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Principal's News

Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to share that the library is back in action with only a few furnishings left to replace. It has been a big task but we now have a new roof, sanitised surfaces and new carpet throughout. Over this coming holiday break we will have more works being conducted across the whole school, to replace most of our old lighting styles to LED lighting. This will enhance our facilities and greatly improve the lighting in all learning areas.

I would also like to acknowledge our dedicated and passionate P&C. Throughout this year our P&C membership has been strong with many usual and current initiatives undertaken. Just a few that come to mind are the mother's and father's day stalls, fundraising for school resources and new home reading books, author visits and donations to our school as well as assistance in preparing resources for our students through sourcing donations and covering many, many books. They also meet regularly to provide feedback on the School Improvement Plan initiatives and contribute to formal processes such as panel members involved in the selection of staff for Harcourt PS. Term 4 continues to be a busy one for them with a Bunnings BBQ and the opportunity to welcome our new (and existing) families of the 2023 Kindergarten students. I would like to commend and thank the P&C for their continued efforts to support all students at Harcourt and ask that you continue to support them as you have already done so graciously this year through your donations of money and commitment of time.

Have a safe holiday break everyone and we will see you back on Monday 10 October for a great Term 4.

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.

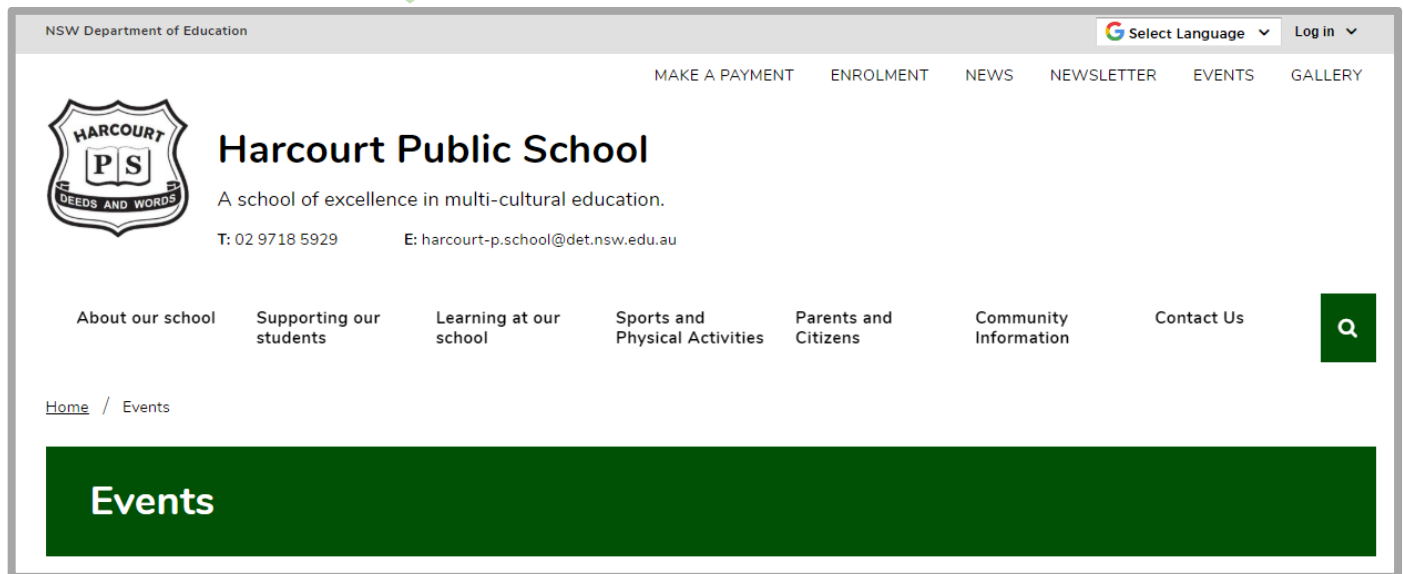
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Friday 11 November 2022

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!



