



HARVEST HOME PS

School and community growing together

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Dear Harvest Home Primary School Community,

It's hard to believe that we are already in week three of term 2. The dedication and focus that our children have returned from holidays with is very pleasing. When I walk through learning communities and talk to the children about their learning the growth that they have made is very pleasing.

In the coming weeks we have 'Three Way Conferences' this is a wonderful opportunity for your children to share their goals and learning with families. Regardless of your child's age confidence is one of the key pillars of foundation that young learners need in this rapidly changing worlds.

2019

We have commenced school tours and an information session for prospective families. I was honoured last week when I had a conversation with a current parent about how much her child and family have connected with the school. Home school partnerships has a great effect size for measuring student improvement and growth. Our school Vision, Mission, Values and Principles underpin our work and working together can only enhance the learning for our students. If your child is turning 5 by April 30 next year and you are intending to send them to our school then please arrange to collect an enrolment pack from the office staff.

Professional Learning Community Initiative (PLC)

Last year we applied to be part of the Department of Education initiative called – Professional Learning Communities (PLC). We feel very proud that we have been accepted in to the initiative. Last Thursday and Friday Jo, Breanna, Di, Stephanie M, Dale and attended two days of professional learning off site to work on improving student outcomes using a model of inquiry. The PLC initiative fosters school cultures and characteristics with a solid base of local and international research. The working party will work on, reflect and act on:

- Designing and implementing evidence teaching strategies
- Curriculum planning and assessment
- Measuring and evaluating student learning
- Achieving best practice within our school

We are looking forward to this work to continue upward trajectory that we are heading at Harvest Home Primary School.

Have a wonderful week.

Anthony Simone
Principal

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---- Three Way Conferences----

On Wednesday 9th May we will be having our **Three Way Conferences**. This is an opportunity for teachers, students and parents to discuss, share and celebrate each child's learning progress. A reminder that school on this day is a half day- **8:50am – 1pm**. All students are required to be picked up at **1pm sharp**. Student attendance in the afternoon will be marked when they attend their designated Conference appointment. Conferences can be booked via COMPASS. During the Conferences, there will also be the opportunity to visit the Science, Visual Arts, Performing/Media Arts and P.E. spaces to meet the Specialist Teachers and see what the students have been learning in these areas. Concurrently there will be Literacy & Numeracy At Home Support Sessions, COMPASS help sessions and a Digital Technologies Showcase, that you may also choose to visit during the Three Way Conferences.

---- Progressive Reports ----

If you haven't recently checked your child's Progressive Report, then 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. For Specialist Subjects, you may find that the unit goals have been set and at the end of the unit achievements will be updated.

---- NAPLAN ----

In Week 5, 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. 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.

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

Tuesday 15th May

Language Conventions Writing Reading

Wednesday 16th May

Thursday 17th May

Numeracy

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!

Jo Branidis
Assistant Principal

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----Curriculum Report----

Three Way Conferences – What You Can Do at Home to Support Your Childs Literacy and Numeracy

On Wednesday the 9th of May families will be attending Three Way Conferences at HHPS. Throughout the day we will be offering sessions on What You Can Do at Home to Support Your Childs Literacy and Numeracy. The sessions will allow families to see the types of purposeful activities your child is participating in at school and ways these can be used at home to support learning.

Session 1 will run from 3:00pm- 3:30pm in the Resource Room.

Session 2 will run from 6:30pm- 7:00pm in the Resource Room.

Please note you do not need to book in for these sessions

Here are some quick and easy ideas to get you started!

Ways to support your child's reading at home:

- encourage your child to select books, magazines, digital media that they want to read with you
- discuss pictures in books and encourage your child to talk about what they see
- support your child to make their own books with pictures and then 'read' them to you



Ways to support your child's writing at home:

- make and write greeting cards such as birthday cards and thank you notes
- keep a family calendar on display and write down family events
- give you child a stick note pad and encourage them to write reminders for themselves, e.g. put reading satchel in my school bag.

Ways to support your child's numeracy at home:

- identify and explain visual patterns in wrapping paper, clothes and furniture
- use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family and track it over time
- count days on a calendar. Count down to a special event.

Di Beltramello and Breanna Feben
Educational Leaders

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----Positive Climate for Learning----

It has been a wonderful start to term 2. All students have settled back into community life and have been working hard on their learning goals. Teachers have been busy handing out well deserved stickers and badges, and celebrating the success of our students through weekly Kaizen awards.

Next week across the school, we will be focussing on BEING SAFE. Staff will be looking for students who are demonstrating this value and teaching our expectations within our SWPBS lesson.

Parents & Guardians: It would be great if you could speak with your child/ren about what being safe means at home and travelling to and from school.

Tomorrow's Leaders – Congratulations to the following students' who were presented with their badges at a recent Together on Friday and make up our 2018 Student Leadership Team.

