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Principal's News

Congratulations everyone, we have come to the end of another successful year.

Term 4, like the terms before it, has been extremely busy. We have continued to provide opportunities for students to attend excursions, have incursions on site, and who can forget the excitement and great fun had during the Colour Fun Run.

I would like to thank the P&C for their many fundraising activities as well as the support provided in activities such as covering reading books ready for next year. They have been extremely busy and just recently contacted me to say they have been successful with the Community Building Partnership Program and obtained funds to improve some of the facilities in our school canteen. We are lucky to have such a great team and many other volunteers working hard and contributing to reach the best possible outcomes for all of our students.



Each year we like to acknowledge staff members at our Canterbury Network Awards, for their commitment to the school and to Public Education. This year I would like to congratulate Mr Cen for his excellent achievements as a classroom /specialist teacher and Ms Papadimitriou for her success and dedication in her role as School Learning Support Officer. We are fortunate to have such talented staff and to have them remain with us next year.

We have seen many achievements from students over the year, with the latest being the children in 5/6K being recognised for their results in this year's Maths Olympiad. I would like to acknowledge the many students that achieved individual success and highlight the class as a whole as they have placed in the top 10% of teams overall in the 2022 Maths Olympiad Junior Division. Congratulations to 5/6K students and teachers.

We will finish the year sending our Year 6 students onto High school with great pride in their achievements. We wish them well and look forward to having them check in occasionally to share the highlights of their continued educational journey.

To all families, thank you for supporting myself and the staff at Harcourt over the year. We appreciate the partnership we have with you and wish you the best and most relaxing holiday break with your children. We look forward to seeing you back at school on January 31, 2023.

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.

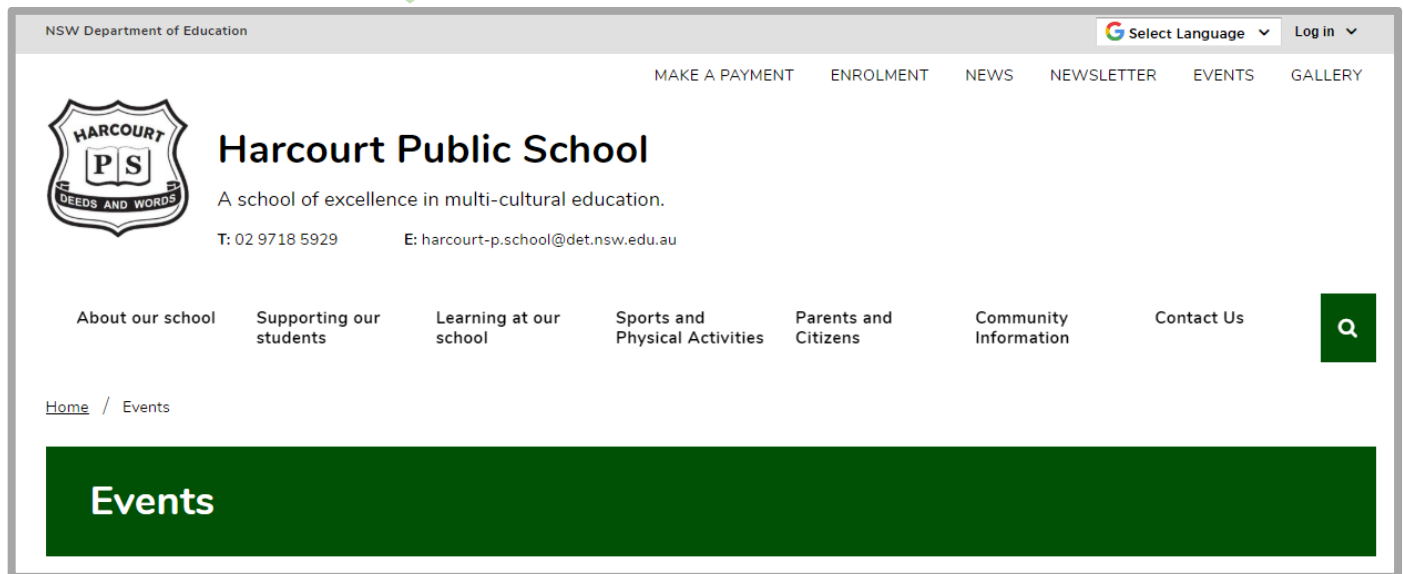
Next Issue:

Term 1 Week 5 2023

Our school website contains information on upcoming events so click on the image below to access this information.



