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Principal's News

Welcome back to another school year. Students and staff have settled into routine and the learning has begun. Our Kindergarten students are now accessing the main playground and taking the pick up and drop off routines in their stride.

Older brothers and sisters that have younger siblings joining us this year have shown their excitement and caring nature over the past few weeks. They have ensured their siblings know where to play and line up, as well as helped them to settle by seeing familiar faces. Now that we are in Week 5 we are asking for your support. Please encourage older siblings to reduce their visits in the playground to a quick hello, allowing their Kindergarten sibling to make and strengthen friendships with the children in their school year.

This year the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held in Term 1. Testing will take place from the 15-27 March 2023 (Weeks 8-10) for Years 3 & 5. This change should allow us to receive the data in a timelier manner, further directing our teaching and learning programs. Information for families can be found at (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>).

The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 1 at 12pm. This initial meeting will be a Hybrid meeting. I encourage all families to join the P&C as you can find out more about school initiatives and provide input and feedback on many aspects of school direction. The AGM is where the executive positions are allocated and will be followed by a General Meeting once the 2023 P&C team are determined.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

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.

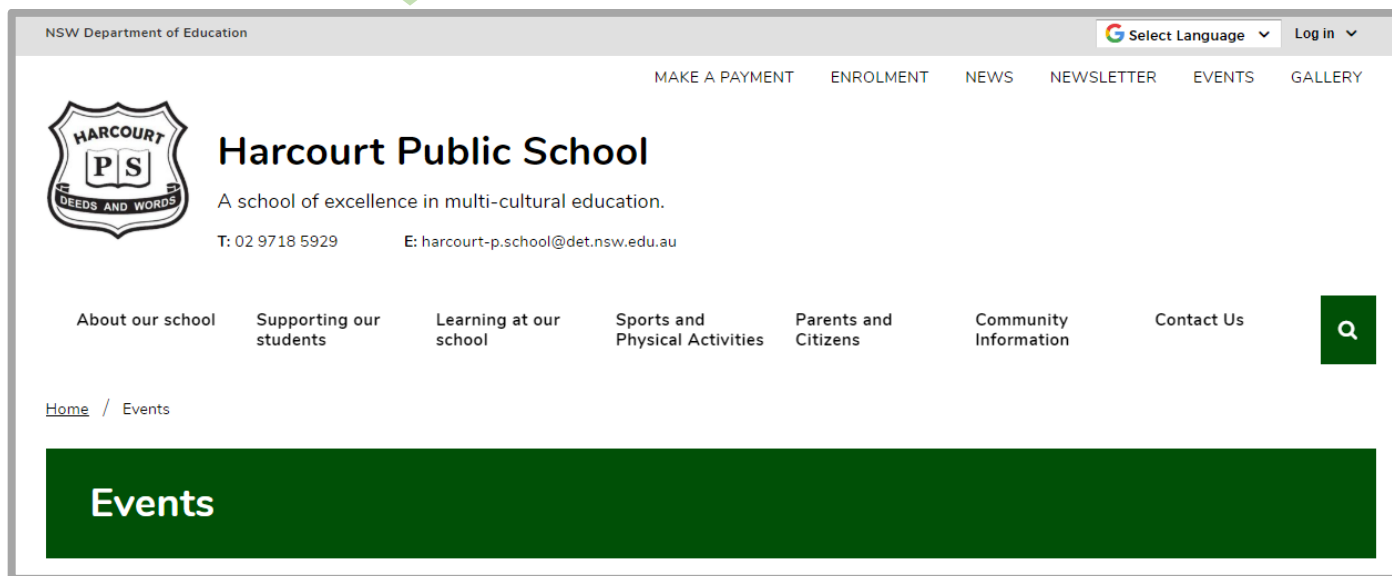
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Our school website contains information on upcoming events so click on the image below to access this information.



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!

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Kindergarten

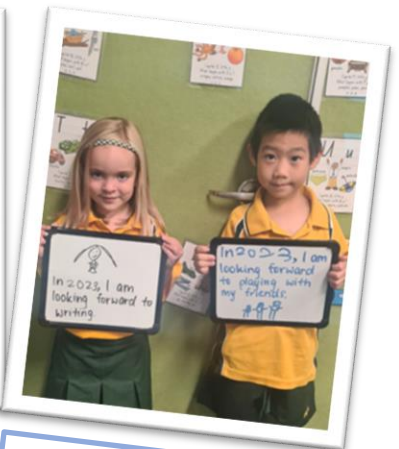
Welcome to our Kindergarteners of 2023! Kindergarten students have been very busy in their first few weeks at Harcourt and are excited about many aspects of education in their first year of formal schooling. We look forward to a year of growing socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. In Kindy, students are keen to read various books, attend the library, make new friendships and explore the play equipment.



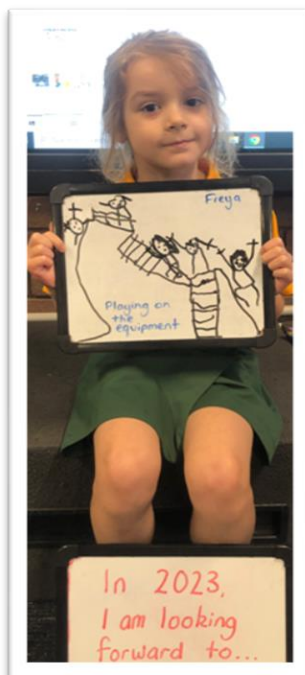
Oliver and Ryan (KB)



Grace and Caitlin (KB)



Venla and Ting Wing (KR)



Freya (KG)



Irie (KG)



Sylvie (KG)



Rayyan (KG)



Stage One



In 2023, Alikesi and Nilah (1C) are looking forward to learning about maths, computers and phonics!



