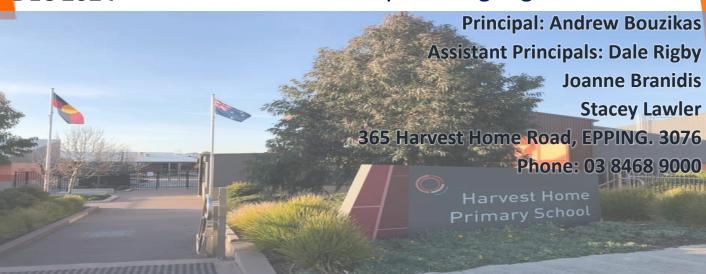


Harvest Home

Primary School

School and Community Growing Together



TERM 4 EVENTS	DATE
Monday 7 th October	First Day of Term 4
28 th to 30 th October	Year 6 Camp
Monday 4 th November	Common Professional Practice Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
18 th to 20 th December	Year 5 Camp
4 th and 5 th December	ProActivity
Thursday 5 th December	HHPS Community BBQ
Tuesday 10 th December	Statewide Orientation / Step Up Day
12 th to 13 th December	Year 3 Camp
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 6 Graduation Evening
Thursday 19 th December	Year 6 Funfields Excursion
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term 4

Principal's Report

Dear Harvest Home Families,

Time to Reflect and Celebrate!

It is truly hard to believe that another school year is drawing to an end. The days, months and terms seem to move through so quickly. Once again, we are so proud of our students, staff and school community. As we continue to share via our school Compass portal and social pages, there have been many outstanding achievements in 2024. We now conclude the term and take the opportunity to reflect on another fantastic year of learning and engagement, with our minds starting to look at what next year has to offer. Slowing down and celebrating many milestones our students; your children, and our school community have achieved without looking too far ahead is essential. Whether it is successful learning outcomes, positive connections with new friends or maintaining school enjoyment, I am so proud of our students who have shown Kaizen each and every day.

Graduating Year 6's

Last night, we took the opportunity to celebrate the legacy of 154 Year 6 students who began their learning journey with us in 2018. As the group of our second-ever prep students, we came together with reflections, smiles (and some happy tears) who celebrated the end of their primary school journey. On behalf of the Harvest Home Primary School community, I congratulate the Graduating students in 2024. It is amazing how quickly seven years have progressed! Thank you for being proud Harvest Home students and forging the pathway for our future students. As you begin again; it is important to remember your journey and the great memories you created. We wish you all the best; you will always be a Harvest Home student!

School Captains: Current and New

Congratulations to Romy, Charlie, Siya, and Vihaan, who have shown school pride daily and grown as leaders. They have left their legacy and created a pathway for our school's future leaders. With this, we are proud to hand over the titles of school leaders to Reva, Zayn, Lisa, and Malik as our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2025.



Principal's Report

Staffing Update:

Congratulations to Tanya Varisa and Stephanie Coffey on the safe arrival of new members to their families this term. We send our wishes to you both and hope you enjoy time as a family while settling into the new family routines.

With recent conversations and mixed emotions, some staff members will leave us as they explore other opportunities in 2025. We extend gratitude to Monica Isip (Physical Education) and Jessica Eden (Year 4) for their contributions to our school and wish them all the best in their careers in education.

I would like to share the exciting news that Breanna Feben has been successful in her application to join the Department of Education Regional team as an Educational Improvement Leader (EIL). Breanna has been instrumental in her work at our school over the last 8 years, from a PLC leader to a Leading teacher and Educational Leader. I want to thank Bre for her dedicated work and wish her the best in her new position over the next 12 months.

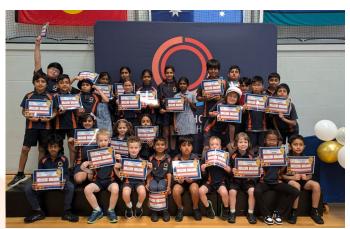
With this, new opportunities are presented, and we welcome the following new teaching staff to our school. Bill Boicovitis (Physical Education), Christopher Pavlidis-Garkinis (Spanish) and Anastasia Di Martino (Education Support). We also welcome back Laura Galvin (Year 2) to our school. All teaching staff attended our Step Up and Induction Day and are looking forward to beginning or continuing their educational journey at our school.

