



# Harvest Home Primary School

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School and Community Growing Together

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## TERM 4 REMAINING EVENTS

## DATE

Date	Event
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Fun Fields Excursion- Year 6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Fitness Friday from 8:30am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY AND EARLY FINISH- 1pm
2026 KEY DATES	DATE
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day- Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Curriculum Day No students at school (YMCA care available)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Curriculum Day No students at school (YMCA care available)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 1 begins for all Prep – Year 6 students (Prep students staggered start today only)

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# End of Year Report

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to sincerely thank our students, parents and wider school community for the connection, care and trust you place in our school.

To our students, thank you for your enthusiasm for learning and the many achievements you have celebrated this year. We are incredibly proud of your growth and resilience. To our parents and families, thank you for your continued partnership and support of learning. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference every day.

I would also like to sincerely thank our teachers, support staff and school leaders for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to every child. Their passion for learning, care for student wellbeing and collaborative leadership continue to strengthen our school and support the success of our students.

A special congratulations to our 163 Year 6 students as you graduate from primary school. We are proud of all you have achieved and wish you every success as you begin the next chapter of your learning journey.

Thank you to our community for making our school such a supportive and connected place. We wish all families a safe, happy and restful break and look forward to working together again next year.

Be Well  
**Andrew Bouzikas**  
Principal



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As we conclude the year, we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate members of our staff as they embark on new chapters, take leave, or continue their important work.

**Family Leave:** We warmly congratulate Lacey Rowe and Sheena Collins-Marks, who will commence family leave at the end of the year, and Sarah Williams, who will begin maternity leave at the start of next year. We wish each of them and their families all the very best during this special time.

**Leave:** We wish Rachel Flavel and Alanah Cullen all the very best as they take 12 months leave and we look forward to welcoming them back in the future.

**Welcome:** We are pleased to welcome Harman Nagra to our school community as our Science Teacher. We look forward to the expertise and enthusiasm Harman will bring to teaching and learning at HHPS.

**Congratulations:** We congratulate Breanna Feben and Robbie McAlpine as they continue in their positions with the Department of Education, and thank them for their ongoing contribution and commitment to public education

**Farewells:** We thank Christopher Pavlidis-Garkinis, Nicole Baker, Yasmine Sturm and Courtney Polizzi for their valued contributions to our school and wish them every success as they continue their professional journeys in other educational settings in 2026.

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## **End of Year Academic Reports**

Semester 2 Academic Reports are now available to view and/or download from Compass. The report will provide students, teachers, and families with a clear and concise picture of a student's achievement and progress at a point in time. It's also a good time to check your child's progressive report to see any final achievements added in.

At the end of each school year, the Progressive and Academic Reports remain in your child's Compass Portal, allowing you to refer to them if you wish. However if your child is leaving HHPS (including Year 6s), we recommend that you download their reports as you will no longer be able to access Compass after rollover from 2025 to 2026 occurs.

## **Specialist Subjects 2026**

The following Specialist Subjects will be taught in 2026: Physical Education, Visual Art, Performing Arts, Science/STEM and the introduction of AUSLAN as our language.

## **School Captains 2026**

We are excited to announce our captains for 2026.

**School Captains:** Aarnav K, Allegra I

**Vice Captains:** Amandra J, Zaynab S

We thank our 2025 school captains- Zak, Reva, Malik and Lisa for doing an exceptional job of leading this year. Your legacy at HHPS remains strong. Thankyou for passing on your knowledge and advice to our 2026 school captains.



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## Technology Reminders

### Digital Devices & Bring Your Own Devices

As previously communicated, from 2026 HHPS will no longer have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program from **2026**.

From 2026:

- The school will provide devices for student use during school hours
- Families will no longer be required to purchase or supply iPads
- Device use will follow recommended screen time guidelines

These changes reduce costs for families and support student wellbeing by limiting screen time, encouraging social interaction, and aligning with Victoria's mobile phone restrictions.

### Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy

In addition to the existing Mobile Phone Policy, this will now include smart watches. Therefore, any smartwatch will be required to follow the same guidelines and restrictions as mobile phones. This change reflects the impact of potential distractions to learning, the risks of unsupervised technology use and the challenges of monitoring online communications. By aligning with the Department's policy, we want to continue to ensure a safe, focused, and supportive learning environment for all students

### Staying safe online

As we head into the school holiday period, we encourage families to support children in staying safe online while also enjoying a healthy balance between screen time and offline activities. Remind children to keep personal information private, use age-appropriate apps and websites, and speak to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable. Limiting screen time and encouraging activities such as outdoor play, reading, creative pursuits, and family time can help support children's wellbeing and development over the holidays.

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# School events

## Prep Breakfast



## Year 1 Camp Afternoon



## TERM 4 CAMPING EVENTS

## Year 2 Camp Day



## Year 3 Camp



## Year 4 Camp



## Year 5 Camp



## Year 6 Camp



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## Online Programs

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



**Wushka (in 2023 this is for Prep students only)** is a cloud-based levelled reading program used at school and would love you to continue reading 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](https://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](https://www.mathletics.com)



**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.



**Sunshine Online** offers schools the very best in animated and interactive digital content for Literacy and early Numeracy. The range of content options directly support our Curriculum. Animated and interactive, Sunshine Online offers an extensive digital learning environment with quality content for use in Literacy and Numeracy programs. The e-books are levelled so that teachers can choose where to start and therefore motivate them to progress through the levels. The program can be accessed via an app or:

<https://www.sunshineonline.com.au/>

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# HHPS House Keeping

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Andrew Bouzikas, Kaylene Kubeil, Dale Rigby, Rebecca Bullock, Maria Somerville, Amira Mohamed, Shahidah Angullia, Ananya Desai, Radha Guda, Mahalakshmi Rengarajan

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Term 2:** Wednesday 14th June

**Term 3:** Wednesday 2nd August, Wednesday 6th September

**Term 4:** Wednesday 18th October, Wednesday 6th December

## 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 8:55am. 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.

## FAMILY RESTRICTIONS

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.

## Daily Session Structure

8:50am	School Begins (Morning Routine)
9:00am	Session 1
9:50am	Session 2 *Healthy Snack Break*
10:40am	Session 3
11:30am	RECESS
12:00pm	Lunch Eating Time Inside
12:10pm	Session 4
1:00pm	Session 5
1:50pm	Break
2.20pm	Session 6
3:10pm	School Ends

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