



# Harvest Home Primary School

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School and Community Growing Together

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TERM 2 EVENTS	DATE
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr4-6 HHPS Athletics Olympic Games
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Prep 100 Days of School
5 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> August	HHPS Book Fair
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Prep-Yr3 HHPS Olympic Games Day
19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Book Week – Reading is Magic
28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Father’s Day Stall / Celebration
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	R U OK? Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Family Writing Showcase
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Footy Colours Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day of Term 3

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# Principal's Report

## Term 3... where has this year gone?

As the weather begins to change, the sun begins to shine, and new growth begins to flourish in our schoolyard, we recognise that our school year is progressing so quickly. We continue to be amazed at the learning growth of all our students as each individual builds their learning profile as a Harvest Home student. Our teachers continue personalising learning environments for our students while ensuring we maintain our high expectations and continued Kaizen!

## Continued Focus on Academic Emphasis, Student Wellbeing & Engagement.

- Successful term of teaching and learning, with a strong emphasis on differentiation and personalised learning, including professional learning for the implementation of numeracy curriculum, Numeracy 2.0
- Sustained focus on student wellbeing and engagement, including actions in place for the disability and inclusion reform to support students who require 'high' level adjustments to support school participation.



## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. **GOLD!**

At our recent Principal's Network Meeting, we received our Gold Award for School-Wide Positive Behaviour. This truly celebrates the high-level and consistent implementation of positive recognition of student engagement, well-being, and learning interactions. Thank you to every student, parent, and staff member in our school community for continually creating a positive environment for our students.

## School Savings Bonus: \$400 for every government school student.

As announced in the 2024/25 Victorian Budget, the School Saving Bonus provides a one-off \$400 support for students in Victoria in Term 4, 2024, for use on 2025 school costs. Once funds are available to our school, parents and carers will receive an email directly from the Department of Education with their \$400 School Saving Bonus. Families can choose how they spend the \$400 using an online system – on school activities, school uniforms and/or books, or a mixture of both.

Families are welcome to visit the link below, which provides additional details and a media post from Minister for Education Ben Carroll - <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus>

Please see Compass in the coming days, and I will share all the relevant details.



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## **Staffing Update:**

**Spanish:** Due to some minor staffing changes at the end of Term 2, our Spanish teacher, Julia Pena, has returned to a Year 4 generalist teaching position within our school. Unfortunately, we could not recruit a Spanish teacher to begin this term and, therefore, have placed our Spanish specialist program on hold for the remainder of the school year. To support our specialist program, we have increased the participation of our Visual Arts program by recruiting 2 Art teachers. We welcome Yasmine and Nicole to our school. They had a very successful beginning and continued engagement in our Visual Arts program.

Tanya Varasira (Year 3) and Stephanie Coffey (Year 4) will commence their family leave in the coming months. Tanya and Stephanie have been excellent teachers and leaders at our school for many years. We thank them both for their dedication and commitment to our students. We are currently finalising the details of replacing Tanya and Stephanie, with communication to be shared via Compass.

## **Sun Smart:**

This is a friendly reminder that School Hats will be required for all outdoor activities from the beginning of Term 4. Families are encouraged to name student hats to ensure they are available daily. If your child needs to purchase a school hat, visit our uniform supplier, PSW.



## **School Policies:**

Every year, we review a series of school-based policies. We welcome families to view any policies via our website. As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and well-being at Harvest Home Primary School, we welcome and encourage your feedback. If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions about our child-safe policies and practices, please contact our school office.

## **Teeth on Wheels – Dentist**

For the first time since our school opened, we offered families the option to visit a dentist during school hours. This was a successful partnership with Teeth on Wheels, with 380 families completing the expression of interest form and over 180 eligible children being seen by the dental team. With this successful implementation, we will look to book with Teeth on Wheels again for 2025.



## **Minor School Works:**

We are currently exploring a series of minor school works to continue maintaining and supporting our school environment. Some of these works include upgrading the monkey bars on the playground, soccer goals on the oval, new outdoor setting options, security cameras, and a visual presentation option: a projector or screen in our Stadium.

## **2025:**

As we continue to prepare for the upcoming school year, we ask families to please let us know if you are moving houses and considering enrolment at another school.

The communication survey can be found via Compass, which enables families to share details of their new enrolment intentions. If you have more than one child attending our school, please submit a form for each child. If you have a Year 6 student progressing to a Secondary setting, you are not required to complete the form.

Andrew Bouzikas  
Principal

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# Assistant Principal's Report

## NAPLAN RESULTS

This year the NAPLAN assessments took place in Term 1 from March 13th-March 25th. We have received our school results and individual student results were sent home last month.