Class Structures and Teacher Placements:

Next year, we will have 40 home groups, where we have continued to support small teacher-to-student ratios. We are proud to have experienced and talented teachers. Last week, students learnt about their 2025 Home Groups and Communities; it was lovely to see so many new connections made and previous connections continued. As a school, we spend lots of time ensuring students are placed appropriately to support their learning and wellbeing. We thank you for trusting our decisions, supporting resilience of our students/children and ensuring that placements are made to support students to be their best. If there has been a change for your child, please see this as an opportunity to make new friendships and collaborate with others. Students will still have the chance to connect with their peers within learning groups... the great benefit of working in learning communities.

Over the recent years, we have had many amazing staff members return to school from their family leave. To support this, you may notice part-time arrangements in home and learning group arrangements. To enable structures for our students, we ensure that we have carefully aligned teaching partners that will support collaborative teaching and learning practices





Principal's Report

Staying Safe over the Break

As routines change over the summer break, we encourage students, families, and our school community to consider safe engagements at home, online, on day trips, or within the community. Please find some great websites that will help with guiding conversations.

https://safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone

https://www.informandempower.com.au/

https://www.esafety.gov.au/

https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/stay-safe-active/locations/beach-safety

https://kidshelpline.com.au/

Closing 2024

As 2024 ends, we are very proud of our students and all they have achieved. We have set the platform to maintain our outstanding efforts and then build for continual improvement. Together, we will continue to ensure learning, wellbeing, and inclusion are at the forefront of every action and decision we make. We look forward to setting the scene for 2025 and developing the legacy for our students. Over the summer break, rest, recharge, and be present with your family and friends.



Kind Regards Andrew Bouzikas Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

2025 TRANSITION PROGRAM

On **Tuesday 10th December** HHPS students were allocated into their 2025 learning communities for our morning **'step up'** session. It was a successful session where all of the students transitioned around the school and experienced the next year level. The students got an opportunity to meet their 2025 teachers and classmates. All students received a community 'introduction' letter to share with their families the details of their teachers for next year.

Also on this day, our current Year 6s attended their designated Secondary Colleges on this day. We wish the Year 6s all the best as they leave us and begin their Secondary schooling journey. You will be missed!

On Friday 8th December, 105 excited new little Prep students had their orientation day. The students got to meet the Community Teachers and participated in activities, including our traditional Teddy Bears Picnic.

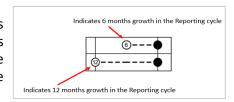
These sessions are important in ensuring a smooth transition into the 2025 year.

END-OF-YEAR ACADEMIC REPORTS

On Tuesday 17th December, Semester 2 Academic Reports will be 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.

As you know, we celebrate Kaizen (that little bit of improvement every day), so therefore, at HHPS Learning growth is just as (if not more important) to acknowledge than purely just outcomes. On your child/ren's report learning growth will be indicated by a dotted line. The 'standard' expected growth is a minimum of 12 months growth in 12 months. In the circle on the dotted line, you will be able to see the growth that has occurred in the current reporting cycle.

When viewing your child's Academic Report, ensure that you also access their Progressive Report. The Academic Report shows how a student is performing against the achievement standards and the goals in the **Progressive Report** outline what the student needs to work on next to make progress.



Remember that at any stage of the year, you can access your child's Progressive Report to see their termly goals and a summary of some of their achievements to date.

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 2024 to 2025.

SPECIALIST SUBJECTS 2025

The following Specialist Subjects will be taught in 2025: Physical Education, Visual Art, Science, STEM, Spanish and Performing Arts (with Language Immersion).

After successful recruitment, we will be reintroducing Spanish for our Year 3 – 6 students in 2025 and a Performing Arts program for our P – 2 students with Language Immersion. You will notice that Mindfulness will not be a Specialist subject in 2025 and aspects of this program will take place within our Learning Community programs.

Kind Regards,

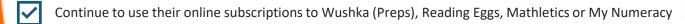
Jo Branidis, Dale Rigby & Stacey Lawler HHPS School Values

Assistant Principals

Curriculum Leader Report

Wow! What a jam packed 2024 in literacy and numeracy. We are excited by the continued growth of our students and are looking forward to next year. The school holidays are a great time for our students to consolidate their key learnings, ready to hit the ground running in 2025.

