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Principal's News

Great things are happening at Harcourt!



The School Excellence Framework (SEF) supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high quality practice across the 3 domains of learning, teaching and leading.

Every year each school gathers evidence through a self-assessment process, to determine their impact, progress and achievements. The SEF defines the core business of excellent schools, enabling them to reflect on quality practice.

This year, Harcourt Public School underwent a process called the external validation process which provides an assurance to the school and system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework. Once in a four-year cycle each school undergoes an external validation of the evidence of their school's self-assessment of progress by an independent panel.

We are very proud to say that we completed our external validation process with the panel agreeing with our self-reflection decisions and even suggesting we could rate ourselves higher in three areas. Our last external validation process occurred in 2017 and we are excited to share that we have made excellent progress in all 14 elements across the 3 domains and have even reached excelling in some of these elements.

This achievement could only occur with such dedicated teachers and executive staff, committed and supportive community members and focussed, driven students. So, thank you and congratulations to the whole Harcourt Learning Community for ensuring we are committed to building confident, engaged and independent learners that continually strive for personal excellence.

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.

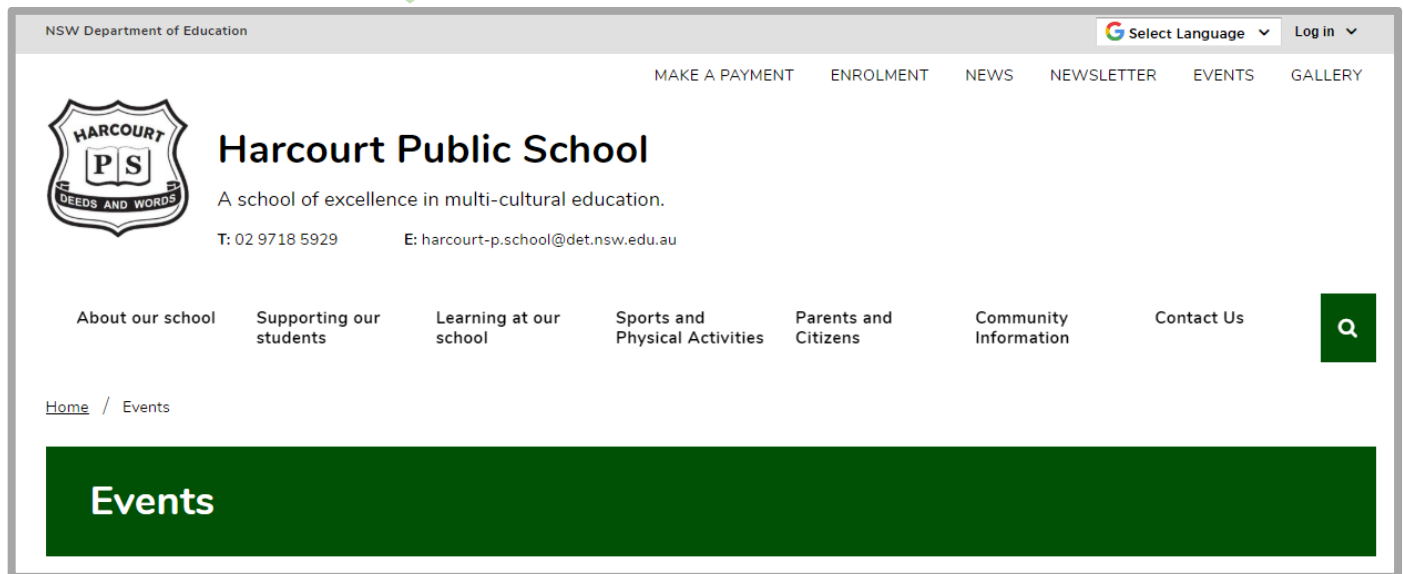
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Term 2 Week 10 2023

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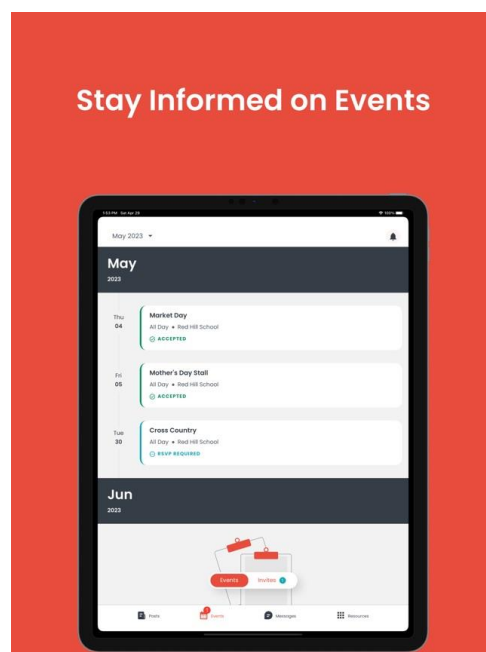


URL: <https://harcourt-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>



Skoolbag has changed to
audiri

Keep up to date with events
and news from our school
through the **audiri** app



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KINDERGARTEN MATHEMATICIANS



Kindergarten having been putting on their mathematician hats to explore different units of measurements and shapes all around us.



