



Harcourt Public School



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Principal's News

Term 3 has finished and what a great term it has been!

In the last few weeks we have celebrated Book Week, jumped our hearts to a healthy state, joined our voices with other schools in the Combined Schools Choir singing at the Opera House, shared teaching and learning activities with parents through workshops, supported our Stage 3 students at camp, successfully entered the Film by the Banks Festival, presented our points of view in the Premier's Debating Challenge (currently in the quarter finals) and encouraged our Harcourt representatives in the Ultimo Operational Directorate Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition (congratulations to Olivia 5/6B who succeeded in winning her age category).

We also celebrated our Non-Teaching Staff in Week 6. School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week, is a time to acknowledge and thank the Office staff, Student Learning and Support Officers and General Assistant at our school. They are often the glue that keeps schools together and allow us to do what we do every single day. I would like to formally acknowledge the contributions of our Non-Teaching Team for their contribution to the success of our students.

It certainly has been a busy and eventful term. Happy holidays to everyone and we will see you back soon ready for a fun filled Term 4.

Jan Holt – Principal



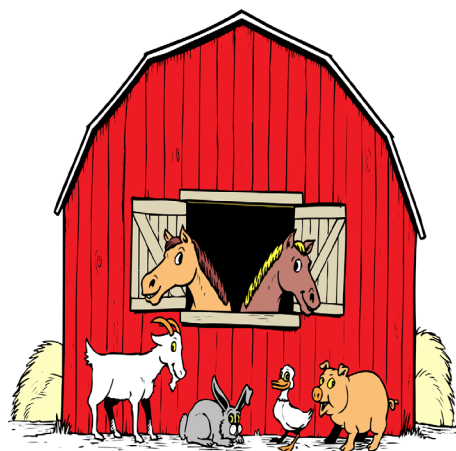
Our Vision:

Our learning community at Harcourt Public School is committed to fostering personal excellence. Together we inspire curious, adaptable learners who actively engage in a complex and dynamic world. We value integrity, inclusivity and mutual respect.

Kindergarten Farmers

Kindergarten have been learning about living things as a part of our Science unit. On the 4th of September, we travelled to Golden Ridge Farm on the bus and had lots of fun!

We arrived at the farm and had a quick snack before continuing on with our adventure for the day. We met Farmer Josh who took us around the farm and showed us the farm animals. We saw a rooster, hen, newborn chicks, cows, goats, sheep, pig, rabbits, ducks and lots more! The most exciting part was getting to milk the cow and feeding the animals! We even got to pet the chicks, rabbits, ducklings and lambs. It was a fun day for all of us!



Stage 1 Super Readers

The 2019 Book Week theme was “Reading is My Secret Power” and what a powerful day it was! Students and teachers meticulously prepared for the exciting event. The entire week was packed with interesting activities including joining a top secret book club, guessing the number of books in our library, enjoying the book character parade, setting the biggest D.E.A.R in Harcourt history and grooving in the P&C disco.

Stage One have been celebrating books this term and have been presenting news to their peers about their favourite books and authors. We cannot wait to listen to all of the fabulous presentations!

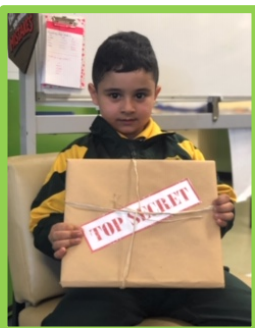
Students have been appreciating amazing literature from various authors. They have been learning the meaning of question words such as what, when, who, how and why. They have learnt how to retell the events in sequence using words to describe elapsed time such as next, after that, then.

Book Week Recount - The Orientation

Year 2 - Caroline

My brilliant Book Week

On Tuesday the 20th of August 2019 teachers, students and carers of Harcourt Public School celebrated Book Week because reading is our secret power! The event was held in the hall and fake grass of Harcourt Public School. Students and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters. I dressed up as Alfie the Tortoise from Esio Trot. The author of the book is Rolad Dahl and the illustrator is Quentin Blake. My teacher Mrs Kilmister dressed up as the yellow crayon from ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’. I think that yellow is the real colour of the sun!



