Welcome to the new school year!
It is fantastic to see the children back at school safe and sound after their long Christmas holiday!

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students and our new families to our school. We hope you will enjoy your time at Hargraves school and become involved with the many activities that take place.

The newsletter is sent home each Friday with the eldest child in the family. Please take time to read the newsletter each week, as it will keep you up to date with what is happening regarding activities in and out of school. The newsletter is also posted on our website. If you would like your newsletter emailed, please see Nerida who will happily add you to the list. Every effort is made to attach permission notes to the newsletter so they aren’t lost.

We look forward to a dynamic and exciting 2015 school year.
If you have any concerns, do not be afraid to speak to a staff member—we are here to help your child have the best learning opportunities and experiences possible.

The new school year is a good time to remind everyone of school times and routines.
- The school is not officially open until 8.10 am when the bus arrives. Children cannot be dropped off before 8.10 am unless prior arrangements have been made
- **School begins at 8.50am** each day with fitness and fruit (supplied by the school) and ends at 3 pm
- Morning tea is from 11.00 am to 11.20 am
- Lunch is from 1.00 pm to 1.50 pm
- ALL absences must be explained by a written note—blank forms are available from the office
- All children not travelling on the bus should be picked up promptly at 3 pm unless prior arrangements have been made
- Children who normally travel on the bus will be put on the bus each day, unless the school is advised by the parent/carer of a change of routine.

Waste Free Wednesday and Nude Food Friday
This year we will continue to encourage families to support our Waste Free Wednesdays where children’s lunch boxes are waste free. Lots of you did a marvellous job last year and we encourage you to continue this.
To extend on this idea we will be introducing “Nude Food Friday.”
Nude food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging. The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food so that it is healthy and nutritious plus environmentally friendly. Examples include sandwiches, wraps, fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese and crackers.
More information will be given next Friday at our welcome afternoon tea.

A welcome afternoon tea
will be held next Friday
6th February at the school commencing at 3.15 pm
It is really important that we have a representative from every family attend if it is at all possible.
Important organisational plans and projects for the year will be discussed as well as vital information given concerning your child’s education.
Come along and learn what will be happening at Hargraves School in 2015!
Children will be given afternoon tea and supervised in the playground.

No need to bring anything—just bring yourself!

P & C Annual General Meeting
The P & C will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th February starting at 2 pm at the school. At this meeting new officer bearers for 2015 will be elected. A huge thankyou to the 2014 committee who worked tirelessly with fundraising for our children.
A general meeting will follow the AGM.
Why not come along, meet some of the other parents and support your school’s P & C? You might just enjoy it!
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This year the Active After Schools program will not operate. The program has been discontinued by the government. The school is disappointed as this program exposed children to a wonderful range of sports and provided much needed sports equipment to the school.

2015 Staffing

Miss Miles will teach Kindergarten and Year 1. Miss Wakely will teach Year 2 and Year 3, while Mrs Rae will teach Years 4, 5 and 6. Mrs Unicomb is returning for one day per week as Learning and Support teacher as well as teaching HSIE to the primary students. Mr Greg Bray will be joining us to teach computers across the school and art to the primary students. Miss Payden Lawson will be supervising the Transition Skills class while Mrs Hannah Colley is away awaiting the imminent arrival of her baby. Mrs Sally Woods will be conducting the QuickSmart Maths program and assisting Miss Miles as School Learning Support Officer. Mrs Karin Meszaros will work between Miss Wakely’s and Mrs Rae’s classes as School Learning Support Officer. Mrs Nerida Rodrom will again be in the office. Angus Rae will continue as the General Assistant and Mrs Sue Vella will continue to clean up after everyone.

Attached to this newsletter is an Excursion Coupon booklet.

The payments that families make into this booklet help us to provide out of school activities such as entry fees and travel to Musica Viva concerts, travel to the Gulgang Eisteddfod, Life Education Van, days with Hill End School and the Public Speaking Competition and academic competitions, to name just a few. To help cover the cost of these activities, we ask for your support. Please send the coupon book and correct money to school each week with your child. The book will be stamped and returned to your child.

Just $2 per week for one child, $3 per week for a family of two children and $4 per week for a family of three or more children. Alternatively, this can be paid in full. This totals:
• $80 for one child for the year
• $120 for two children for the year
• $160 for a family of three or more children.

We do not charge school fees or ask families to buy book packs, but we do ask that you support the Coupon Booklet.