In 2023, Ah In and Geyeon (1C) are looking forward to learning communicative games like Go Fish and making new friends.



Pipi and Hanson (1L) are looking forward to practising reading and learning about maths!



Aisha "I'm looking forward to learning new things in my class." 1H

Arshiya "I'm looking forward to making new friends." 1H



Wanaiza, Vince, Jerry, Ency and Audrey (1L) are excited to play maths games, learn phonics, practise writing and create artworks!



Ianj and Mikaela (2M) are excited to learn more about numbers in maths.



Luca "I am looking forward to learning new things in Maths!" 1H

Stella "I am looking forward to making new friends in my new class!" 1H



Logan in 2N is looking forward to learning his favourite subjects Geography, writing, maths and sport.

Naveen, Jackson and Chloe can't wait to learn more about history, sport and art. 2N

Adriana is looking forward to drawing and getting to know all the students in the class. 2N



Saptarshi and Chaehee (2H) are looking forward to adding three-digit numbers together.



Maira and Dawon (2M) are looking forward to more science and literacy activities.



Stage Two

Stage Two are looking forward to a wonderful year. Here are some of the things we are excited about!

"I am looking forward to going on an excursion." Kendrick, 3/4D

"I am looking forward to the Athletics Carnival." Joe, 3/4D

"I am looking forward to learning and improving in my work." Renee, 3/4D

"I am looking forward to Maths and Science lessons." Summer, 3/4C

"I am looking forward to doing art with Ms Kelly." Emma, 3/4C



"I am looking forward to Science and learning new information." Ethan, 3/4C

"Some things I am looking forward to are library, ICT and achieving my pen licence." Nicole, 3/4N

"We are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival, Cross Country Carnival, NAPLAN and ICT." Marko and Bowen, 3/4N

"I am looking forward to ICT, swimming and trying out for PSSA." Jack, 3/4N

"I am looking forward to English and art." Ahra, 3/4M

"I am looking forward to doing writing and hopefully getting a platinum award." William, 3/4M



Stage Three

Learning has begun & so have the opportunities for Stage 3

If we are not getting to know each other better by hunting down people who have the same sized foot, the same sized hand, the same height etc in a fun mathematics measurement activity like 5/6S has enjoyed:



Arika comparing her hand size with Jesse



Tehreem asking Aaradhya if her foot is the same size as hers



Patricia and Olivia writing down what mathematical knowledge they were using to solve the various questions in the getting to know you mathematically activity...

We are also looking forward to....

"I am looking forward to being a part of the PSSA soccer team." **Christoudoulos**, 5/6K

"This year, I am looking forward to camp and participating in fun activities with my friends." **Meriem**, 5/6K

"I am looking forward to the Selective Test." **Leon**, 5/6K

"I am going to work hard towards receiving a Platinum award." **Ansonia**, 5/6K

"Can't wait for the Year 6 excursion and Luna Park!" **Matthew**, 5/6K

"I am looking forward to having a great year with my teacher and my classmates." **Susie**, 5/6K

"I am looking forward to going to camp!" - **Elyas** 5/6C

"I am excited for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner" - **Keletiola** 5/6C



Iris, Amelia & Riony are looking forward to many exciting things this year.



Amelia, Ella & Cathy can't wait to perform in music and dance.



Hannah and Pramita are counting down to Luna Park and Camp this year. We can't wait.

Mr Cen, Mr Hung, Ms Kim, Ms Oud, Ms Terpos and Ms Emmans are also looking forward to enjoying another fabulous year with our Year 5 and Year 6 students. We love watching them learn and grow and build lasting friendships, so we can't wait to enjoy every minute of 2023 with them.



Be Kind and Respectful

Be Respectful: Respect other people's opinion, and treat others the way you want to be treated.

Be Responsible: Always stay positive and stay away from all negativity.



Be safe: Look after yourself and others.

Be an Active Learner: Help others and encourage others.





The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in **Year 3 and Year 5** participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, students and parents can access the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact our school on 9718 5929 or email us at harcourt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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>



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.

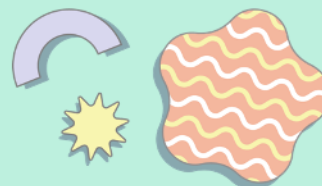
Visit the website for more information: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online>





Guiding children's growth

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

We are so excited to welcome back all of the children and families to our OSHC! We hope everyone had a restful holiday and are ready for the new school term ahead.

This year at Camp Australia, we will be encouraging the children to take greater responsibility over their learning. The children will be promoted to share ideas with others across a range of craft, sport, cooking and science activities. Our program is focused on engaging the children in learning in a fun and interactive way.

The children have expanded their knowledge about a range of cultures including Greek, Bangladesh, Korean, Lebanese, Chinese, and British. They enjoy learning about a new culture every week during our Yarning Circle and respond to diversity with respect.

This term, the children are looking forward to our upcoming Handball Championships which will take place from the 13/02/23 to 17/02/23. This is a great opportunity for children to develop an awareness of fairness, good sportsmanship, and resilience.

Visit our website to book your child's spot and join in on the exciting experiences!

Activities coming up

- Indigenous craft
- Recycled material robots
- Water painting
- Football

What's on the menu

- Nachos
- English muffins with cheese
- Popcorn

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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Term 4	Cost: \$140	10th Oct - 12th Dec

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A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the first lesson of the term. Join midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.

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