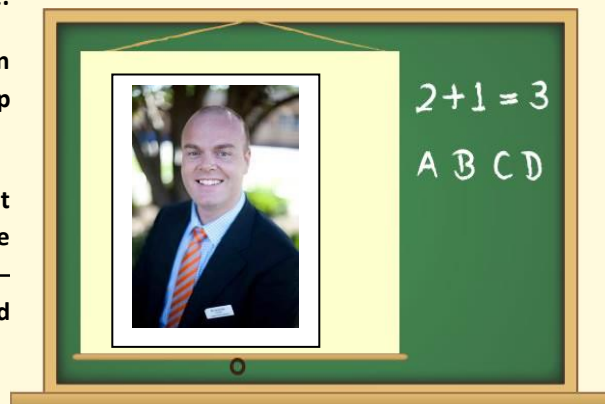


From the Relieving Principal

Harcourt Public School has been an exciting place to be over the past couple of weeks. We have seen all students participate in Health and Personal Development lessons as they visited the Healthy Harold van. These lessons are an excellent opportunity for students to discuss healthy life choices that will affect their future.

As we are drawing toward the end of the school year, there are many events on celebrating student success. Please use the school's new-look website to keep up to date.

Finally, as you know we have some very warm weather. Please know that student health and well-being is at the forefront of our minds at all times. When the temperature becomes such that it would be unsafe for students to play outside – we will announce inside play. Please ensure your child has a hat and lots of ice-cold drinks on these very hot days. Have a great week. David Sim



KINDERGARTEN WATER SAFETY

On Tuesday 24 November all Kindergarten children went to a Water Safety incursion. Miss Kim taught the children three rules called The Aquacode. These were rules that would keep them safe near water.

1. Go Together
2. Stay Afloat and Wave
3. Reach and Rescue

If you have a spare minute ask your child to teach you the rules that they were taught in this wonderful lesson. If you would like your child to do some related activities and games about this important topic go to-

www.swimandsurvive.com.au

Public Speaking Finals

On Wednesday 21st October 2015 students from Harcourt represented our school at the Marrickville Network division of the 2015 Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition. This competition was held at Erskineville Public School. The following students Milan Paul and Jhenna Easton from Early Stage 1, Paakhi Chaturvedi from Stage 1, Jennifer Liu from Stage 2 and Prabhleen Kaur from Stage 3 all gave excellent speeches. All the students had exemplary behaviour and represented our school well. Special congratulations to Milan Paul who received a Highly Commended award for her speech entitled The Farm.



Egg Experiments

On Wednesday 18 November, 5/6W participated in the egg drop experiment. We used eggs, paper cups, strings, balloons, tape, insulation, paper and plastic bags, egg cartons, toilet paper, packaging (plastic) one sock (for each group) and cotton wool. The experiment required us to work in teams and to design a model that would stop an egg from cracking when dropped from a height of 5 metres. All the groups came up with different designs. The groups were nervous when it came time to drop the egg. You can see by the photos which ones were successful and which egg unfortunately did not survive the drop.



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 the Principal, 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. 4 December – Harcourt Carols
6. 8 December – Year 6 Farewell
7. 9 December – Presentation Day
8. 16 December – Last day for students



CLASS	Good Work & Handwriting
2L	Jayden Tanzin Lincoln Marisara Katherine Ryan

Poster Competition - Harcourt Public School recently entered into the 'Say no to illegally dumped rubbish' poster competition ran by Canterbury Council. Congratulations to Michelle Kim for winning the 7-9 years age group.

The following students received Runner Up awards – Geena Han, Jessica Van Gent and Ruichen Zhang



Congratulations



Harcourt Carol Night



Many thanks go to our hardworking P&C who have arranged for our Carol Night on **4 December 2015**. The canteen will be selling hot food and cold drinks. There will be gelato for sale along with a last minute gift stall.

The Salvation Army band will be playing and a fun night will be had by all. All you need to do is bring along your picnic rug a picnic and a small gift to put under the giving tree.

Please save the date and come along and share this special end of year.

Pet Poems from Mrs Currie's Writing Group

Dogs, Dogs, Dogs by Brian Moyst

There are all types of dogs,
Big dogs, small dogs,
These are just a few.
Skinny dogs, fat dogs,
Silly dogs too.
Jumping dogs and growling dogs,
But best of all is my dog Jewel



Cats,Cats,Cats by Lara Ghneifer

Big cats, small cats,
Lazy cats, small cats.
Scratching cats and cats that like fun.
Lazy cats and loving cats,
Happy cats, ginger cats that roam.
There are many breeds of cats, this makes them interesting.
Blue cats, zebra cats,
wild cats AND last of all
My normal cat.



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!

Packaging it better!

Stage 2 is learning how to package items better in Science. We have been performing many different investigations to work out which type of packaging works best.

For example, we have investigated which material best protects a biscuit from impact. We tested different materials such as thick cardboard, bubble wrap, foam cloth, a paper bag and foam pellets. We wanted to see which material protected the biscuit the best from the impact of the can. The foam pellets gave the best result and the thick cardboard gave the second best result. The rest failed in some way.

In another test we discovered that a folded piece of paper is stronger than a flat unfolded piece of paper. We learned that a folded piece of paper becomes more rigid because of the fold.

Everyone uses their science booklet to record and learn about packaging. We write a prediction, do different trials, record the results and evaluate what happens. We are having a super fun time cracking biscuits, testing packaging materials and designing ways to package fragile things better!



By Mia Dang, Anzin Mu and Aaron Goff in Class 3E.

We love Healthy Harold...



All Kindergarten classes have visited the Healthy Harold van in the past two weeks to learn about how to be happy, healthy and safe in our daily lives. We participated in lessons teaching us about eating a healthy diet and we played a game to find foods which were good for us.

The lady taught us about important people like the Police, Fire and Ambulance Officers. We also learnt the slogan - "When you need a Hero - you dial zero, zero, zero".

At the end of the lesson the lady introduced us to Healthy Harold.

We all had a great time and are looking forward to seeing Harold back again next year.