Welcome to

Hargraves Public School

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School Hours

School commences at 8.55 am each day and concludes at 3.00 pm.

Recess is from 11.00 am to 11.20 am.

Lunch is from 1.00 pm to 1.55 pm.

School Bus

The school bus is owned and operated by Mr. Terry Campbell. His phone number can be obtained from the school.

In the morning the bus travels to the Beechworth Log on the Triamble Road, from 7.50 am on and arriving at school at 8.10 am. In the afternoon the bus leaves school at 3pm and returns to the Beechworth Log at 3.20 pm.

In the morning the bus travels to Dun Dun on the Hill End Road, arriving there at 8.25 am and returning to school at 8.45 am. In the afternoon the bus leaves the school at 3.40 pm and arrives at Dun Dun at 3.55 pm.

Application forms for bus travel are available from Terry or the school.

Application forms are also available from the school for Private Vehicle Conveyance for families residing more than 1.6 km from the bus pick up point. The subsidy is paid directly into the parent’s bank account after the end of Term 2 and Term 4. It is calculated on the number of days that a child attends school.

The principal or teacher and bus driver must be informed of any changes to travel arrangements, preferably before lunch.

Uniform

The P & C operate a uniform shop; the purpose of which is to provide affordable uniforms to parents.

The uniform for both boys and girls is:

- Royal blue sloppy joe with school logo.
- Sky blue polo-shirt with royal blue school logo.
- Navy blue track pants or navy shorts.
- Navy socks and joggers for general wear, black shoes for special occasions.

Girls may wear a blue-checked dress with white collar in summer.

The school enforces a no hat play in the shade policy.

A clothing pool of donated uniforms also operates. These items of clothing are available free of charge.

Class Organisation

Children are taught in small stage groups for Literacy and Numeracy four mornings per week. Staged groups are based on need, not on age.

Mrs. Unicomb teaches the Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 group.

Miss. Wakely teaches the Stage 2 group.

Mrs. Rae teaches the Stage 3 group.

Technology

The school is well resourced with up-to-date technological equipment. Three classrooms have electronic whiteboards, which are used in teaching and learning. The Infants classroom has Video Conferencing facilities. Every child has access to a computer and an iPod Touch.

All children are issued with email accounts and enjoy secure filtered access to the Internet.

Music and Performing Arts

A policy of the school is that every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and each child is loaned a recorder.

Primary children perform with their recorders at the Department of Education and Training’s Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House, as well as at local eisteddfods and concerts.

A specialist music teacher visits the school once a fortnight during Terms 3 and 4. The school participates in the Musica Viva in Schools program.
Sport

Sports lessons are held every week. All children are encouraged to learn new sporting skills and display sportsmanship. The skills for each sport are taught in five week blocks, so each term the children are introduced to two new sports.

The whole school attends swimming lessons for a week at the beginning of year and a week at the end of the year. This initiative is supported by the P & C.

The school participates at the Mudgee Small School’s Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. Successful students compete at the Zone, Area and State Championships. Students also compete at the Cross-Country Trials.

The school participates in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge, the Active After Schools Communities Program, Super 8’s Cricket, Touch Football Gala Day, Go Go Golf and the Jump Rope for Heart program.

Library

The school is proud of its well resourced library, which caters for all reading levels.

Children are supplied with a library card and library bag and are able to borrow each week during their Library lesson, if they have their library bags.

Scholastic book club operates once a term for children and parents to purchase books. The school receives bonus points from book club purchases, which are used to obtain end-of-year book prizes and library books.

The shire mobile library van visits the school every third Wednesday morning between 11.15 am and 12.15 pm. The van carries a selection of books suitable for all ages. The library van is open to the general public.

Local and National Competitions

Students in Years 3–6 enter the University of New South Wales Competitions, the Primary Research Project and the Henry Lawson Society Poetry Competition. The whole school enters the Book Week Competition, the CWA International Day Competition and the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The school submits entries to the Mudgee Show.

Excursions

The school conducts whole school excursions where all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 attend. Parents are issued with payment books and asked to contribute a small amount each week to help cover costs.

Parents who are experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to speak confidentially to the Principal.

Combined Small Schools Gatherings

The school meets with other small schools for themed days. These days are designed to give children the opportunity to meet children from other schools, play team sports with children their own age and develop friendships that last through to high school.

Principal and staff from small schools meet regularly to network and support each other.

Fruit in the Morning

Fruit is prepared each morning before school for the children and is served following morning fitness.

Lunch

Parents are encouraged to pack a healthy lunch-box for their child. Children should only bring water to school. Parents are encouraged to limit the number of unhealthy pre-packaged snacks to one per day.

A microwave, sandwich toaster and water for soup are available, under staff supervision.

Birth to Kindergarten Program

The school operates a Birth to Kindergarten Program which encourages singing, reading, talking and cuddling your baby in an attempt to give children the best start in life and to improve the literacy and language standard of all children before they commence school.

A program for children aged from three to five years is held every Wednesday during school terms from 11.30 am to 3 pm.
Playgroup

Playgroup meets in the church at the rear of the school each Wednesday during school terms from 9.00 am to 11.00 am and caters for children from birth to five years.

Each week, activities include painting, gluing, play-dough, story time, playing with toys and outside play.

Children and parents share morning tea. Cost is $1 per week.

Galloping Gumnuts visits the school once a fortnight.

Religious Instruction

Non-denominational scripture classes are held each Monday. Parents who do not wish for their children to attend scripture classes should contact the Principal.

P & C

P & C meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm at the school. The P & C actively supports the school through its fundraising activities.

Canteen

The P & C operates a healthy canteen every second Friday.

Orders and envelopes are sent home the week before and must be returned to school by Tuesday before canteen. A box for orders is situated near the office.

Things you need to know about enrolment ......

All parents of new enrolments are required to complete an enrolment form and a mini-excursion permission note.

Parents of children entering Kindergarten are required to provide proof of birth and proof of immunisation.

The school also needs to be informed of any custody arrangements, etc. that may affect your child.

Allergies

Parents of children who suffer from any allergies, have a medical condition or take prescribed medication need to inform the Principal.

A separate and detailed form will be provided on enrolment.

Absences

All absences from school must be explained. This can be done by phoning the school, speaking to the teacher in person or by a written note.

Printed notes are available from the office.

Emergency Contact Details

Sometimes children fall ill at school or have an accident. An up-to-date list of emergency contact details is kept at school in case of an accident or illness. Parents are asked to inform the school of any changes to their nominated emergency contacts.

Staff

Principal  Mrs Jane Rae
Class Teachers  Mrs Julie Unicomb, Miss Danielle Wakely
Technology/Art Teacher  Miss Katrina Odgers
School Administration Manager  Mrs Nerida Rodrom
School Learning Support Officer  Mrs Karin Meszaros, Mrs Sally Woods, Mrs Louise O’Brien
General Assistant  Mr Angus Rae
Cleaner  Mrs Sue Vella