Active Learners in Kindergarten

Kindy have been busy learning by doing so much this term! Their first excursion to Golden Ridge animal farm was fabulous as they got to experience what farm life is about! The Living Chicks program gave students a day by day experience observing the eggs slowly hatch and watching the chicks change over the following 10 days was an excellent stimulus for oral language development and writing! Book week celebrations with friends and family was a fun event helping us to remember that reading is an important yet enjoyable life skill! Gymnastics has been a hit for kindy as they develop their coordination and strength! Road safety week talk showed us lots of safety strategies when we are a passenger, a pedestrian and a rider! We hope you have been hearing about all these activities as well as the active learning happening in their classroom with their AMAZING teachers! Enjoy the holiday break everyone!



Energetic Gymnasts in Stage One



Cameron from 1C getting ready to land in bike position.



Selena from 1C balancing on the Gymnastic Bars.



Ali from 2H swinging on the bars while controlling the ball.



lanj in 1K using his core strength to balance a ball on his lap.



Mikaela from 1A showing her gymnastics skills.



Esther from 2L using her coordination skills to go through hoops.

Active Learners in Stage Two

Melt? Freeze?



Stage Two students have been experimenting with different solids and liquid matter. We investigated to see how its state of matter change with heat or when cooled down.

3S and 3B mathematicians have been learning about different strategies to demonstrate our knowledge of fractions and decimals.



Writers in Stage Three



In Term 3, Stage Three have been studying the tools that good authors use to make their writing interesting to read. Students have been using these tools themselves to write entertaining stories.



They used word walls created from books and thesauruses to ensure their word choice made their stories entertaining.

They read a partner's story and gave feedback to make the story more entertaining.



Following this, students published their work.

Three days packed with happy memories!

On Monday the 5th of September, Stage 3 students boarded the buses with their teachers to head off to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber. We squeezed our sleeping bags and luggage into the boot of the bus, and hopped on the ride! Everyone was buzzing with excitement as they chatted with their friends for the entire trip, which resulted in a very loud ride!



When we arrived at Kincumber, we were given a cabin number that we would stay in for the full 3 days. Then, Stage 3 was given a group and an instructor to support and guide them through the many exciting activities they had planned for us. Once done, we headed straight to lunch! We all followed the smell of cooked, fresh hamburgers as our first lunch together at Kincumber!

After lunch, we all met with our instructors around the campfire and headed to our first activity. There were several activities where we conquered our fear of heights! We were challenged with height activities such as the Powerfan, Rock Climbing, High Ropes and Giant Swing! Not only did we face our fear of heights, but we also learned how to work with each other as a team in an activity called initiatives. We focused on our accuracy in Archery and Frisbee Golf. All these activities brought us closer together as we cheered each other on and stretched ourselves to do something outside of our comfort zone.

Not only did the instructors keep us busy during the day with fun activities, but they also provided activities for us each night! We had a challenge night, where there were a series of challenges that we needed to win to get points for our team. The prize for the winning team was bragging rights! On the last night of our stay at Kincumber, we played Commando. Teachers held 4 students as hostages, and the remaining students were given the task to retrieve the 4 hostages without being spotted by teachers. Every group had a life token, and if we were spotted by a teacher, we had to go back to base and impress the instructors to get another life token. Commando was thrilling as it really tested our night vision and our talents of being camouflaged in the shadows and being super quiet to not be seen or heard by our teachers.

On the final day, we woke up early to pack our luggage to prepare for our return to Harcourt. Overall, the entire experience was filled with wonderful memories. It was an exciting trip, and we had many fantastic moments with our friends and instructors! Before we left we took a group photo with everyone, including the teachers and instructors, to cherish the memories that we had. We returned to Harcourt and shared our amazing stories with our peers and families.

Written by Keirali, Sam and Semisi in class 5/6N



Winners!



Congratulations to the Harcourt Senior Boys Football team for winning the grand final! It was a close game which we won in extra time with a fantastic strike from Ryan. Well played boys and well done on a great season.



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!



Father's Day Stall 2022

We hope that all the Harcourt fathers, grand fathers and uncles had a wonderful Father's Day celebrating with their families.

The Father's Day Stall this year was held on Thursday 1st September and The P&C is proud to have raised a record-breaking amount of \$2,523.80. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped out on the day and for everyone's support of the event.



