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Principal's News

What another wonderful start to our Term! Thank you to all of the community members that could join us for Education week and for all of the families that assisted their child in wearing clothes that allowed our diverse cultures to shine. I was disappointed to miss the day but have enjoyed hearing from students, staff and community about how much they enjoyed it. Thank you also to Ms Dwyer for stepping into the Principal's role while I was away, the school was in great hands.

Community is extremely important to us at Harcourt and this includes our community members that live beside and across from the school. Unfortunately, over the past few weeks I have had our neighbours visit me to express their concern regarding parents that continually park in and across their driveways, as well as in their allocated parking spots. Some Harcourt parents/carers have felt they have the right to argue with the residents and have shared some heated words in front of children.

These spaces are for private use only and I ask that everyone coming to Harcourt show respect to our neighbours, just as you would expect if you were resident near a school. Parking just a little further away and walking to school for a drop off or pick up is the perfect opportunity to have that 1-1 time with your child to talk about their day, hear what they did, ask for one thing they learned. You have a captive audience so make the most of the opportunity.

Together we can all get into and out of the school on time and with increased safety. We can model respectful behaviour and how to problem solve any complexities that come our way. Afterall, we are all our children's teachers, and they look up to the adults they interact with every day to share with them the way to always be their 'personal best'.

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.

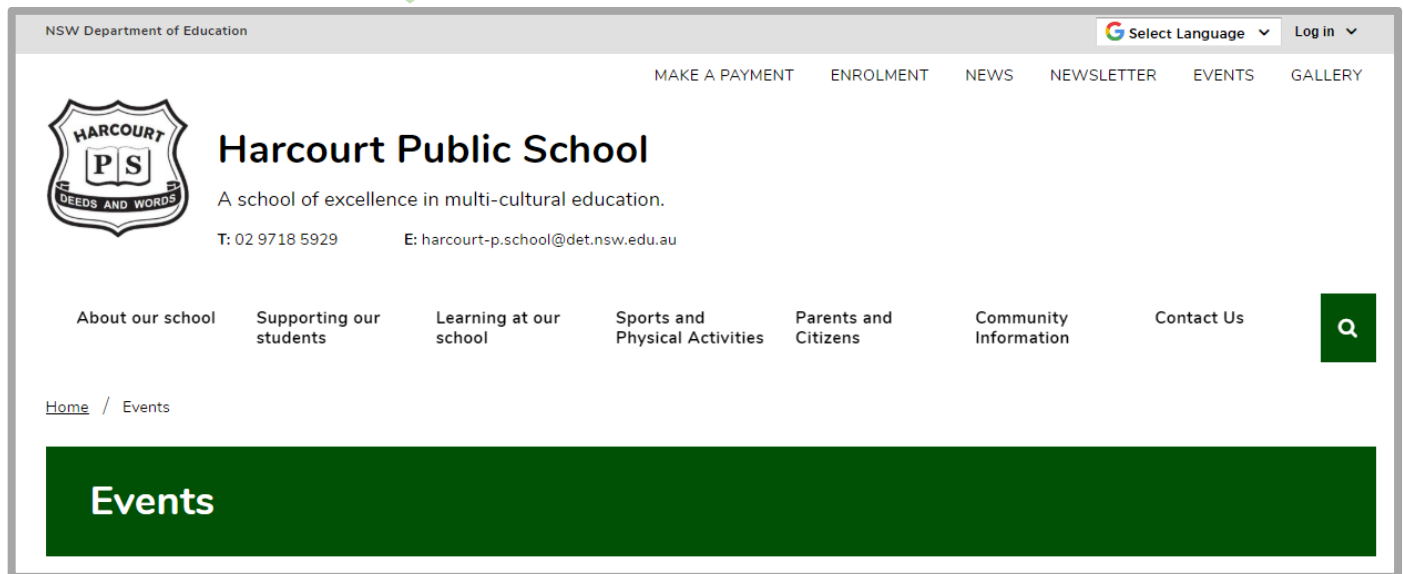
Next Issue:

Friday 23 September 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!

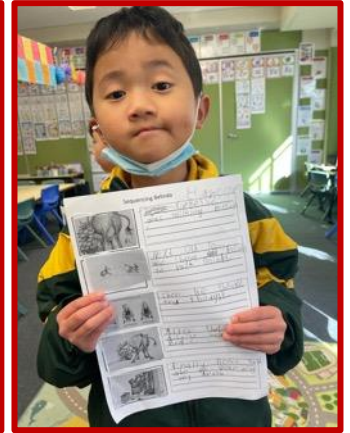
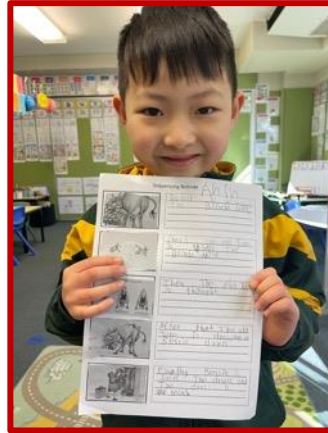
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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



Kindergarten Love Learning!