URL: <https://harcourt-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>



SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been improving their fundamental movement skills. These are skills that involve different body parts such as feet, legs, arms and hands, and are the building blocks for more complex skills that children will need throughout their lives.



KR working on their ball skills – catching and throwing.



KB working on locomotor skills – running and dodging.



KG working on locomotor skills – running and dodging.



KW working on locomotor skills – running, jogging and jumping.



Active Learners in Stage One

Stage One have been:

- creating their own poems during Writing.
- improving their speaking and listening skills.
- exploring objects that bend and stretch in Science. As well as building models that use push and pull forces.
- learning about Position in Mathematics while using a variety of resources!



Cameron and Ariana in 1C enjoying the Zoo excursion.



Ray in 1C giving a one minute speech.



Yahya and Liam from 2L, showcasing their push and pull projects for their Science Project.



1A created Haiku poems about Summer.

Suhaina and Ahra from 2H are observing ways materials can be changed as part of our Science unit. They are creating their model using different actions such as bending, stretching, scrunching and rolling.



In 1K, we developed our skills in directional language (position), programming sequences of forwards, backwards, left and right 90 degree turns using Bee-bots! As you can see, we have some future programmers in 1K a hard on developing their programming skills!



Stage Two at The Rocks

On Wednesday 16 November, Stage 2 students went on an excursion to The Rocks, Sydney. This excursion was part of our 'First Contacts' History unit.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including interactive walking tours and dressing up as migrants, convicts and captains to recreate the Sydney of the 19th century. They learnt about Australia's colonisation and discussed indigenous perspectives on the Endeavour voyage and European arrivals.

It was a fantastic and memorable day!



What a wonderful year for Stage Three!

This year has been filled with active learning, building friendships and exploring new places, such as The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Students across all classes have stretched their knowledge and gained stronger friendships. Mr Hung, Ms Kanaan, Ms Lentros and Ms Nicos have enjoyed every minute of 2022 and are wishing all of our active learners success in their future years.

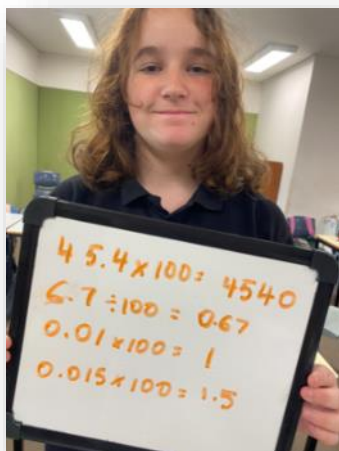
So what knowledge have they been building this term?

In Maths, students have been developing their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. They have been comparing fractions using equivalence and placing fractions on number lines. They have problem solved questions involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions. Students have been connecting fractions, decimals and percentages and carrying out conversions.

5/6L

Layla

Nathan



In Science & Technology, students have been designing and problem-solving electrical circuits. As you can see, we have a few bright sparks in Stage Three.

5/6H

Laura

Jesse

Derek



Students are working hard every day to expand their vocabulary knowledge, complete their reading group activities which involves activities such as completing Reading Eggs activities, spelling tasks and comprehension tasks.