School Captains	Siena Grant	Vraj Patel
School Vice Captains	Reina Lay	Yasmine Koc
Sports Leaders	Evs Mazzone	Ali Al Salloum
Tech Leaders	Jugad Kaur	Zach Leiatua
Art Leaders	Breanna Polifroni	Alessia Scimone
STEAM Leaders	Camilla Sanchez Avilla	Rakshita Chopra
Media Art Leaders	Lilaina Lila	Tanya Johnston

As you may have heard the buzz throughout Term 1, we are very fortunate to have been connected and developed a partnership with the Second Bite program. The project was created to provide access to fresh, nutritious food and fruit for people and students around Australia. Second Bite does this by rescuing surplus fresh fruit from local supermarkets and fruit growers then redistributing it to community programs and local primary schools; like us at Harvest Home Primary School... and the best part about for our students; is that we have access to fresh fruit – free of charge every week of the year. Our lovely staff pick up the allocated fruit each Tuesday morning. From there our Year 3/4 'fruiters' deliver the fresh fruit to each community for every one of our students to enjoy!

Thank you Second Bite!



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-----Hero Cards-----



Hero Badge Trade In': As mentioned in our previous newsletter article, we have been so pleased to see our students wearing their Hero Stickers and Badges with pride. At the conclusion of Term 1, students who earned 3 or 5 badges of a similar type had the opportunity to trade in their badges for a silver or gold Hero Badge represent their continuous efforts within the area of Positive Climate for Learning. Congratulations to the following students.

GOLD **Being My Best**

Alliyah

Jessica

Aaruthie

Vivan

Aleeza

Ali

Hussan

Jaylahn

SILVER Being My Best	SILVER Being My Best	SILVER Being My Best	SILVER Being Safe	SILVER Being Respectful
Nikita	Taylor	Malak	Sienna	Taylor
Harleen	Ameer	Parmeet		Luka
Anika	Manan	Shayla		Aleeza
Radvin	Liam	Eliza		
Harvey	Taha	Angel		
Japmeet	Aryan	Yasmine		
Armaan	Zainab			
Gemma	Arush			

Kerrie Atkins
Andrew Bouzikas
Positive Climate Team, 2018

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-----Important Upcoming Dates-----

2nd May	Year 3/4 CERES Excursion
2nd May	2019 Prep Information Evening– Making the Choice 6:30– 7:30pm
8th May	District Cross Country
9th May	Half School Day– 8:50am– 1pm Three Way Conferences 1:30pm-8:00pm
10th May	Year 5/6 Start Smart Incursion 9:00am-12:00pm
11th May	Mother's Day Stall Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 1:30-2:15pm
15th-17th May	NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
16 th May	1/2 CERES Excursion-
17th May	1/2 CERES Excursion-
22nd - 28th May	Scholastic Book Fair
9th June	Queen's Birthday– Public Holiday No School
29th June	Last Day of Term 2

-----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 closed at 9am. If late, parents must sign their students in at the office. The school day ends at **3:10pm**. All students must be picked up then or alternative arrangements made.

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.

FOOD SHARING/CELEBRATIONS We ask that if you want to bring something along to hand out to the students when celebrating a birthday, that you stick to non-food items, e.g. stickers, pencils, mini toys, keyring etc. Due to the range of students with allergies and food preferences, cakes/cupcakes are not permitted for sharing.

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.

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 2019 Enrolments for Prep 2019 are open. Enrolment forms can be picked up from the School Office then.

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.

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ONLINE PROGRAMS

As part of the Book Pack, students have access to some wonderful online programs to enhance their learning. The programs are utilised in school and are a part of the HHPS Home Learning Expectations. Logins can be found in the inside of the Home Reading Journal/School Diary.



Wushka is a cloud-based levelled reading program used at school and would be used with your child at home. The program encourages students to engage with fiction and non-fiction texts on interactive devices. All School Readers are levelled from Level 1 through to Level 31+ and have been developed using decades of educational publishing experience. Recognising that the best outcomes are achieved when students continue reading at home, your child can use their login details received at school, to complete readers set by their classroom teacher, at home. Visit wushka.com.au to login and start reading!



Your child is using Mathletics as part of their mathematics program at school. Mathletics is a targeted, rewarding and captivating online learning resource, which is aligned to curriculum standards. Your child has take-home access to Mathletics – they simply sign in with their school username and password using any compatible computer or mobile device. The extra Mathletics practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress. Encourage them to achieve a weekly target of 1000 points to earn a certificate, building through bronze, silver and gold across the school year. Go for gold! www.mathletics.com



Your child is using Spellodrome as part of their literacy program at school. Spellodrome is a literacy resource that provides detailed instruction in spelling and support for vocabulary development. Your child has take-home access to Spellodrome – they simply sign in with their school username and password using any compatible computer or mobile device (same login as Mathletics). The extra Spellodrome practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress. Encourage them to achieve a weekly target of 1000 points to earn certificates and awards.



ABC Reading Eggs is designed to get your child motivated and excited about reading. Your child will now be able to access the program in class and at home. They will work through the program at their own pace, focusing on phonics, letters, vocabulary, sight words, fluency and comprehension.

Reading Eggspress is designed to build on reading and comprehension skills, and is usually for students in grades 2 onwards (7–13 year olds). There is also a built in library, where once again students can access a wide range of ebooks.

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