

From the Relieving Principal

It is with great pleasure that I write to you for the first time as Relieving Principal of Harcourt Public School. I have enjoyed an extremely warm welcome from the students and community of this great school.

Please make sure you say hello when you see me around the school – I look forward to meeting you.

Have a great week.

David Sim

K-2 Athletics Carnival...great fun for all!

On Tuesday 20 October K-2 had their annual sports carnival. The children enjoyed participating in a variety of activities such as running races, javelin, discus and shot put. Harcourt students displayed outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. A special thank you to teachers and parents who helped make the carnival run smoothly on the day. It was great to see lots of community involvement.



We would like to congratulate our Harcourt debaters for 2015: Isaac, Abdul, Alex, Megh, Nathan, Ellie, Yumi and Paula. These students participated in the Granville/Strathfield School Education Areas Debating Program. The students won 2 out of 4 debates. They had some challenging topics such as "That the Television news is not the real news". They were the negative side for this debate. The students did really well in this debate and won against Punchbowl PS.



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School Spectacular rehearsal – we can't wait for the big night!



Stage 3 Camp – we struck gold!

From Tuesday 20 October to Thursday 22 October Stage 3 travelled to Hill End Holiday Ranch for their Annual Camp. On the way there Stage 3 stopped at Katoomba and Bathurst for Morning Tea. On the first day students were able to explore the original 1870's mine in Bald Hill. Students were also able to view mining methods from the Great Australian Gold Rush. The tunnel was 80m into the hill.

The next day Stage 3 visited Golden Gully where you could view alluvial diggings of the 1850's. Students discussed the Chinese miners' methods and the effects of the intense erosion. Some very lucky students were able to keep some of the leftover Quartz Crystals. After visiting Golden Gully Stage 3 learnt how to pan in the famous and bountiful Tambaroora Creek just like the way the early miners did. If any student found specks of gold they were able to keep it.

On the last day Stage 3 stopped at Bathurst Sheep and Cattle Drome. Students were allowed to feed emus and pet sheep. The show featured many farming activities. After the show Stage 3 arrived at Katoomba Scenic World and rode the steepest incline railway in the world, the 415m descent took students through a cliff side tunnel. Students then rode the steepest aerial cable car in Australia and were able to see the Three Sisters. Students arrived back at school around 6pm.

By Corinne Cai and Geena Han



Congratulations to all our public speakers for 2015. All participants should be very proud of their efforts! Stage 1 student names: winner- Paakhi Chaturvedi, runner up- Lucy Lyu, encouragement - Olivia Ahn. Stage 2 student names: winner- Jennifer Lu, runner up- Amy McInnis, encouragement- Gillian Tan.



This table is in the Newsletter every week and shows which students have achieved a special level in our ROSE (Respecting Our School & Each other) awards program or have been noted for a really great effort in class – or have done some fantastic handwriting.

The following students have achieved a higher level on the ROSE program or they have come to the Principal to show their excellent work. When they come to see me, they get a sticker for their good work – and a stamp on their forehead, their nose, their cheek or their chin. SO – if your child comes home with a stamp from the Principal – tell them how proud and pleased you are!

Congratulations to these students:

Dates to remember....

1. 30 October – P&C meeting
2. 10 November – Life Education begins
3. 11 November – Remembrance Day
4. 23 November – Kinder Bush Activities
5. 24 November- Stage 1 to the Zoo
6. 8 December – Year 6 Farewell
7. 9 December – Presentation Day
8. 16 December – Last day for students

CLASS	Good Work & Handwriting
5/6 W	George Lala Geena Han For leading our Grandparents Day Assembly with poise.
K-2	All Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 students for their wonderful performances at our Grandparents Assembly.
	All our wonderful community for sending in such delicious food for our Multicultural lunch. Thank you!

Kindergarten has been visiting the students of Wangee Park School. They have enjoyed their visits and made many new friends. Here are some photos of Kindergarten Purple's visit.



Important information for all parents

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

STAGE 2 Excursion – Fun for everyone!

Last week Stage 2 went on an excursion to the NSW Art Gallery and the Royal Botanic Gardens. We went there to complement our HSIE topic of National Parks that has an aboriginal focus. Stage 2 was split into class groups. 4R went to see the Art Gallery first. We saw Aboriginal dot paintings and how they made them. They were very intricate and beautiful. We also saw other brilliant paintings such as the Colour exhibition, some video art and even paintings by Pablo Picasso!

Next we ate lunch; we had plenty of time before our Botanical Gardens tour so 4R went for a walk to Mrs Macquarie's Chair. The view of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge was amazing.

Soon it was time for our Botanical Gardens tour. We learned that Aboriginal people had a hard time making resources for themselves. We also learned that they use natural products, such as plants, to make everything they need. For example, they use paperbark for bandages and lemon myrtle leaves to make tea.

We had the best day! Special thanks to all the teachers, especially Mrs Wales for organising this excursion.

By Cindy Xie and Cindy Phu. 4R.



A reminder about safety...

It is important that students are not in the playground without supervision. Our morning duty begins at 8.45am – please support the school by ensuring your children are not here before this time. Thank you!

Important Information for parents

Communication with your child's teacher is extremely important. At Harcourt we believe that to educate a child, we must have a good relationship with the family. If you ever need to speak to your child's teacher, please phone the office and our staff will make an appointment for you.



Grandparents Day and Multicultural Lunch

Many thanks to the family and friends of Harcourt Public School for helping us celebrate this special day. As always, these events are only successful because of the support we receive from the community. The students who came to school in their national dress were an outstanding feature of the day. Thank you also for all the yummy food you prepared for the day – we certainly had an international feast that represented the significance of the day!

A day to remember...



Thank You!



(Tae Kwon Do)

Self Defence Classes

When: Tuesdays &
Fridays
6:30 – 7:30pm

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A colorful illustration of a young child with brown hair, wearing a yellow shirt, sitting on a red chair and painting a large kangaroo and a koala on a canvas. The background is a grid of colorful squares.