



# Deputy Principal's Message

Term 4, Week 7

Dear Parents / Carers,

Term 4 is an incredibly busy time of the year with teachers in the process of finalising Semester Two reports and staff developing plans and organising classes for 2019. Meanwhile our senior students are well underway in the process of student leadership selecting candidates for the 2019 Student Leader elections taking place next week (Tuesday 4 December).

## P & C Bunnings Fundraiser



Our P&C Fundraiser was a huge success in last weekend. Over \$2 000 was raised which will be put towards air conditioning fundraising targets. Our parents and teacher volunteers had a great time and it was also rewarding to see so many Harcourt community members in attendance buying sausages. Our P&C do an amazing job and we all appreciate the great work that they do. Thank you to all involved on a fantastic fundraiser.

## Tell Them From Me Surveys

Thank you to all of the community members that completed Tell Them From Me surveys in 2018. We only had nearly 50 families complete the survey in 2018. These surveys assist us to reflect on our practices and to plan for the future. The overwhelming theme from the surveys is that families like continue to see progress in their child's academic and social development. We also acknowledge that many parents would also like to see greater communication between the school and home. Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback. Your kind and supportive comments were also greatly appreciated. We all love working at Harcourt and enjoy working with your children. Your positive comments only encourage us to continue our hard work.

## Congratulations – Burwood Rotary Awards

Recently, Burwood Rotary recognised the efforts of two of our outstanding school citizens, Jeremy and Basma who exemplify the Harcourt motto 'Deeds & Words'. Mrs Holt and the students' families were in attendance to congratulate and celebrate this well-deserved recognition of student citizenship.



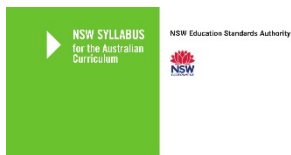
## Kindergarten 2019 Orientation

Our Kindergarten transition program has been a great success with many new and returning families adding to the richness and diversity that makes Harcourt Public School a great place to learn, have fun and achieve.

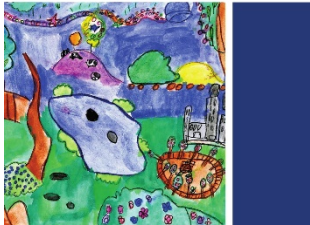
Kindergarten students will commence their formal schooling at the start of Week 2 next year.



## New K-6 Science and Technology syllabus



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY K-6 SYLLABUS



The new Science and Technology K-6 syllabus was released by NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) in 2017 and implementation begins in 2019.

The new syllabus builds on the strengths of the existing NSW Science and Technology K-6 syllabus (2012). The new syllabus identifies the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in Science and Technology. Science and Technology is one of the six key learning areas in the primary curriculum and consists of five strands.

- In **Living World** students learn about living things, the needs of living things and where food comes from.
- In **Material World** students explore the characteristics and properties of materials and substances.
- In **Physical World** students explore forces, energy and how the physical characteristics of objects affect movement.
- In **Earth and Space** they learn about the Earth's place in the universe and about caring for the Earth's resources.

In **Digital Technologies** they investigate existing technologies and create digital solutions.

Students will develop an understanding of the five strands through two skill processes: Working Scientifically, and Design and Production. This enables students to answer questions and develop creative solutions to problems.

Further information can be found on the NESA website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/parents/parent-guide>

Warm regards,

**Paul Keevers & Yasmin Ibrahim**

**Deputy Principals**