KR have been reading 'Belinda' by Pamela Allen. We chose 5 pictures to sequence in order and write about each picture using time connectives.



KG have been modelling addition by using concrete materials and writing the corresponding number sentences.



KB love their buddy talk, where they talk to their buddy about their thinking. We are also learning to use movement in drama to tell a story.



KW have been using counters to take away from a group to model subtraction.



Active Learners in Stage One



2L exploring 3D objects in their environment.



During History, students in 1C were fascinated as they explored some of the objects used in the past.



Students in 1A displayed their cultural heritage by wearing their national dress on Multicultural Day.



In Science, 1K have been learning how to physically change an object. Here they are challenging themselves to see how paper can fit over their heads.



Active Learners in Stage Two



In Technology, 3B created a rollercoaster track using colour codes to program simple movements for their ozobots.



Ojash and Justin holding the persuasive text Stage 2 are studying, 'The Day the Crayons Quit.'

Lana, Ansonia, Sienna and Tehreem practising their fluent reading in literacy groups.



3S students developing their balance and coordination skills and strengthening their core muscles through gymnastics.

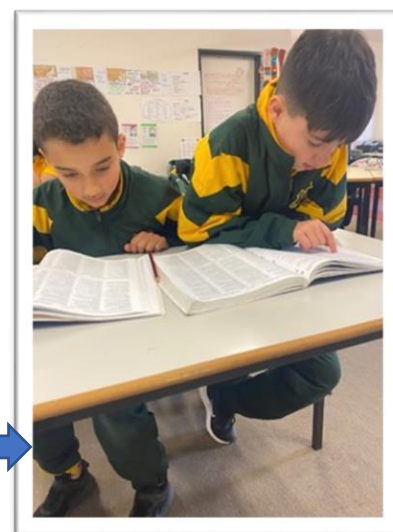


Active Learners in Stage Three

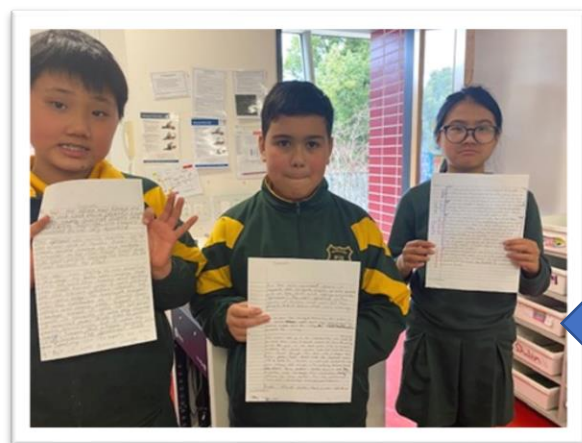
Stage Three students have been busy writing imaginative texts this term! They have worked collaboratively and independently to write engaging texts that consist of an orientation, complication and series of events. They have been learning to include tier 2 language, onomatopoeia and personification in their writing. They use our word walls and thesauruses to improve their vocabulary choices. Students refer to our success criteria and a rubric to check, assess and edit their writing. They can't wait to publish their work!



Siayara and Tasmia from 5/6N using the word wall to ensure they are using effective vocabulary in their writing.



Elyas and Fevo from 5/6H using thesauruses to create synonym clusters during writing lessons.



Ariana and Aayan from 5/6K are ensuring their orientation is effective and setting the mood of their text.



Louis, Nathan and Christine from 5/6L have been learning to use tier 2 language, personification and onomatopoeia to write imaginative texts.

Journeying into STEM

The Kingsgrove North High School STEM program

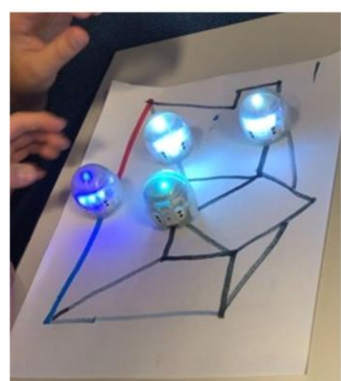
During Term Two some nominated Year Five students and Miss Kanaan participated in a STEM program run by Kingsgrove North High school. The program was an opportunity for students to learn more about STEM to develop their knowledge of science, mathematics and technology.

Each Tuesday, for five weeks, the students jumped on the Kingsgrove North HS bus excitedly and made the short trip to the high school. When they arrived they enjoyed a quick lunch before making their way to the STEM room. Each week we learnt something new. We started with a dance party hour of code, then in the next session we did an OzoBlockly challenge. After that we used the colour code sheet to cut out the codes that were needed to run the Ozobot and tested different codes by switching them in and out. In the final week's session we learnt how to control a drone that hovered on the ground. We all took turns to control the drone using an iPad plus completed a minecraft hour of code activity.