Book Week Recount – Series of events

Year 1 – Emma

Book week celebrations

First we went to the hall for our book character parade. Next the best dressed students were awarded a prize. After that we had the biggest D.E.A.R in Harcourt History with our families at the fake grass. Then we danced at the disco and we had so much fun! Then the P and C picked the best dancers and they got a prize! Lastly we watched The Little Prince in class. It was the best day of my life!

Stage 2 – Active Lifestyles

Stage Two students have enjoyed a very busy term with the Primary Athletics Carnival, Book Week, Public Speaking competition and many more events! One particular activity was the Stage Two Geography excursion to Wattamolla Royal National Park. Students got to experience the rich culture of Australia's neighbouring countries and develop their skills to use maps to locate and identify countries. The scenic bushwalk had breathtaking views and students worked together in teams to create a Chinese Dragon Dance.





Stage 3 Camp



On the 11th September Stage Three students packed their bags, jumped on a bus and arrived at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber. It was three days filled with adventure, fun and learning. Students overcame their fears, learnt how to work together in groups and became more independent.



Canoeing



Rock climbing



Archery

Students tried a range of different activities



Tree climbing



Frisbee golf



Giant swing

The Stage Three students had a wonderful time at camp and came back to school on Friday, 13th September happy but tired.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart was a successful day! It was great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. Harcourt Public School raised over \$1000. Thank you friends and family for raising money for a great cause! Well done all skippers. A special mention to Will in 2K for winning the K-2 Jump off and Angelo in 3K for winning the 3-6 Jump off.



NSW Cricket Program



Cricket NSW coaches have been teaching our students the fundamentals of cricket through drills and active games. Students have been having a lot of fun batting, bowling and fielding.

The students are thrilled and enjoying the NSW Cricket Program. The aim of the program is to improve fundamental movement skills, increase confidence and competence in an inclusive and fun environment.

Our “Spectacular” Choir

A Night at the Opera House

After months of rehearsing the choir finally performed at the iconic Sydney Opera House on Thursday 29th August. Our sixteen keen and dedicated students were amongst other primary and high school students.

The students were split into alto and soprano sections. They sang a repertoire of songs including the song ‘September’ as the finale. The occasion was one we will all remember for a long time!

Congratulations to our choir for their outstanding performance, behaviour and positive attitude on what was a very long day/night. Thank you to all our parents/carers for your support.

Mr Wang and Ms Nicos – Choir Coordinators





Public Speaking



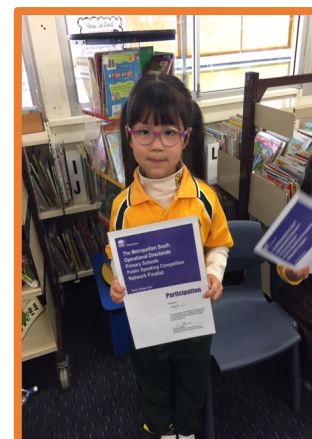
Sophie - 1S



Olivia - 5/6B



Kimberlee - 3/4C



Kayla - KB

On Wednesday 18th September, four students from Harcourt Public School represented our school at the Metropolitan South Operational Directorate Primary Schools Public Speaking competition in the Canterbury/Strathfield Network Final. All students represented the school proudly and performed very well. They should be congratulated for achieving this level in the competition. A special congratulation should be given to Olivia in 5/6B who won the Stage Three level of the competition for her outstanding speech on Pollution. She also gave an excellent impromptu speech on the topic *Who would you invite to dinner and why?* She chose Kevin Rudd and spoke about how she admired him for saying sorry to the Aboriginal people. Olivia has been involved in public speaking all through her school life at Harcourt so it was particularly pleasing to see her finally be recognised for her hard work and persistence. Olivia will now go on to represent Harcourt Public School at the grand final. We all wish her good luck and success at the next level.



