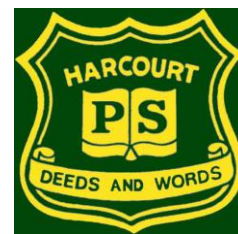


Harcourt School News

2016
Term 4
week 6



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Message from the Acting Principal

Term 4 is moving forward at a fast pace. In the coming weeks we have remaining excursions, reports coming home, Carols evening and Year 6 final celebrations. I encourage you to keep an eye out for notes and be aware of important dates outlined on the calendar.

Next week we are having the silver coin donation fundraiser organized by the P & C. Each class is in competition with each other, but more importantly we are working together to raise funds for SRC suggested resources for the school. It will be exciting to see which class is the winner for this initiative.

What's On, 2016

Oct 9	Term 4 Commences
Nov 30	Stage 1 Excursion
Dec 5	Kinder Bush Christmas Incursion
Dec 8	Yr 6 Farewell /Reports to parents
Dec 9	ROSE Assembly
Dec 9	Carols by Candlelight at HPS
Dec 12	Presentation Day
Dec 16	School Concludes for 2016



P&C Silver Coin Fundraiser!

Monday - Friday, November 21-25

Each class, (K-6) has its own tub for collecting money. The *winning* class will be the one who raises the most money by the end of the week. So come on... what are you waiting for!

We want any change you can spare. 5c, 10c, 20, & 50c (or GOLD)! You will be suprised how quickly those cents can add up.

The class teacher will be in charge of collecting the money for their class.

Prize:

The class who raises the most money will enjoy a movie and ice-block afternoon at School (in their classroom). They will also be presented with an award at Assembly on Friday 2 December and have their win published in the Harcourt Newsletter.

Where will the money be donated:

The money raised will be donated to the SRC of 2016. SRC members represent all students in the school and organise ways for students to participate and contribute to their school community.



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at assembly.

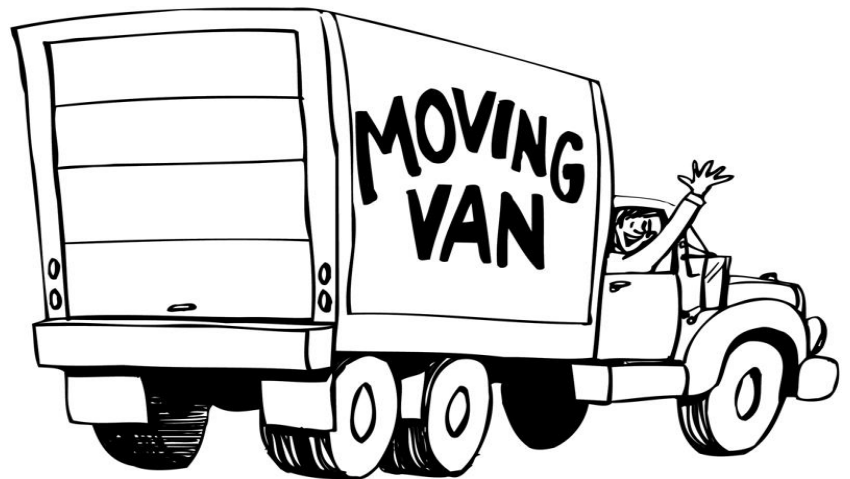
Class	Week 4	Week 5
KB	Esther, Ryan	Louis, Mischa, Jason
KG	Cheynelle, Oliver	Yi Hao, Stella
KP	Taliah, Anunzul	Kenzi, Arian
KR	Ena, Katelyn	Phoebe, Ejay
K/1S	Ariana, Kosta	Samreen, Tahmeed
1C	Syon, Nulian	Grace, Pujan
1E	Austin, Aimee	Cody, Joshua
1G	Sebastian, Zayan, Ayden	Sanslcar, Jhenna
2V	Avir, Christian	Maliyam, Aymen
2B	Jack, Lola	Aldarin, Hana
2T	Lytic, Harvey	Min Zhi, Jin
3H	Kelly, Daniele	
3N	Param, Mary	
3/4E	Brett, Kim	
3/4W	Noel, Bo	
4C	Ching, Osan	
4R	Daniel, Senia, Alex, Joaquina, Darren	
5C	Alex, Tina	
5F	Raith, Calista, Melelola, Chen Jun, Angela, Benjamin, Lilian, Tahlia	
5/6W	Cindy, Kyoung, Jeffrey	
6H	MinMy, Hannah	
6N	Grace, Andria	



Preparing for 2017

Is your child attending Harcourt PS in 2017?

Is your family relocating and will your child/children not be returning in 2017? If so, please inform the school office as soon as possible as we need to plan for classing and staffing in 2017.



