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Principal's News

We have come to the end of another fantastic term.

As you would all have noticed there have been some works in progress to rectify damage that occurred during our wet months. We have had the roof to A Block (Administration and Library) replaced due to many leaks causing damage below. This has been greatly appreciated as leakage in our Library has been a common problem for many years with small rectifications only lasting for short periods of time. The next part of the project is to have the damaged carpet replaced which will then allow us to have the library back in full action. This area is such an important part of our school, and we can't wait to have everything back in action.

We also have discovered that our drainage system throughout the school requires some remediation which is occurring at present along with consideration of how to rectify other areas that were affected by the recent storms.

During the term we were fortunate to determine a successful candidate for the position of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction being Zoe McFetrich. The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction position is a leadership role dedicated to ensuring that literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills are embedded in curriculum and assessment; high quality teaching practices are enhanced; and the capabilities of middle leaders are strengthened in literacy and numeracy instruction. We look forward to working with Ms McFetrich and watching our students achieve their outcomes with great success.

With the Term Two holiday break approaching quickly we are wrapping up concepts taught and sending out the reports for Semester 1. I will be taking an extended period of leave (two weeks) after this break as I explore a little more of this wonderful country. Ms Jennifer Dwyer will be relieving as Principal during this time, supported by our wonderful executive team.

Have a happy holiday break, stay safe and we all look forward to seeing students back on 19 July.

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.

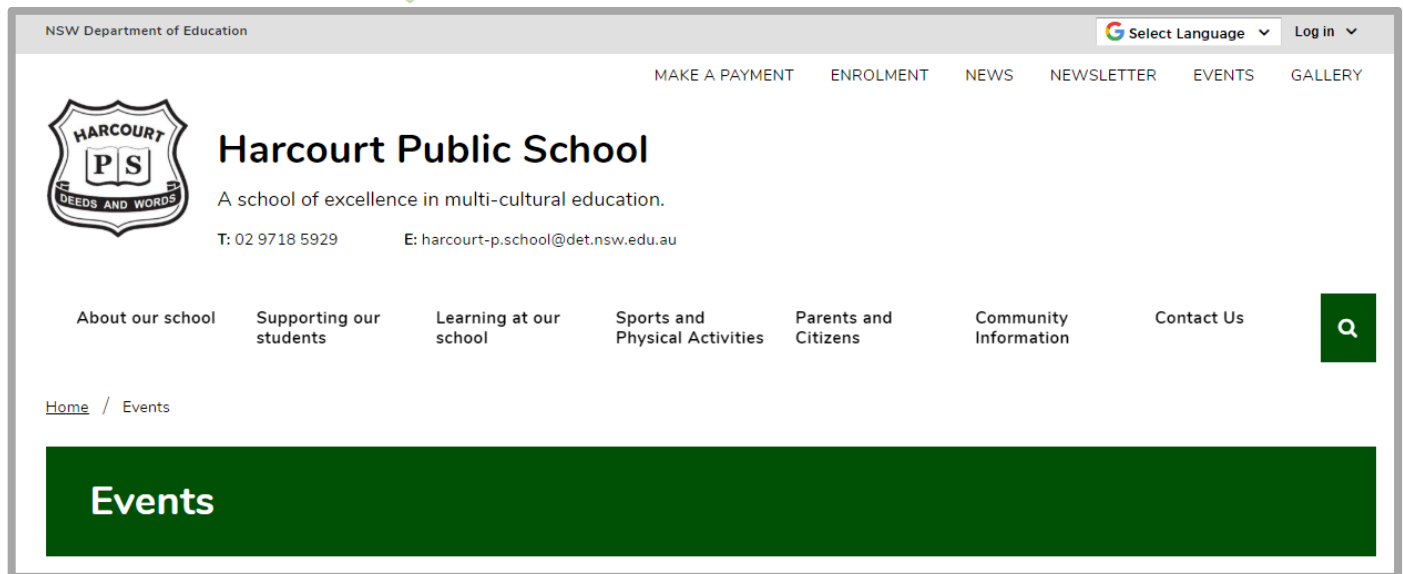
Next Issue:

Friday 19 August 2022

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

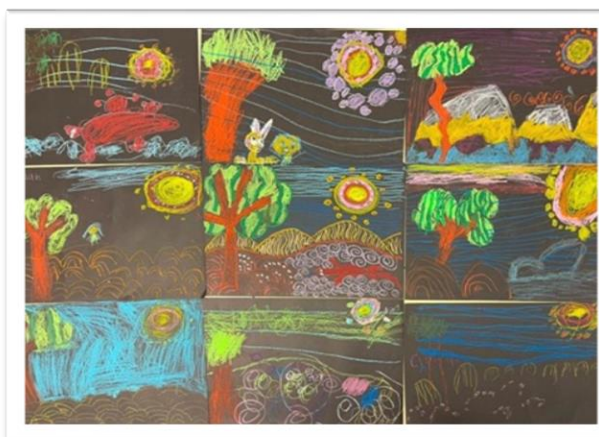
Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!



Kindergarten Artists



KR chose their own animals to fingerprint in traditional Aboriginal colours and designs.



KR read "LEAVING" by Katrina Germein then made their own landscapes using Aboriginal patterns.



KB have made their own stories using Aboriginal symbols.



KG are very proud of the artworks they made to celebrate NAIDOC week.



KW have been exploring ways to make dot designs in their artworks.



Stage One Writers

Stage One are learning to write persuasive texts. They are focusing on purpose, structure and emotive language.



Cats are the best pet

I think cats are the best pet because cats are very helpful.

Firstly, you don't have to take cats for a walk.

Secondly, cats are soft and fluffy.

Finally, cats are clean and cute.

Callum Ngo

1C

Cats make the best pets

By Chloe 1K

I strongly believe that cats make the best pets.

Firstly, cats can help hunt filthy mice. For example, helpful cats can catch revolting mice with their sharp claws.

Secondly, cats are soft and cuddly. For example, when you are sad you could hug your cat and in winter, they can keep your lap warm.

Finally, you don't need to walk amazing cats. For example, cats don't need to burn off energy. You can just give wonderful cats toys and then they will get exercise.

In conclusion I strongly agree beautiful cats make the pets!



Canteens Should Only Sell Healthy Food

I strongly believe that canteens should only sell healthy food. This helps keep your teeth strong and healthy, gives your body vitamins and gives you lots of energy.

Firstly, eating healthy food keeps your teeth strong and healthy. For example, if you eat junk food it will give you cavities but if you eat healthy food your teeth will be clean, strong and healthy.

Secondly, eating healthy food gives your body vitamins. For example, if you don't eat healthy food, you won't get any vitamins and you'll feel weak. If you eat healthy foods, you will get vitamins and feel strong.

Finally, eating healthy food gives you energy. For example, if you eat junk food you will feel active but only for a short period of time. Eating healthy foods give you a tonne of energy and you'll focus more in class.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that canteens should only sell healthy food because you'll avoid getting cavities, you'll feel strong from all the vitamins in the food and you'll focus more in class.

By Rameen 2H



All Children Should Own a Pet

I disagree that all children should own a pet.

Firstly, pets can be dangerous. For example, they can scratch and bite you.

Secondly, you have to take care of them you would need to clean their mess.

Lastly pets are very expensive. You have to buy them food and take them to the vet if they get sick.

This is why I believe that children should not own a pet.

By Adriana 1A



Should children have more recess? 31/5/22
I strongly believe that ~~all~~ student should not have more time at recess because they will have less energy, less learning and ~~we~~ can get sick

Firstly, they will be energy. For example, if they play to much they might fall asleep in because they don't have energy and if they don't have energy they need to rest.

Secondly, they have less learning. For example, it will they will not know how to read.

lastly, they can get sick. For example, they will sweat to much and they will get too hot and catch a fever.

Kevin 2L

Active Learners in Stage Two



Surafel & Sean in 3B practising spelling rules using these homophone and silent letters games.



Asmita in 3B using longitude & latitude to locate continents on a world map.



Jenisha, Emerald and Yamisha in 3S making predictions about what will happen next in a story.



4T learning the Australian National anthem in AUSLAN.



3/4N students learning about shadow and time.



Vihaan and Alex from 4D with this term's novel study text.



Helen and Alex from 3B using symbolism and aboriginal dot painting for their NAIDOC week artwork.