Debaters convince their way to the Semi Finals

This week, our Harcourt Gold team went up against Bardia Public School in the Quarter finals for the Premiers Debating Challenge.

They were tense and nervous, not knowing what to expect from their competition. The topic was 'School days should be made longer' with our Gold's taking on the negative side. After having to rebuttal some difficult arguments and points from the affirmative team, our debaters came through with a successful win. Congratulations to Olivia, Sreyoshi, Violeta and RuoBin for getting thourgh to the Semi-Finals.



K-2 Parent Numeracy Workshop

123 Strategies for Building Numeracy Skills 123

The workshop was presented by some of the teachers from Harcourt Public School and provided parents with helpful tips and ideas that they could use at home to help support their child in Mathematics. Parents had the opportunity to participate in hands on activities.



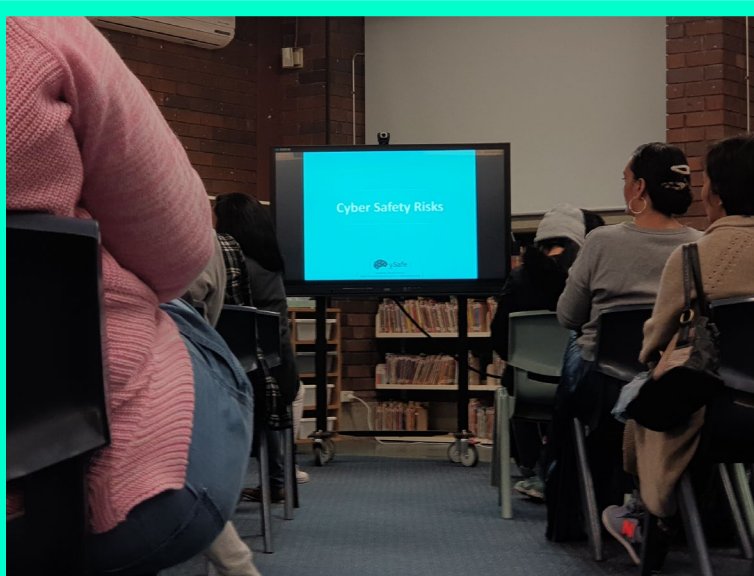
Parent Information Session

Cyber Safety



Our parents joined us on Wednesday 25th September evening to learn important tips from ySafe Australia. Our key priority was to learn ways to help our children have safe and enjoyable experiences online.

Essential information for all of us.



Parent Reading Program

Two workshops have been held this term to train Parent Reading Volunteers. The workshops included a Volunteer Induction led by Mrs Holt outlining the requirements for volunteering in schools, followed by a training session on how we teach students to read and how parents can help our students (and their own child) learn to read, led by Mrs Pearson. We currently have 14 trained parent reading volunteers who listen to students read from Kindergarten to Year 3.

Thank you to all our wonderful parent reading volunteers, who come along each week, and listen to students read.



The more that you

READ

the more THINGS
you will know.

The more that you


LEARN,

the more PLACES
YOU'LL GO.


— Dr. Seuss

Positive Behaviour for Learning NEWS

For the second half of term 3 students have been focusing on the RESPECTFUL aspect of our PBL expectations. Each class has been learning about building positive relationships with their peers by listening, helping, being thoughtful, speaking kindly and asking questions.



Would you like some help logging into Reading Eggs?



What would you like to do at lunch time today?

Maybe play some hand ball. Would you like to do that too?

In some very exciting, long awaited news, the PBL team and Harcourt Public School has been very pleased to finally install the **Positive Behaviour for Learning** signage! Take a moment to walk around our school and have a look at our amazing new signs, filled with all the information you need to know about being a successful student, here at Harcourt. There has been a lot of collaboration between staff, students and parent groups to get the ideas and wording just right for our community. **We think they look amazing!** Come and have a walk around with your child and let them tell you all about PBL in our school and how they can be a **Harcourt Hero!**



Pssst...Word has it, there is going to be a big PBL celebration next term! Save the 7th November for a big PBL Party!



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