Are you or a friend intending to enrol a child into school to commence in 2017? If so please complete and return all enrolment papers as soon as possible. **These are available from the Front Office.**



SEEN AROUND OUR CLASSROOMS

Graffiti Education Presentation

On a cloudy Wednesday morning, Year 5 and 6 students were invited to a 45-minute talk on graffiti, street art, and about making good choices in life.

The presentation was conducted by Xavier, whom told stories and gave advice concerning decisions in life. He retold his own personal experiences to the students, adding in humour for a bit of entertainment.

By giving examples of graffiti vandalism and legal street art, he explained the differences between the two, eventually leading up to the topic of selfishness, confidence, and important life decisions that we must make in order to reach happiness.

The students learnt a valuable lesson, not only about graffiti and street art, but knowledge that will be useful in their everyday lives in the future.

By Alison Li and Esther Gi



Excursion to Kokoda Track

The Kokoda Memorial Track is a place of education and inspiration. On Thursday October 19 2016, the year 6 had the pleasure to learn from men who had fought for our country in World War 2. Meeting real life war veterans and hearing their stories was a truly memorable experience.

The battle was very hard for the soldiers as the mountains were rocky and dangerous. We learnt about how the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels helped the Australian soldiers by carrying their supplies and our injured soldiers.

We were all astonished and touched by what the veterans taught us as they guided us around the track. Learning about soldiers who had survived and others who breathed their last breath for our country was extremely interesting and heart-warming.

We would like to thank the Campsie RSL Club for funding this incredible experience and for providing lunch for us. The war veterans who took the time to take us around and educate us throughout the day were amazing. It was a fantastic experience for the students of Harcourt Public School.

Written by Cecilia Li and Yumi Lim



Kindergarten

Teddy Bears Picnic

Kindergarten celebrated their first year of school with a Teddy Bears' Picnic! We started our day with a teddy bear craft activity in class. After recess, we had fun participating in lots of activities such as Pin the Heart on the Bear; we're going on a bear hunt obstacle course, Teddy Bear relays and a fun twist on Duck, Duck, Goose (Bear, Bear, Goldilocks).

We were lucky to have some students and teachers from Wangee Park School attend our picnic and join in on the fun! Thank you to the parents, carers and friends who came along and enjoyed the picnic with the children. It was a wonderful day and even the teddy bears had lots of fun!



My Debating Experience

Once again this year the stage three students have participated in the Granville/Strathfield School Education Areas Debating Program. The students had the opportunity to debate against five other schools. They were given the chance to visit other schools and interact with new students as well as hosting debates at their own school. The students reached the quarter finals winning five out of the six debates. They had to participate in a playoff to determine the winner of the division as three teams tied but unfortunately they lost. It was a great effort by all the students.

Mrs Speirs and Mrs Cacciotti (Debating Coaches)

As part of the debating team I learnt to be confident in speaking in front of a lot of people. I participated in many debates even though I got quite nervous! Debating was fun and I enjoyed being part of the debating team.

Aya 5F



As part of my debating team I have learnt to be confident when speaking in front of an audience. I had lots of fun and made new friends. Debating has made me level up! That is has improved my speaking which in turn will help me organise my prefect/captain speech. Now I know what makes a good speech. When I first started debating I was very nervous but I learnt that there is nothing to worry about!

Zahra 5C

During my time in debating I have enjoyed the performance, advice, encouragement and confidence my teammates provided me with. Many debates went past and every one I enjoyed. Different people become friends and though my lunch time was lost it was worth it! The hard work and effort gave me a great understanding of time management. It was a great opportunity for children to get to know each other. Ellen 5/6W



MY TIME AT DEBATING WAS WONDERFUL. IT WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME AND I REALLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH MY FRIENDS AND TEAMMATES. I LOVED CREATING SPEECHES AND GIVING MY POINT OF VIEW. TIARA 5C

Debating for me was a great experience. It gave me knowledge and taught me lifelong skills that I will never forget. It also gave me a chance to visit different schools and most importantly participate in debates which allowed me to improve my debating skills which I think will be helpful in my future. This experience is definitely one I will never forget as I go into high school next year.

Prabhleen 6N



Science in 2T

2T have been enjoying doing Science experiments for our unit on *Push and pull* forces this term. These have been the highlights so far...



Making **paper helicopters** to explore the forces of push and pull. We had to alter the propeller to compare with the original.



Designing and making parachutes using a variety of household objects such as plastic bags, string, wool and paper. We launched them off the 1st floor and they worked!



Exploring objects that **float and sink** and creating our own designs that using play dough.