We are extremely proud of the efforts of all our students and teachers as they have been able to achieve very pleasing overall outcomes.

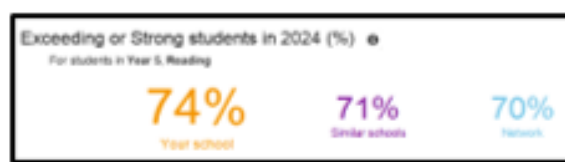
In each of the 5 domains- Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy, our Year 3 and Year 5 students performed higher than schools in our network and schools that are deemed similar to us (school size, demographic) This is an amazing achievement!!

Over the past few years we have had a rigorous whole school focus on Reading and Numeracy. The hard work is evidenced in the below results:

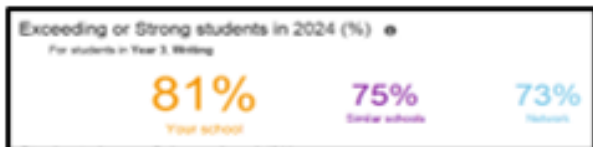
### Our Year 3 Reading Data



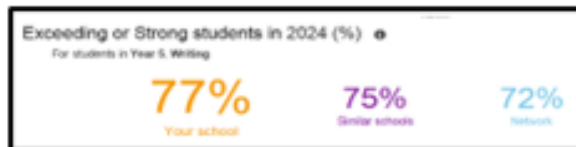
### Our Year 5 Reading Data



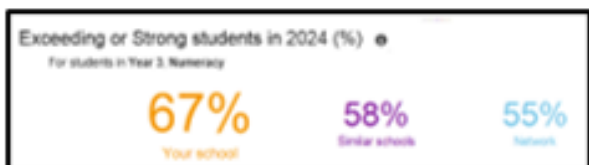
### Our Year 3 Writing Data



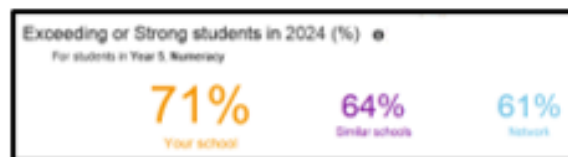
### Our Year 5 Writing Data



### Our Year 3 Numeracy data



### Our Year 5 Numeracy data



Once again, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate all our Year 3 and 5 students as they completed these tests in a very productive and positive manner #KAIZEN.



Kind Regards,  
Jo Branidis, Dale Rigby & Stacey Lawler  
Assistant Principals

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# Curriculum Leader Report

## BOOK WEEK AT HHPS

The Children's Book Council of Australia's national event Children's Book Week, was held during weeks 5 and 6 (12th to 23rd August) at HHPS.

This year the theme was '**Reading is Magic**'. The week was spent celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. Throughout the week there were some very special events held at HHPS:



**14th August:** A whole school performance conducted by Perform Education titled '**Bigger, Better, Brighter!**' which showcased some of the CBCA shortlisted books. Students had lots of laughs, and some students were even invited to participate in the show!



**21st August:** This was our **Book Week Dress Up Day**. Lots of exciting book characters were on display, including many Hogwarts wizards.



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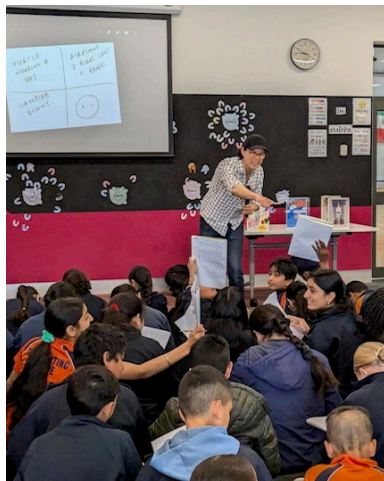
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# Curriculum Leader Report

## 22nd August: Author Visit by Zeno Swarder for Years 4-6.

Zeno Swarder is a Melbourne based writer and artist who is passionate about literacy, creativity and diversity. His book *My Strange Shrinking Parents* was the winner of the Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year in 2023. Students enjoyed an interactive and fun session which included drawing demonstrations and activities designed to equip them for their own adventures in writing and drawing.



## 23rd August: Author Visit by Mary Anastasiou for Prep-Year 3.

Mary Anastasiou is also a Melbourne based author and was inspired by her own son to follow her dreams and write her first picture story book '*I want to be a Rock Star*'. Her interactive session included videos about the legendary musicians that inspired her book as well as a live reading and the creation of a mini rock band, starring some of our HHPS students!