Over the school holidays students can:



Read magazines, online newspapers or visit the local library to borrow books

Practice their counting goals

Use a calendar to create a countdown to special events occurring over the holidays, e.g. New Years Eve

Write a diary about what they have been doing over the school holidays









Breanna Feben, Di Beltramello, Kellie Blandthorn and Stephanie Robinson

Educational Leaders



Buzz Leaders Report

On Tuesday 15th October, our Buzz Leaders visited Foodbank Victoria to drop off all food that was donated as part of the HHPS Canned Food Drive. Over 1200 items were donated which will help many families in need. Here are reflections from some of our Buzz Leaders.

Foodbank gave us a tour of the place and we could see what all the volunteers do to help people in need and we also learnt how they work with charities so families can have food.

Amandra from Killara

It was a really fun place to go to and we learnt a lot of things about what Foodbank does and how. It was an amazing experience.

Eva from Killara

We drove to Yarraville and the foodbank warehouse is really big! I didn't realise you could also give things other than food like toothpaste and pet food.

Feyza from Galada

They had a large machine with a conveyer belt that helps sort all the food that has been donated to Foodbank. Then they send the food to different regions all around Victoria.

Zayn from Tamboore

I enjoyed learning new facts about Foodbank and exploring the facilities. We went on a tour and met the people and got to see how things work. We also learnt what they do with all the food and how they provide for families in need.

Zoey from Yiaga B

Please scan the QR code to see the media video shared by Food Bank about our visit!





Dale Rigby

Assistant Principal

Positive Climate

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Badge Data 2024:

This year, our students have achieved something truly remarkable, earning a total of **19,773 badges** and receiving **3,094 positive phone calls home!** A huge thank you to all HHPS students for your outstanding efforts in demonstrating our school-wide expectations: **Being Respectful, Being Safe, and Being Your Best**. We hope you've enjoyed collecting badges and exchanging them for privileges and prizes throughout the year. Let's keep the momentum going and make next year just as amazing!

Positive Climate Student Leaders

Thank you to the brilliant Positive Climate student leaders for 2024. We really appreciate all of your hard work and support and will miss having you as our leaders next year!

Some of the roles our Positive Climate leaders have supported include:

- Badge trading
- Giving out hero cards in the yard
- Collecting hero cards
- Signing up students for privilege clubs
- Sharing at Together on Fridays

How have your leadership skills improved this year?



Taylor: "I've learnt to be nicer to people no matter what the situation is."



Indie: "I have become more confident speaking in front of a crowd because I have spoken at Together on Fridays multiple times and now I feel more comfortable".

What is one piece of advice you would give next year's Positive Climate leaders?



Alexia: "That they should enjoy their last year as a positive climate leader."



Sampada: "Don't be afraid to share at Together on Fridays."

Anything else to add?

Indie: "I really loved having the opportunity to have this role and I loved it".

Positive Climate





Positive Climate

Privilege Clubs Photos



Positive Climate Team

Term 4 Community Events

2024 Harvest Home Events

This year has seen many exciting events take place at Harvest Home. The introduction of our camping program in all year levels including our Prep breakfast, Year 1 afternoon, Year 2 day camp and overnight camps for Year 3 – 6 has been a highlight for all involved and many students speak of these as their favourite activity. A list of some of our exciting 2024 events is listed below!

Teachers continued to organise engaging excursions and incursions that linked to topics being taught that students could participate in with a number of these events taking place for consecutive years in some year levels, e.g. Wild Action and Media incursions.

Our sporting program continued to offer exciting opportunities with interschool sports for our Year 5 and 6 students, swimming for Years 1 and 2, Hoop Time for Years 4 and 5, as well as Athletics, Cross Country and Olympic carnivals offering exciting physical activities. This was celebrated at our Pro Activity event, where all students joined in the inflatable fun.

Finally, our school community continued to come together to celebrate many exciting events across the year. Our 'Muffins with Mum' and 'Donuts with Dad' mornings were an enormous success with so many people supporting these events in the Stadium. Our learning afternoons gave great insight into the amazing work our students produce each day through our Community Maths and Writing Showcase afternoon.

We can't thank our families enough for the support you provided in making our Community BBQ our biggest event of the year by attending this event held on the oval for the first time and engaging in all of the wonderful activities on offer. Our Christmas raffle provided offer 40 prizes to our families and we thank our community partners for donating to this community event!

Remember to keep an eye on our school website for student reflections on school events.

In this newsletter, you will also find some flyers related to holiday and Term 1 events within our community. Please feel free to register for these over the holidays.