Public Speaking



Four students represented Harcourt Public School at the Strathfield Network of the Ultimo Operational Directorate Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition held at Campsie Public School on 25th October, 2016. The students who went were Jayden KP, Jhenna IG, Olivia 3/4W and Prabhleen 6N. All students should be congratulated for their efforts in representing their school. They all performed very well in a competition with a very high standard. A big thank you to the students for all their hard work. This experience of competing against students from other schools should increase their confidence and make them even better public speakers in the future. Well done!



Teddy Bear Week - Kindergarten Blue



This week we have been learning about bears. We sat in groups and brainstormed using Post It notes all the things we knew about them. To try to increase our vocabulary and learn about verbs, nouns and adjectives we then had to write sentences.

Bears can _____ . Bears have _____ .

Bears are _____ .



Kindergarten played bear games and did a bear craft activity to take home.



Kindergarten Blue enjoyed joining their parents and carers for a picnic lunch.

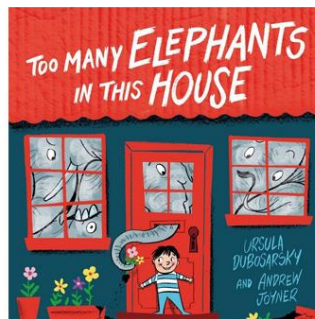


Library Bytes Term 4

Book Week

On Monday 22 August we celebrated Book Week with a visiting author, Dawn Meredith. Here are some of the students' reviews and comments:

- I learnt some tips from Dawn Meredith such as sometimes you have to work by yourself and always write down ideas. (Barra, 4C)
- Dawn Meredith's life is very interesting and her books are interesting too. The Anything Shop (one of her books) builds up suspense for the reader. The Boy who went to War is actually someone's true story. (Claire 3/4W)
- I liked the author visit because she showed a lot about how she wrote the books. I would love to see more author visits. (Tasnuva, 6N)
- I learned how to be imaginative from Dawn. (Noel, 3/4W)
- I liked when we played the adjectives and characters game. (Janet, 5F)
- I greatly enjoyed the author visit. I learnt a lot more about what it means to be an author and how to get ideas for writing. (Hannah, 6H)
- I am very excited to read your book! (Suzie, 3/4E)



Too Many Elephants in this House
By Ursula Dubosarsky



Rosita, 6H,
with her winning entry

This is a picture book written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated Andrew Joyner. The illustrator delivered a video through the ABC Splash website and students were encouraged to draw an animal and enter it in the Animals in Action competition on the Splash website. There were hundreds of entries and over 30 from Harcourt in Years 2 – 6. The winner of the whole competition was Rosita! Here are some of the others. They can all be viewed on the Splash website.



Lion Shooting Hoops,
lanthe, 6H



**Gentleman
Elephant,**
Ruichen, 6N



**Clown
Elephant,**
Jessica, 4C



**Grandma
Elephant,**
Chloe, 5/6W

Stage 2 Excursion

On Thursday 3rd November, Stage 2 went on an excursion to Sculptures by the Sea. We were very lucky as we had beautiful weather that day! We set off by bus and walked from Bondi Beach to Tamarama Beach. All students had a fantastic time. You can read about our experiences in Josephine's recount below:



Sculptures by the Sea

On Thursday, 3rd November we (my class) went to Sculptures by the Sea from Tamarama to Bondi Beach. We had to arrive at school at 8.45am and left at 9am. On the bus, I sat next to Claire. It took about 1 hour to get there. We went down some steps near Bondi Beach and ate some recess in the shade.

Then we set off along a path and walked along some cliffs. We walked up and down the stairs. Claire had acrophobia so she was very unlucky. We walked up a steep hill and met Mrs Koustoubardis' uncle near the sculpture made out of balls of wool. He was a police officer which was really cool!

After meeting Mrs Koustoubardis' uncle, we sat on some metal circles designed to look like it was made out of wood. We walked a bit more and sat down to eat some crunch and sip. There was rubbish hung on nets on some cliff faces too. I think my favourite sculpture was the coral reef cloth stuck onto some rocks. It was very well designed and full of colour. There was coral and some clown fish on it.

A few steps later, we reached the sand and started playing. My shoes were full of sand so I didn't feel that comfortable. Unfortunately, we had to climb up onto a rhinoceros; tummy and its tummy just seemed to be a hill of SAND. I got most of the sand in my shoes from that sculpture.

When the photos were done, we went onto the grass and stayed in the shade to eat our lunch. Sophie and Natalie had the same lunch (sushi) and drink (lemon ice tea)! I had a jam sandwich.

After we had finished our lunch, we walked onto some streets but we were REALLY TIRED. Miss Kiteri had to help up Lucy, Azkiya, Gillian, Jay, Claire and me when we reached a REALLY steep path.

We had to rest in the shade for a while to wait for our bus driver. There was a lot of traffic and we were really late!

I had a fun but really tiring and hot day!

By Josephine 3/4W



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