

Principal's Message



Dear parents and carers,

2017 Term 1, Week 7.

Over the last fortnight you will have noticed some new faces around the school. One of these is Mr Paul Keevers who is fulfilling the Deputy Principal role whilst Mrs Edgerton is on leave. Mr Keevers comes with previous experience in the role and a strong passion for ensuring quality teaching and learning is promoted, along with a desire to form strong, productive relationship with students, staff and community. We welcome Mr Keevers to our Harcourt team and encourage community members to approach him and introduce themselves as he is moving around the school.

In the office you will see three new faces who are fulfilling the School Administration Manager (SAM) and School Administration Officer (SAO) roles during the absence of Mrs Lorraine St. Guillaume and Mrs Margaret Carter- Mikl. These staff members have come with experience in office structures and have been working hard to move Harcourt across to the new Learning Management and Business Reform financial system with as little disruption as possible. We welcome Mrs Maria Costello (SAM), Ms Elani Venizelou (SAO) and Ms Hong Thai (SAO) in these roles and thank the community for their patience as we streamline the processes in the office system.

This week each family will receive information about school contributions and the extra opportunities it provides for each student. We appreciate the level of support traditionally demonstrated by the community and encourage a continuation of this tradition as we work together towards a level of excellence for each child. If financial hardship is a concern at this time please contact the office to organise an appointment with me so we can discuss alternative arrangements.

At Harcourt we are fortunate to have play equipment for both K-2 and 3-6 students. These areas provide great enjoyment but also require a high level of supervision to ensure safety and responsible play. This level of care is organised into our timetables during the lunch break each day and occasionally during class based activities. Without this level of supervision students are unable to access the equipment. We are asking for the support of the community in ensuring correct practices are in place by discussing with your child the times they can access equipment. We also ask that you remind your child that they are NOT able to play on the equipment BEFORE and AFTER school for safety reasons. Each morning and afternoon there are signs explaining the equipment is closed. It would be appreciated if you could show the signs to your child to assist them in understanding when the equipment is accessible and when they need to find another play activity.



This year we are offering parent teacher interviews in Term 1. A note will be coming home explaining the dates and process for booking a time with your child's teacher this week. We encourage parents and carers to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss the strengths and areas of growth for each child. Along with the note is a survey (years 1-6) about your child. We would appreciate this being returned before the meeting to assist with the discussion.

Kind regards
Mrs Holt
Principal

Coming up

Friday 17 March

- P&C AGM 9.30am in Library
- No assemblies due to swim scheme

Monday 20 –24 March

- Harmony Day activities in classes

Monday 27 – 31 March

- Parent teacher interviews