Hannah, Jemma and Zoey from 4T doing dot painting for their aboriginal artwork.



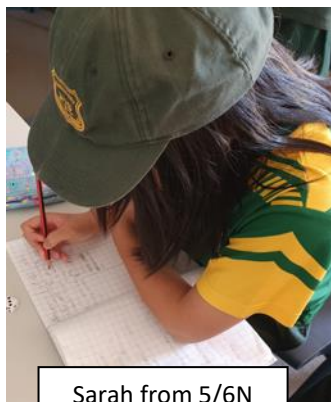
Olivia and Rachel from 4D feeling proud of their NAIDOC creations.

Stage Three Mathematicians

Students in Stage Three have been exploring a range of concepts in Mathematics. In 5/6K we have identified real life examples of angles in objects and shapes. Students in 5/6L have been using formal written strategies to practise multiplication and division concepts. They complete daily activities to strengthen their skills and understanding. 5/6H have been learning to add fractions with different denominators using a diagram and with multiplication. In 5/6N, students have been classifying chance events based on their probability.



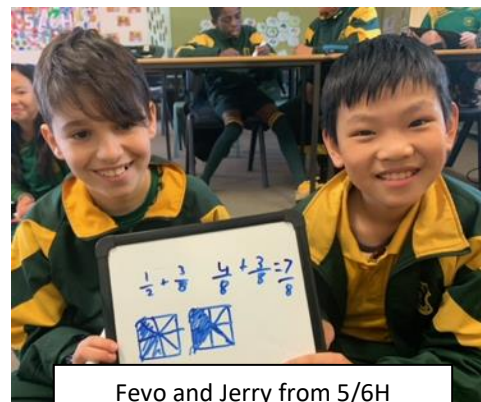
Anushka, Paris, Callisto, Tahmeed and Aayan from 5/6K



Sarah from 5/6N



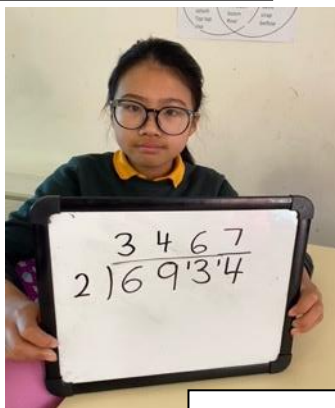
Laura and Vivian from 5/6H



Fevor and Jerry from 5/6H



Siayara from 5/6N



Christine and Louis from 5/6L





Harcourt students and teachers celebrated NAIDOC Week (3rd July to 10th July) this term by celebrating and recognising the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students explored stories, Aboriginal art symbols and their meaning, famous artists and engaged in activities such as art and boomerang throwing. Here are some examples of the beautiful work made by students and some images of our indigenous presenters who ran our whole school NAIDOC assembly.



Well done to our NAIDOC assembly presenters and Ms Kelly who shared with us the importance of NAIDOC Week and made our assembly very special.

Eddie (KB), Sebastian (1A), Lauren (2H), Gemma (4T), Layla (5/6L) and Jamie (5/6L).





3-6 Athletics Carnival 2022



The 3-6 HPS Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 14th June. It was a fantastic day with students having the opportunity to participate in a range of track and field events. Congratulations to the students on their effort and behaviour.



Zone Cross Country

Harcourt Zone Cross Country representatives braved the cold weather and ghastly winds at Peace Park on 31st May 2022.



The school is extremely proud of everyone's achievement.



Well done to Angelo (5/6N) who placed 1st and Amelia (3/4N) who placed 5th.





Regional Cross Country



WOW! What a run! Congratulations to Angelo (5/6N) and Amelia (3/4N) who represented Wiley Park Zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival on the 15th June 2022 at Miranda Park.



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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Has your family
created a technology
agreement?



A family **tech agreement** is a set of rules about how devices, like smartphones, tablets, computers, TVs and gaming consoles are used in your home.

Start the chat with your family today and develop an agreement that will suit the age and needs of your children. You can start from 3 years and above.

The eSafety Commission can help you build an agreement that suits your family's needs. Click on the images below to go to their webpages to begin this process.