Bunning's Sausage Sizzle Day

We will be holding our annual Bunning's Sausage Sizzle Day on **Saturday 19th November** and we are calling for volunteers to help us on the day! If you can spare 2-3 hours to assist us on the day, please do let The P&C Executive Team know by sending an email to pandchps@hotmail.com
Stay tuned for further details!



Donation of New CLOTE Books by Lisa Chan

Lisa Chan (author of 'Bowie's School Trip') kindly donated 7 copies of her new book to our school's CLOTE library. To purchase a copy of this bilingual Chinese-English music book, please visit <https://www.bowiesadventures.com>



Book Week: Fundraiser for Home Reader Books

From the success of our recent fundraising event, a massive \$1,634 was raised to be used on home reader books to our students across different grades. The P&C would like to express our gratitude and thank the many families who have generously donated funds.



Plant Contribution to School Grounds...Take 2!



With the generous discount of plants from Flower Power Enfield last term, The P&C has purchased additional plants for the school grounds. We would like to acknowledge Mr Muller for his tireless effort and hard work spent on our school's garden.





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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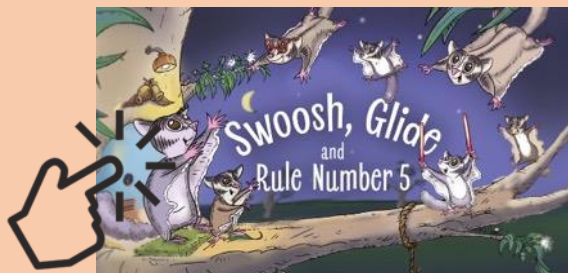
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Online Safety



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>



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

The program at Our OSHC is tailored to suit the individual needs of all children and the school. We offer a unique program based on the children's interests. Throughout term 3 the children explored a range of program themes including sports, sustainability, science, art, Father's Day and Book week.

We also explored a range of different cultures throughout the term including Greece, India, Italy, Sudan and Nepal. Children were given the opportunity to share their traditional food, games and taught the group cultural greetings in their language.

We look forward to our upcoming Rocketeers program and meeting new children and families. We have a range of exciting incursions and excursions. For more information, visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers.

Activities coming up

- Picnic Bears
- Stardust Circus
- The greatest puppet show

What's on the menu

- Nachos
- 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.campaustralia.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.

[Visit our blog](#)

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<https://www.pcyctnsw.org.au/belmore/school-holidays>

PCYC Belmore School Holidays



- 5-12 years
- \$40 per day or
- \$165 a week.
- 9am-3pm

Monday 26 Sep

Basketball, Fit & Fun, Cricket

Tuesday 27 Sep

Soccer, Among Us, Ninja Fit

Wednesday 28 Sep

Laser Tag, Science, NRL

Thursday 29 Sep

Arts & Crafts, Handball, Boxing

Friday 30 Sep

Dodgeball, Building Block

Monday 3 Oct

Closed

Tuesday 4 Oct

Among Us, Basketball, Ninja Fit

Wednesday 5 Oct

Basketball, Fit & Fun, Cricket

Thursday 6 Oct Sep

Arts & Crafts, Handball, Boxing

Friday 7 Oct

Dodgeball, Multisport, Laser Tag

All children must be PCYC members

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Free family fun at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 7 October 10am to 3pm

FREE ENTRY

Cartooning workshop
Draw people and objects with the award-winning illustrator and cartoonist Eric Lobbecke.
Every half hour from 11:00am, finishing at 2:00pm

Vote for me!
Learn how to vote with the NSW Electoral Commission.
Every half hour from 10:00am

Mock Committee Hearing
Have your say as a participant in our committee hearings.
Every half hour from 10:00am

Visit us at Australia's oldest Parliament as it opens its doors for **Family Fun Day**, an open day packed with free, fun activities for children from 4 to 12 years and their families. In addition to the above, there will be many activities on offer for families to enjoy, including craft, tours of our historic chambers, roving musicians and more...! (You might even get to meet some very important people.)

AUSLAN interpreters available

\$4 Democracy Sausage

The Public Café open

BOOK NOW



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MORE INFORMATION
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