5/6K

Picture 1: Adam, Jitish and Luneeva

Picture 3: Anunzul and Phoebe

Picture 2: Arnisha and Helen

Picture 4: Luneeva, Zoeya, Esther and Tasfia

Students are also using ICT effectively and appropriately when investigating, creating, managing and communicating ideas and information. 5/6N students have become experts using the Green Screen and iMovie to create our films. Some of us choose software including PREZI, CANVA and FLIP to present our work. We also use spreadsheets to create charts and most importantly we are all responsible users of ICT.



What a wonderful bunch of learners we have in Stage Three.



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Kokoda Track Memorial



On Thursday 24th of November, Year 6 went to the Kokoda Track Memorial at Concord, to commemorate the valiant and noble efforts put up by the Australian soldiers who fought against the Japanese Empire in Papua New Guinea. We met many war veterans, who either had relatives in the war or took part in the war themselves. Year 6 discovered the many battles that were fought along the Kokoda trail, defending the village of Kokoda. We learnt the many hardships they had, such as a lack of supplies, untrained troops, and difficult weather conditions. They fought with courage, endurance, mateship, sacrifice and displayed all of these qualities clearly.

We followed a war veteran around the track to learn about the many battles that the Australians fought with the Japanese Empire and how they had victoriously reclaimed Kokoda on November 2nd. We learnt about the small villages around that area and the purpose of each town. Soldiers gathered supplies and other necessities all from different towns meaning soldiers had to travel a great distance to launch only a single ambush. They faced many diseases, the main one being Malaria. Australia lost many men due to these painful diseases, however, in total, Australia lost over 600 men on the tracks of Kokoda and approximately 1000 were greatly wounded. Miraculously, some men were able to recover and fight in the battle, but they did not last long. On the following day after Australia's victory, Nov 3rd, the Australian flag was hoisted in Kokoda and it is now commemorated as Kokoda Day. Those brave men who fought in the war selflessly and who sacrificed their lives will never be forgotten. They have displayed several noteworthy qualities and we are sure all of our Year 6 students will learn from these historical events that took place in the early 1900's.

There were several memorial stones which had pieces of valuable and noteworthy information together with pictures of the war. As we arrived at each stone, the war veteran who was with us clearly explained all the small and big details, and also gave us examples from the real battle. Afterwards, we went back to the education centre and brought our bags and lunches to a resting area with benches so we could eat lunch and talk with our friends. All of Year 6 really enjoyed and appreciated our trip to the memorial. We would like to thank the Campsie RSL Club for their generosity for covering all expenses and providing a valuable learning experience that we will remember. We all had a great time and gained an exceptional amount of knowledge from this excursion.

Written by Jayden, Jitish and Celine from 5/6K



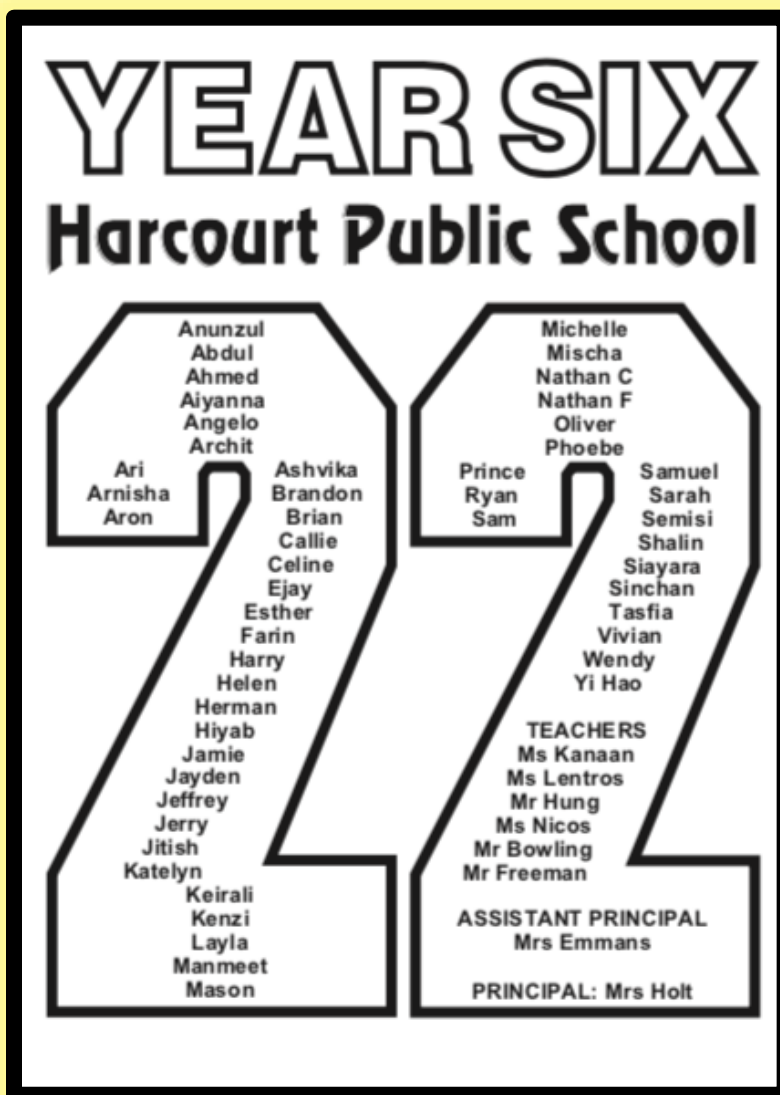
We wish our Year Six Class of 2022 success