**Did you know.... In 2025, Children's Book Week turns 80!!**

Breanna Feben, Kellie Blandthorn, Di Beltramello  
and Stephanie Robinson  
Educational Leaders

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# Buzz Leaders Report

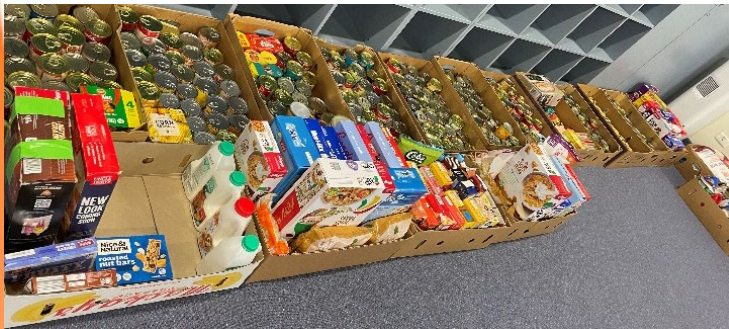
## Buzz Leaders

We have had another successful term with our Buzz Leaders working with Andrew to put the finishing touches on our Canned Food Drive.

We are so proud to say that as a school community, we collected over 1200 items to donate to Food Bank.

We would also like to thank Coles for setting up some donation spaces at their store and donating some food for us also.

We are now working with Food Bank to organise a suitable time to go to their factory and donate the food, which we are extremely excited about!



Milk	45	Fruit	63
Sauce	72	Meat	28
Pasta	72	Macaroni	83
Spray	63	Cereals	53
Noodles	205	Bread	1
Corn	29		
Total: 1,232			



Our School Captains have also created a 'Captain's Corner' with some information about themselves for students.

Next term, we look forward to our captains sharing some important information and messages.



# Positive Climate

## School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

### Badge Data 2024:

In 2024 so far, we have given out an astonishing **13,931 badges** and have made **2,203 positive phone calls** home (and the year isn't even over yet!). A huge thank you to all HHPS students in making such an effort to show our school wide expectations of Being Respectful, Being Safe and Being Your Best.

### Privilege Clubs

Our privilege clubs were again successful this term, with **305** students trading their gold badges to participate. A big **thank you** to the amazing staff that gave up their time to support our privilege clubs.

- 19 students had extra break time to play outside
- 26 students had exclusive access to the stadium for break time
- 132 students decorated and ate their own cookies
- 31 students had a special pizza lunch with the Principals
- 50 Students made a melty bead picture in craft club (new this term)
- 47 Students got to use our school VR headsets (new privilege)



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## Bullying No Way! Week

During Week 5, many schools across Australia (including HHPS) acknowledged Bullying No Way! Week. This is a week of action against bullying and violence.



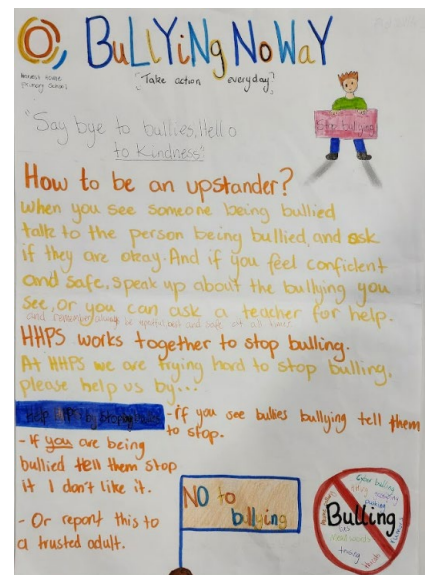
The Theme for 2024 was 'Everyone Belongs'

"When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued".

Across the school, all students were involved in various activities related to being an upstander through their Personal / Social lessons.

Students were encouraged to participate in the poster design / colouring competition. Look at our amazing winning entries:



## Poster Design Competition winners:

Year 1 – Shivani Sandeep 1D

Year 5 – Zaira Newaz 5C

Year 6 – Alka Sivananthakumar 6A

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You may have seen that students were provided with a special 'HHPS Upstander' badge for participating in activities and showing Upstander behaviour during the week. It was incredible to see so many students wearing their badges with pride and having discussions using Upstander language.

We look forward to further exploring and developing this week of activism in future years.

For more information, please see the [Bullying No Way! Website](#)





# Engagement for Learning



## 2024 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge has closed!  
Well done to all our amazing readers who have participated in the Premiers' Reading Challenge!  
HHPS have:

*Collectively read 2156 books*

*64 students have completed the challenge!*

The Challenge has been open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.