Excursions

Pevan and Sarah performance
Museum
Bundoora Farm
Werribee Zoo
Maths Games Day
GRIP / Dream and Lead Leadership
Food Bank
Seusstacular Performance

Incursions

Snack Health Art
Wild Action
Minibeasts Drama Performance
First Nations Experience
Mindfulness Team Building
Media
RACV
Melbourne Renegades cricket

Engagement Activities

Camp Program in all year levels
Pro Activity
Fun with Maths
Book Week Performance
Author Visits
Book Week Dress Up
Footy Colours Day
Athletics Carnival
Olympics Carnival
Hoop Time
Swimming
Cross Country
Interschool Sports
Sports Gala Day

Auskick Lunchtime clubs

Whole School Events

Community BBQ
Mother's Day morning
Father's Day morning
Easter raffle
Writing Showcase
Community Maths Afternoon
Walk to School Day
Ride to School Day
Harmony Day
Pyjama Day
Easter raffle
Christmas raffle

Camp at HHPS



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Term 4 Community Events

















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School Holiday Program Offers









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Self discovery Day!!

Explore what makes you uniquely great and set goals for the new year! Engage in activities that encourage social and emotional intelligence today.

Category: In House
Cost: \$92.00

Tuesday 7 January

Archery Attack!!
Let's go play Arrow Tag! A
hybrid mix of paintball, archery
and dodgeball. With foam
tipped arrows and coloured
bows, an epic battle awaits!
Category: Excursion
Cost: \$127.00

Wednesday 8 January

Explore your senses!!
Make your own water sensory
bag and group game of guess
that sound! Use your imagination
at the playdough station and
have fun with water play outside.
Category: In House
Cost: \$92.00

Thursday 9 January

Iconic Nerd!!
Today is action packed with
water battles in an inflatable
arena, Beyblade building
challenges and Pokemon card
games where you get to take
home your very own pack!
Category: Incursion
Cost: \$112.00

Friday 10 January

Mad Science!!
Get your lab coat and
goggles ready for a day filled
with science experiments
and chemistry inspired arts!
Category: In House
Cost: \$92.00

Monday 13 January

Water Safety Day!!
Learn all about water safety
whether you're at home, the
pool or beach! Have fun with
water based experiments and
marine life crafts.
Category: In House
Cost: \$92.00

Tuesday 14 January

Action Sports!!
Learn how to shred it up!
Action sports are bringing all
the Skateboarding fun to you
today. Just remember to bring
your helmet.
Category: Incursion

Cost: \$112.00

Wednesday 15 January

Deep Sea Exploration!!
Let us explore all about our ocean through science and sensory play! Be a part of our science team as we explore erosion, blomes and so much more!

Category: In House Cost: \$92.00

Thursday 16 January

Billycarts!!
Work in teams to build and design your billycart before putting them to the test in our championship race! Bring your own wheels and helmets to race along with too.
Category: Self-guided incursion

Friday 17 January

Como House & Garden!!
Step back into the 1800's with an archaeological dig, house tour and old fashioned games at Como House and Garden. Can you uncover artefacts and use their clues to figure out how people lived in the past?
Category: Excursion
Cost: \$127.00

PLEASE TURN OVER

Cost: \$112.00







Please see our website for information on how to book, FAQs, current programs, arrival times, what to bring and details. Activities subject to change, see website for the most up to date list.

Printed program details accurate as of 29 Nov 2024.

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Monday 20 January

Child Inventors!!
Inspired by Benjamin
Franklin's Birthday, today you
can invent something new,
engage in STEM activities
and teamwork challenges.
Category: In House
Cost: \$92.00

Tuesday 21 January

OSHscape!!
Attention all detectives! Put on your minds together and help the Supreme team rescue their friend in a race against the clock.
Category: Incursion
Cost: \$112.00

Wednesday 22 January

Thursday 23 January

Eco Warriors!!
As we explore what sustainability
means and how we can reduce,
reuse, repurpose and recycle, let
us become our very own Eco
warriors!
Category: In House

Cost: \$92.00

Friday 24 January

Movies: Paddington!!
Get cosy and munch on some popcorn as we watch Paddington in Peru at the cinemas today!
Category: Excursion
Cost: \$127.00

Tuesday 28 January

International LEGO Day!!
Compete in a state wide building challenge as we celebrate International LEGO Day! We'll make block inspired arts and crafts and play lots of fun group games today.
Category: In House
Cost: \$92.00



Sean here to visit our website



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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 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



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/

HHPS House Keeping

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