On Wednesday (7 December) evening we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of our Year 6 student's completion of their primary school journey.

A big congratulations to all of our Year 6 students on the many achievements you have made at Harcourt Public School.

Good Luck in high school and beyond.

Continue to strive to be the best you can be.





Class of
2022





It is that time of year again, where we say goodbye and thank you to our hard working 2022 student leadership team and welcome in a new team to lead in 2023. Congratulations to our new student leadership team. We look forward to seeing you grow as leaders and contribute positively to our Harcourt community throughout 2023.



School Captains 2023

Jesse and Billy



School Vice-Captains 2023

Christina and Oscar



School Prefects of 2023

Myrtle and Adam

Pramita and Louis





The picture of the day!!

A day filled with colour, fun and laughter! Our Colour Fun Run event saw our school come together to raise funds for our Year 6 end of year activities and school resources. A huge thank you to our community for raising \$12,921.84. You all helped to make the impossible possible!

Already these monies have contributed towards the Year 6 Luna Park end of year excursion, the Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 end of year gift. These monies will also be put towards school resources next year as well so a big thank you to our community for supporting this event. Also, a big warm thanks to our P & C team who fundraised on the day to hire a photobooth for the Year 6 graduation farewell dinner... they loved the photobooth and enjoyed many happy pics on the night with their friends.

We would also like to say well done to Mr Hung, Ms Nicos, our Year Six students, P & C, Camp Australia and our FreshStart Canteen team who all worked hard with our teachers and office team to make this a very special fun-filled event.

Thank you again everyone, we sincerely appreciate it. ❤️





Thank You
Year 6
Class of
2022



Dear Harcourt Community,

Thank you so much for an amazing 2022. Your help and support have been invaluable in ensuring the success of our fundraising efforts and the events held for the students. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers who have given their time to run the stalls at the school, to those school parents and P&C members who have donated food and funds throughout the year, and to those wonderful book-coverers who continue to silently work away when required! Every little bit has mattered, every act has contributed, and we are so very grateful to be a part of a community which supports its students so wholeheartedly.

We would like to say a very big thank you to the lovely administrative staff and school custodian, for all their help and support throughout the year, without whom the events would not have run so smoothly.

Thank you to the teachers, for making it so easy for us to assist where needed, and for stepping in for crowd control when we needed you. We really are lucky to have such wonderful teachers who care about our students and who work so hard to afford our children so many varied and interesting opportunities and activities.

We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to Ms Huang, for her appointment as a permanent teacher at Harcourt Public School.