Create an agreement for
under 5s

Create an agreement for
5 years & above

eSafety Early Years
Online safety for under 5s

Our Family Tech Agreement Date: _____

The Play School togs are here to help us remember how to stay safe online and use devices in our home. Put each family member's name or initial above a box. If the rule applies to them, tick the box when they agree to do the action.

	I will ask before I use a device or play a new game online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I will only use devices in shared spaces like the lounge room, family room or kitchen.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I will only talk to people I know when I chat, message, email or video call online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I will take turns and use kind words when I play with technology.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Creating a family tech agreement for 5 to 8 year olds

Parent instructions
It's important to build good online habits together as a family. Parents and carers play a major role in helping children to develop digital intelligence – the social, emotional and practical skills needed to navigate the online world in a safe and fun way.

Use Wanda, River, Dusty and Billie's online safety tips to help you create a family tech agreement for your home. Follow the steps below and develop your own rules for using devices like smartphones, tablets, computers, TVs and gaming consoles. You can stick the rules on the attached poster to create your family agreement. Keep it in a place where everyone can see it, like on the fridge.

Wanda the witch: I am responsible – I protect my personal information.

River the sugar glider: I know respect – I am kind and only going to cyber.

Dusty the dust bunny: I trust my feelings – I ask for help when something doesn't feel right.

Billie the billy: I investigate – I question what I see, hear and do online.

eSafety Commission
esafety.gov.au



Click to see more!



NSW BASC \$500 voucher

The NSW Government has launched the BASC voucher program which provides families with a \$500 voucher per child to contribute towards the cost of Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care. The voucher can be used at any Camp Australia's (CA) before and after school care – Your OSHC and vacation care - Rocketeers service in NSW.

Who is eligible to claim the BASC Vouchers?

All families with a child enrolled in an OSHC service in New South Wales.

What can I use the vouchers for?

The vouchers can be used for Your OSHC and Rocketeers sessions. The great news is that because the voucher only discounts the gap fee, so if you're claiming CCS then the voucher will go even further.

What time period can the vouchers be used for?

Vouchers can be used to cover out-of-pocket costs between 28 February 2022 and 30 June 2023.

How long do I have to redeem my vouchers?

Once your voucher/s has been claimed from Service NSW, you need to redeem your voucher with Camp Australia by 31 December 2022.



For any questions, reach out to the Department of Education's BASC team at bascreform@det.nsw.edu.au or on 1300 244 145.

How to redeem your BASC voucher/s with Camp Australia

Step 1

Redeem

Between 28 February and 30 September 2022, claim your voucher/s via the Service NSW app on a smartphone device, or by following the verification steps as outlined on the Service NSW website below www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher.



Step 2

If already registered with CA

Once you have claimed your voucher with Service NSW, refer to the email from us on 28 February with a link to redeem your voucher/s with CA.



If not registered with CA

Register with CA for free by visiting pp.campaustalia.com.au. Once you have registered with CA and have claimed your voucher with Service NSW, we will send you an email with a link to redeem your voucher/s with CA.



Step 3

Book a session

Book any before school, after school or vacation care session with CA and give your child the chance to experience engaging, tailored activities, and spend even more time hanging out with their friends outside of school hours.



Your
OSHC.

www.campaustalia.com.au



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July School Holiday activities at PCYC

COST: \$40 or 165 Per week (\$45 for 06/07/22)

AGES: 5-12

TIME: 9:00-3:00pm

BOOK NOW



ADDITIONAL INFO:

Bag to hold belongings, water bottle, recess and lunch.
PH: 9759 4934 or email us at belmore@pcycnsw.org.au

Mon 4th	Basketball/Fit and Fun/Cricket
Tues 5th	Soccer/Cooking/Ninja Fit
Wed 6th	Laser-Tag/Science/NRL
Thur 7th	Fit & Fun/Among Us/Team Building Games
Fri 8th	Dodge ball/Boxing/Building Blocks
Mon 11th	Arts & Crafts/Multi-Sport/Dodgeball
Tues 12th	Boxing/Cricket/Building blocks
Wed 13th	Ninja fit/Science/NRL
Thur 14th	Fit and Fun/Soccer/Cooking
Fri 15th	Basketball/European Handball/Among Us
Mon 18th	Mixed activities



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