer to achieve than others.

Performing Arts will be added to the report later this term.

---- Scholastic book Fair coming Soon! ----

Harvest Home Primary is proud to announce their first Book Fair! This will run from May 30th - June 6th. The display will be set up in the Resource Centre, students and families will have the opportunity to purchase high quality books at great prices. Not only will you be helping your own children by purchasing books but your helping our entire school community as we get a percentage back in sales to spend on more books!

---- Easter Raffle Fundraiser update ----

Thankyou to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket for our Easter Raffle, we are so pleased to announce that **\$978** was raised! The teachers and students are discussing which books they want to purchase for their classroom libraries from the fundraising and will shortly make these purchases. Well done to the Parent Fundraising Committee for all their amazing work!



Our Easter Raffle Winners

---- Important Dates ----

May	National Family Reading Month
May 9th - May 11th	Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN
May 12th	Year 3/4 Cooking for Health Incursion
May 12th	Mother's Day Morning Tea and Stall
May 12th, May 19th	Year 5/6 Interschool Sports (Away Games)
May 30th - 6th June	Scholastic Book Fair
June 12th	Queen's Birthday- No School
June 28th – 30th	Year 3 – 6 Camp
30th June	Last Day of Term 2

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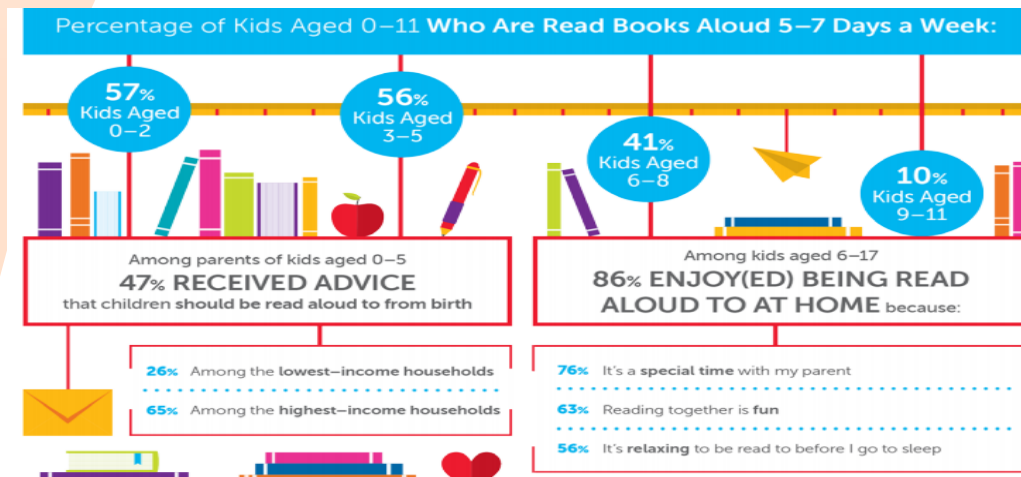
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---- The importance of reading aloud at home ----

Children are never too young, or old for read aloud. The benefits of reading aloud to your children are many, from bonding with your children to helping them strengthen skills in writing, listening, creativity, and more.

According to Scholastic Australian Kids and Family Reading Report (See diagram below) more than half of children aged 0-5 (57%) are read aloud to at home 5-7 days a week. This frequency declines to four in 10 kids aged 6-8, and continues to decrease with age. Of those children aged 6-8 whose parents no longer read books aloud at home, half did not want their parents to stop.



We would love to see all of our families getting involved in the **NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH CHALLENGE** *'Read more in May'* Calendars to record reading were sent home. This year the focus is on families reading aloud together. Research shows us that regular reading aloud with family members is a powerful predictor that children will become frequent readers. Information on how to register can be found here- <http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/>, an added bonus is that there are \$10,000 worth of prizes to be won!



Have fun reading together!



Kind Regards,
 Joanne Branidis
 Assistant Principal

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--- Bike Education—Helmet Safety ---

At Harvest Home Primary School, we encourage students to safely ride their bike to school and utilise our secure bike cage to lock up their bike throughout the day. It has been pleasing to see many of our families taking advantage of the great weather and riding to and from school. However, we have noticed that some students are riding their bikes without a helmet. As a community, we continue to encourage the road laws set by Vic Roads to ensure the safety of our students and families.

For further information, related to bike safety, please click on link below:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education/helmet-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Where can children ride?

Children under the age of 12 can ride on footpaths, bike paths, shared paths and separated footpaths.

When should my child wear a helmet?

An accident can happen anywhere, and it only takes an impact with the ground or concrete to sustain a head injury. Children should always wear a helmet when using tricycles, bicycles, scooters, when travelling as a passenger on an adult's bike, in a bike trailer, or when using any other wheeled item.

Choosing a helmet for your child

There is a wide range of helmets to choose from. Make sure the helmet fits your head correctly. To select the right size helmet, use a tape measure to measure your child's head in centimetres. Place the tape measure just above your child's eyes and ears. Select a helmet to fit a head of that size.

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