Thank you to Mrs Holt, for being such an inspiration and for going above and beyond to provide our students with an amazing school environment, and for the care and dedication shown by her and her fantastic staff.

And, finally, a massive thank you to our students for their bright and sparkly conversations and many questions and joyful energy during all the events. It was a pleasure serving them, and we hope they have had a great year.



Thank you to our lovely canteen operators and OOSH facilitators for their cooperation and assistance in sharing spaces through the many events in 2022

Thank you to Coles and Woolworths for their many kind donations in the form of gift cards throughout the year, and to Woolworths Campsie for their assistance with rolls for our Bunnings BBQ.

Thank you to Bunnings Kingsgrove for providing the facilities to us in order for us to run our final major fundraiser of the year.

We are also grateful to EWH Food Services for the delicious ice-creams the children were able to purchase on their Fun Run Day.

Best Wishes for a Safe Holiday.

We would like to send a huge wish out for our community to enjoy a safe and happy holiday period. It has been such a great and rewarding year and we have accomplished some fantastic results, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Bye Year 6

Good luck to our year 6's as you move up to the 'big pond' of high school. We are sure that the memories and friends you have made here at Harcourt will help you as you go on to the next stage of your school experience.



Term 4 Events

- General Meetings
- Teacher's Morning Tea
- Kindy Orientation
- Fun Run Day Ice-Cream Stall
- Bunnings BBQ
- Volunteer's Morning Tea

Happy World Teacher's Day

October 28, 2022 was World Teacher's Day, and our P&C offered a Morning Tea to our teachers to thank them for all the hard work that they do. Thank you to our P&C team for delivering and setting up the lovely spread.



Kindy Orientation

On November 7, 2022, the school put on presentations and afternoon and morning teas to the kindergarten parents who will be starting at our school in 2023. Our P&C President spoke about the part the P&C plays in the school, and representatives of our P&C were present to meet the new parents and answer questions, and new memberships were also taken for 2023.

General Meetings Term 4

This term saw us hit the Zoom button twice in order to tune in to what was happening at the school, with some of us joining onsite. With the Fun Run Ice-cream Stall and Bunnings Bbq on the agenda for the first meeting, and the by-pass road development in the second, we have had a lot to discuss, to think about, and to process.

Term 4 General Meeting 2022

Lots of planning and organisation for the Ice Cream stall and Bunnings Bbq fundraisers was undertaken.

Final General Meeting 2022

Leading up to the Final General Meeting of 2022, the Harcourt community were apprised of a Public Meeting which was to be held at the Orion Function Centre on Sunday November 13, 2022, to address the proposed development of the Campsie area, and of importance to Harcourt Public School, the proposal to remove a third of our school's grassed area in order to build a by-pass road. This issue formed the main item of our agenda at our last general meeting for 2022. Final decisions regarding how best to approach this moving forward are still being made, so please stand by for suggestions on ways you may be able to help.

A cheque to the amount of \$660 was also handed to Mrs Holt, to pay for the year 6 formal photo booth. Well done Harcourt Community.



FUN RUN DAY

P&C ICE CREAM STALL



What a fantastic day. Lots of Ice-creams sold, and the soft drinks were a hit, too!

We hope the children enjoyed their day.

FUN DAY AMOUNT RAISED: \$936.20

Volunteer's Morning Tea



Thank you to the teachers for the tasty treats! What a lovely morning tea you put out for us and thank you for the kind words you shared.

BUNNINGS BBQ



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Welcome to our BBQ



Our Wonderful Volunteers!



BUNNINGS BBQ - AMOUNT RAISED: \$2,273.40



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Attendance – Every day counts...

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. At Harcourt we aim to work in partnership with families to promote regular attendance and support students in understanding the importance of attending school daily.

Did you know that if students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed an entire year of education?

If you are experiencing difficulties with getting your kids to school, please let us know. You can speak to your child's classroom teacher, an executive member, or even the front office staff about how we may assist you. Our aim is to help you to help your child attend school every day.