Our Year Five students finished the program with positive reviews because they said the program was fun, engaging, educational and expanded their skills and knowledge of technology. Also, the students enjoyed going to a high school to use more advanced equipment and experience the atmosphere of a high school.

We want to say a big thank you to Ms Kanaan, Ms Holt and the Kingsgrove North High school teaching team for giving us the opportunity to be involved in this special STEM program. We hope that this program happens every year for our nominated year five students to enjoy.

Written by Billy and Adam in 5/6K.



Korean Language Class

Korean students in Year Two have been learning about popular Korean food, bibimbap. Students created a wonderful story about their own version of bibimbap and read their story to Kindergarten students. They also learnt how to read a story with expression.



Chinese Language Class

Our young learners are very keen and energetic in learning the Chinese language. We have many teaching and learning activities occurring throughout the year. Not only are students learning to speak, listen, read and write in Chinese, but they are also participating in games and computer activities during lessons to consolidate their understanding.



Student Leadership Team

Our Student Leadership Team welcome four new members this semester from Year Two.

Congratulations to Hannah and Jayden in 2H, and Pragya and Hamza in 2L for being chosen by your peers to represent them in our Student Representative Council.



Hannah – Class 2H



Jayden – Class 2H



Pragya – Class 2L



Hamza – Class 2L

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!



PBL at Harcourt

(Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Our School Captains say: “Be kind and friendly always.”

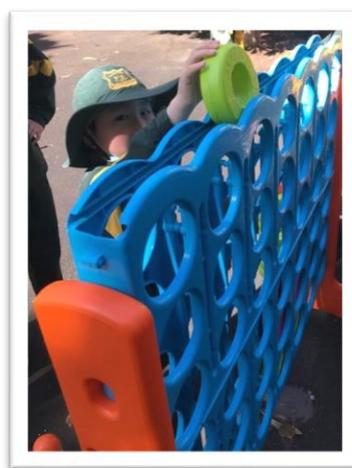
Be respectful: always speak kindly to others.

Remember our 3 Step System if you have a problem in the playground.

STOP: say “Stop, I don’t like that.”

WALK: ignore or move away.

TALK: report to a teacher to give you assistance.



Be responsible: Harcourt Heroes invite others to join in games and play – to be inclusive.

Be an active learner: find ways to join in and play games. Remember that Wednesdays is Giant Games day.

RESPONSIBLE



RESPECTFUL



SAFE



ACTIVE LEARNERS



Federal Election Food Stall 2022

The P&C Executive Team's second fundraising for the year was the Election Day Stall held on Saturday 21st of May 2022.

We made a massive \$835 in profit!

Thank you to all the community members who came to the stall to support us, who generously gave much appreciated donations, donated food (whether it was homemade, or store brought), and of course to all the lovely volunteers who sacrificed a part of their weekend to come in the pouring rain to help set up the stall, spruik the treats and pack everything up.



Next Meeting – Save the Date:

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 14th September at 12:30pm.**

The meeting will be online via Zoom. Please save the date, we hope you can join us.

Student Injury Insurance

After our last P&C meeting in term 2, we contacted Andrews Insurance and had the policy reinstated from February 2022 in order to ensure cover for students in June 2022.

If any parents have out of pocket medical expenses for where their children were treated as a private patient or if there was an incident that they think they could be covered by the insurance, let us know and we will try our best to assist you.

Dymocks Children's Charities

Earlier in the year, the library was one of many rooms affected by the storms and as a result, lost some books due to water damage. The P&C executive team applied to Dymocks Children's Charities and we're very fortunate to get some funding for brand new books for our library from their Library Regeneration Program. We would like to extend a massive THANK YOU to Dymocks Children's Charities for being so generous in their funding – the school was able to choose 213 books to the value of \$4,486!



Father's Day Stall 2022



Library Books

Before the students can borrow the books from Dymocks Children's Charities, we need volunteers to help cover them!

The next date is:

* Monday 29th August (Morning Only)

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above, please email us at pandchps@hotmail.com

We would love to hear from you!





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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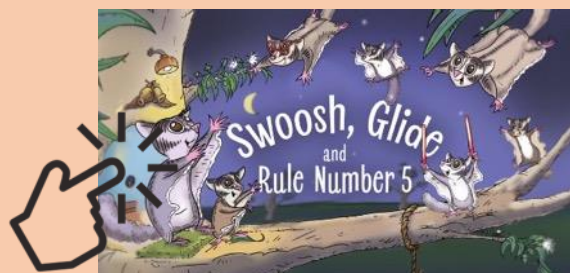
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Online Safety



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>



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.

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DEAR PARENTS

From the 18th August , 2022

**Saouma's School Wear will be moving to
a New School Uniform Shop**

(new name: Midford)

at

**1608-1612 CANTERBURY RD,
PUNCHBOWL 2196**

**The new building is next door to
Officeworks.**

**Please drive left into our driveway before
officeworks.**

**If you have any queries, please call me on
0418679870.**

Kind regards Reina