KG used hands on activities to explore measuring length by comparing long and short playdough worms.

KB students have been exploring squares and the many ways to combine smaller shapes to make the same shape.



KR investigated the internal volume (capacity) of different containers to determine which container holds more.



Stage One Excursion to the Botanic Gardens



Stage One enjoyed the beautiful Botanic Gardens as their outdoor classroom.

Year 2 students went on Tuesday 16th and Year 1 went on Thursday 18th May.

Our students created a map of the natural and built features around them.

They learnt how to look up at the sun to decide which direction was north, east, south and west.



Our students made bird nests as we listened to a story told by the rangers. Our rangers taught us about how all natural features of the botanic garden relies on each other to survive and continue to thrive.



Have you ever tallied how many people go to the Botanic Gardens? Well we did and we also tried to tally flowers, insects and big trees. We then put it together to create a graph. We almost ran out of sticks because the count was endless! We learnt so many things at our excursion and came back with many stories.



Our Sporty Stage Two

Stage Two have had a busy start to the term with many sporting events including Cross Country, Year 3 Active Fest, PSSA and school sport. We have learnt many skills and have had experiences in a range of sports including netball, touch football, cricket, soccer and T-Ball.



Food & Fibre (Farm Days) Science Excursion

Who? Stage Three students & teachers.

What? Farm Days excursion organised by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Where? Sydney Olympic Park.

When? Tuesday 9th May

What? Hands-on immersive learning experience to engage students in Agriculture and Science & Technology. There were 5 stations where students rotated through in groups to learn about various aspects of agriculture. The excursion was a great wrap up of our Food & Fibre Science unit which was taught in Term 1 2023.

Five Learning Stations|

Pollination & Honey

This station covered the importance of pollination to food productions, how pollination occurs, and the roles bees play in the process, while teaching about the food and other products that come from bees. We were ALL given a sample of raw & unfiltered honey to eat too! Yum!



Wool & Cotton

We learned about fibre productions such as cotton and wool. We learnt how the traits of fibre makes it suitable for specific end products (such as blankets, clothing etc.) and what is required to grow cotton crops. We also learned about the benefits of using a natural fibre in comparison to a synthetic fabric and their links to environmental sustainability.



Dairy

The Dairy and Poultry sessions covered the entire process from the animal all the way through to the end products that we can buy and eat. We were also educated on the importance of technology in the farming industry.



Poultry



Farmyard Nursery

We got to meet, pat and feed all sorts of farm animals in this nursery! We were also educated on what each animal provides for us in relation to food & fibre!



Anzac Day



Anzac Day, 25 April, is a day of national remembrance and is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

Our students have commemorated Anzac Day with special assemblies and took part in learning activities to acknowledge and understand the sacrifices that have been made by servicemen, servicewomen, peacekeepers, and all those who have lost their lives in service to their country, in all wars.

We will remember them. Lest We Forget.



PBL AT HARCOURT

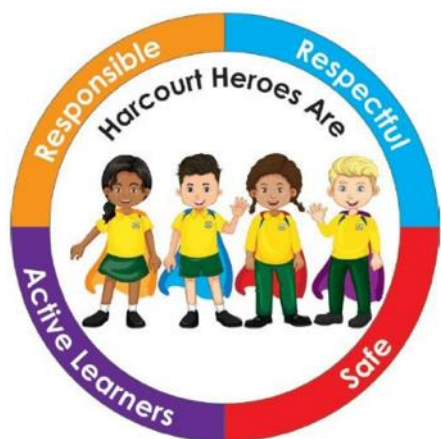
(Positive Behaviour for Learning)

OUR FOCUS: BE SAFE ON THE MAIN GRASS

KEEP HANDS AND FEET TO OURSELVES.



WEAR OUR HAT.