Why is regular school attendance important?

Regular school attendance will help your child succeed later in life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child doesn't learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may struggle in later years.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!





Active Learners

Information to assist & support our Active Learners
at Harcourt Public School

Our learning community has asked us to suggest various ways that they can support their child's learning and progress.

This google site aims to provide some helpful information & links to various websites that our learning community can connect into which can help them support their child's growth in both literacy and numeracy.

We will review this page each Semester to support further learning.

Where should I go?

How to navigate this site.



Helpful Websites

This page aims to link you to helpful websites that can support your child's learning.



Activities to be enjoyed at home

This page aims to provide helpful games and activities that could support your child's learning.



Learning at Harcourt

A website made for our learning community



Our learning community has asked us to suggest various ways they can support their child's learning and progress.

Please click on the link below or the image above to open up our helpful website. This website has been developed to provide our families with some helpful information, such as activities that can be enjoyed at home to develop mathematical or literacy skills, as well as links to various websites that could help their child to practice skills or support their child's growth in both literacy and numeracy.

We hope this information can steer you to some resources that are available to support your child's learning this year.

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/learningatharcourt/home>



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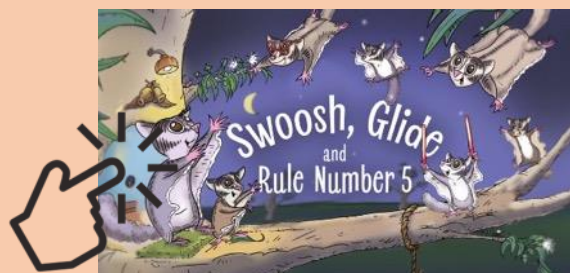
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Online Safety



Swoosh and Glide are eSafety's baby sugar glider twins who want to help other little Aussies learn about online safety and develop positive attitudes and habits with digital technology as they grow! Listen to the story below with your child to learn about how to stay safe online.

Click to
listen to the
story!



The Online Safety Book covers some of the key online safety issues for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong.

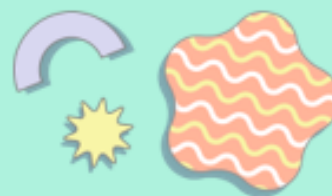
How much is too much?



There is no magic figure. The right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine.

Visit the website for more information:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online>

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

At Camp Australia, we ensure that our program is suited to the individual needs of each child by constantly collecting new ideas. Our program is centred around promoting the learning and development of the children in a fun and engaging way.

This year at Camp Australia, the children have learnt how to respond to diversity with respect. Our OSHC service promotes multiculturalism in a variety of ways. Each week, the children are introduced to a new culture and are provided with the opportunity to share knowledge with their peers. The children enjoy suggesting cultural themes during our weekly Yarning Circle. These include Indonesian, Korean, Lebanese, Portuguese, and Brazilian.

This term, we have selected program themes which expand the children's skills and processes. These include Halloween, Fire Safety, Science, STEM, Talent, Summer and Christmas. We look forward to our upcoming Rocketeers program and meeting new families. Visit our website to book your child's spot and join in on the exciting experiences!

Activities coming up

- Strike! at Strathfield Superbowl
- Water Blast!
- Culinary helpers at Our Big Kitchen
- Mini-golf

What's on the menu

- Pizza
- Rice Noodles
- Spaghetti

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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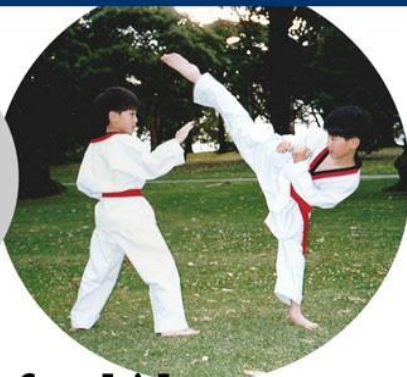
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