Victorian  
premiers'  
reading  
challenge



Helen Bozikas  
Resource Manager

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# Term 3 Community Events

The exciting events continued at Harvest Home in Term 3, with many activities engaging our students and families. This term we have had our HHPS Athletics and Olympics Day for all students, numerous incursions and excursions including the Year 6 media incursion, Year 2 minibeasts incursion, Year 1 museum excursion, book week performance, author visits, Prep health incursion, Year 1 & 2 swimming program, Year 4 Hoop Time, Year 5 interschool sports all term, Year 6 GALA Days and of course, our Prep 100 Days of School celebration! See some student reflections below:



## Year 3 Maths Games Day

On Friday the 2nd of August we went and visited Derrimut Primary School to compete a Maths Games Day Competition. We competed in 4 mathematics challenges against different schools in Victoria. We needed to collaborate to solve several different mathematical problems and games! The highest scoring team overall won 1st prize. It was a fantastic day, with great success as we took home 1st place! Go HHPS!

## Year 1 Museum Excursion

The Year 1's got to go to the Melbourne Museum because in Inquiry this term we are learning about toys from the past and present. We got to look and learn about old toys and how they have changed over time. We read a story that was about old toys found in a toybox, and we got to place them in order of what decade they were from. We also got to explore some other fun things during our visit like the dinosaurs and bugs.



## Year 6 Media Incursion

This term the year 6's had the opportunity to embark on the experience of informative media incursion. They all had a chance to practise scripting and building a tv news report, radio show and stop motion animation. This was enjoyed by all students and teacher. On the day everybody got to see behind the scenes to learn what it takes to create these modes of delivering entertaining information. We still remember all the complex monitor and cameras, as well as the iconic green screen from the shooting of the tv report show. Furthermore, this day was certainly a moment that sparked inspiration to all the growing minds of year 6.



## Prep Snack Art Incursion

This term the Preps had an Incursion. It was called Snack Art. We made masks and we learnt about foods that keep us healthy. We spoke about healthy foods and sometimes foods. We were also able to make different things using the healthy food. We then wrote about it.

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# Term 3 Community Events

## Father's Day Morning

On Friday, August 30th, we welcomed hundreds of people into our Stadium for our 'Donuts with Dad morning'. There were lots of exciting activities that our families were able to engage in including interviews with dad, card making, lego building, raffles and much more. We then invited families into Learning Communities to work with us during Session 1. Thank you to all of our families who attended the morning.



### Still to come in Term 3!

- Writing Family Showcase Afternoon
- Year 1 Camp Experience Afternoon
- Footy Colours Day



## Year 4 Hoop Time Winners!



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# Father's Day at HHPS



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# YMCA Holiday Program

Spring it on!



Harvest Home

## School Holiday fun

Monday 23 September

**Spring Has Sprung**  
Join us for a variety of spring themed craft activities, inspired by beautiful flowers. We 'll also go outside to explore nature.  
Category: In- House

Tuesday 24 September

**Hip Hop**  
Learning hip hop dance with Cube Sports.  
Category: Incursion

Wednesday 25 September

**Footy Fever**  
Dress in your favourite team colours and enjoy a day of games. Options available for all skill levels.  
Category: In- House

Thursday 26 September

**Movies**  
Join us for a fun-filled movie excursion to see "The Wild Robot," an animated adventure about a robot learning to survive and make friends on a wild island.  
Category: Excursion

Friday 27 September

**Closed Public Holiday**

Monday 30 September

**Big Bake Off**  
We're making yummy food to eat today. Plus, making a recipe book to take home with leftovers to share with family and friends.  
Category: In- House

Tuesday 1 October

**Mindful Movement**  
Explore mindfulness and movement through our yoga session. You'll learn breathing, stretching and relaxation techniques.  
Category: Incursion

Wednesday 2 October

**Gymnastics**  
Get ready to tumble, soar and flip as we dive into the world of gymnastics! We will introduce children to the fundamental skills and excitement of Gymnastics.  
Category: Excursion

Thursday 3 October

**Spring into Spring**  
Bring art to life with a vibrant day of colour and fun at our Spring Arts and Crafts event!  
Category: In- House

Friday 4 October

**Ball Games Bonanza**  
We're getting active today! Football, soccer, netball, basketball and tennis is just the start with options for all skill levels.  
Category: In- House



Scan here to visit our website.

(CCS): Child Care subsidy (CCS) rate at 85%.

Please see our website for information on how to book, Child Care Subsidy, FAQs, current programs, arrival times, what to bring and details. Printed program details accurate as of 27 Aug 2024.



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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 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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