LINE UP QUICKLY WHEN THE BELL GOES.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

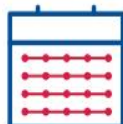
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year missed

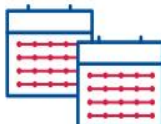
1 day per week



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8

weeks



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Over

2.5

years missed

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School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

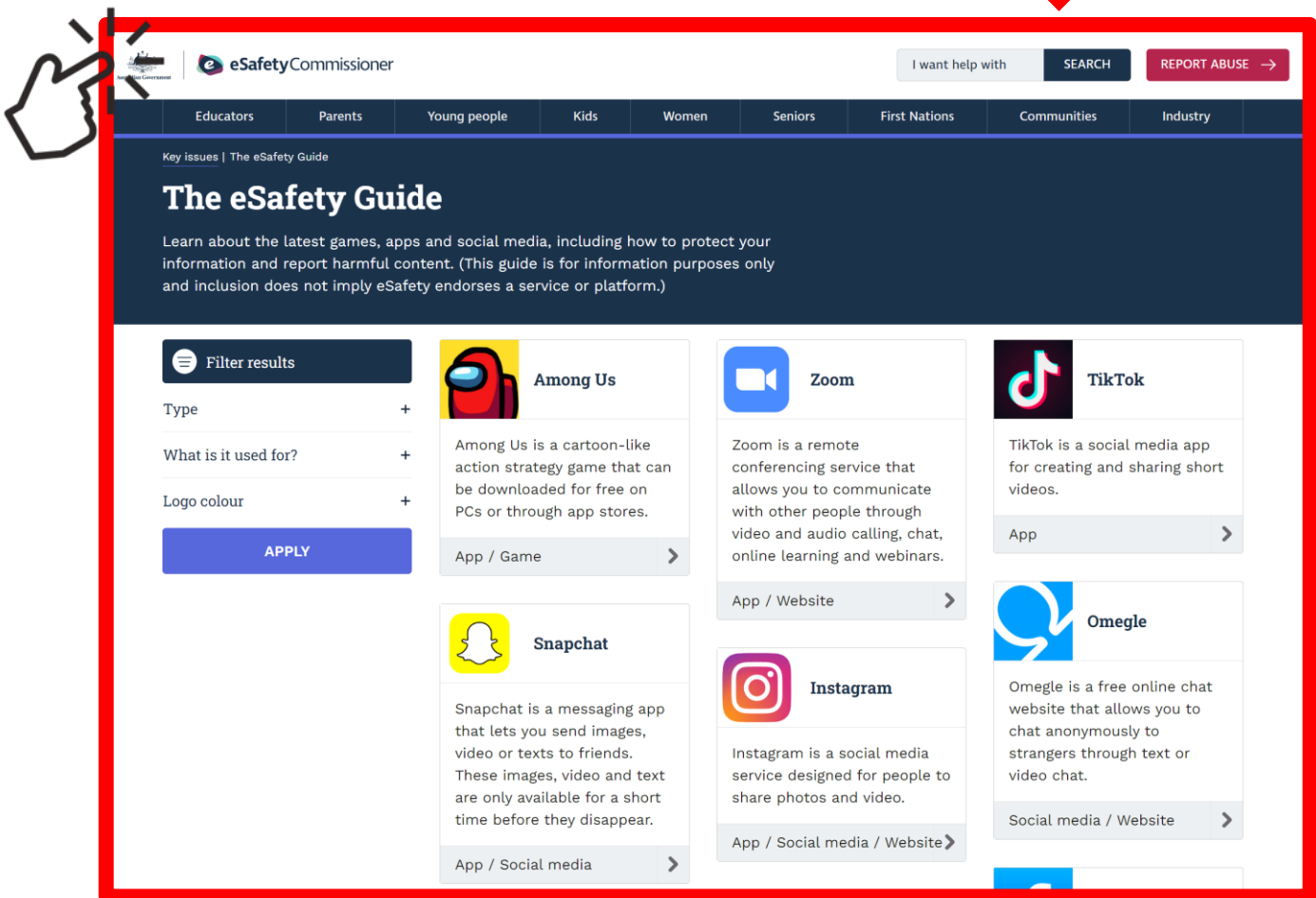
Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback



Learn about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect you and your child's information and report harmful content.

Click on the image below to go to the eSafety Commissions webpage to find out more





Guiding children's growth

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

We hope everyone has had a great start to Term 2! This term has had an excellent start and it is great to welcome back all of our families to our OSHC. We have a range of upcoming exciting experiences this term.

The children have been very excited to take part in our new Fitness Challenge! We aim to encourage the children to take greater responsibility over their own physical health and wellbeing. A range of fun challenges are taking place throughout this term to promote the development of the children's skills and abilities.

The Handball Regional Championships took place on Sunday 7th of May. We are very proud of Christodoulos and Isaac who competed against children across the state. They did an excellent job representing Camp Australia Harcourt Public School, with Christodoulos coming first overall. Wonderful achievement!

We are really looking forward to the upcoming Big Art Week which will take place from the 12th to 23rd of June. The children are very excited to participate in the competition and have started to brainstorm creative art ideas!

We hope everyone has an excellent Term 2. Visit our website to book your child's spot and join in on the fun experiences!

Activities coming up

- Fitness Challenge
- Big Art Week

What's on the menu

- Nachos
- Popcorn
- Toast with spreads (jam, honey, vegemite)

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.

[Visit our blog](#)

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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Harcourt Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:05pm to 2:00pm, starting on 2 May 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



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