



# Harcourt Public School

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## Principal's News

The first half of Term 3 has been a busy one, with many wonderful events undertaken.

Week 3 saw us celebrate 175 years of public education, where we acknowledged all types of learning, at all levels across our education system. On Education Day we were grateful to have 106 family members attend our parent information sessions, with even more parents and carers joining us afterwards for the open classrooms and picnic lunch. Thank you to everyone that could come and join in the learning experiences.

At Harcourt we focus on teaching the current curriculum, provide remedial support where required and ensure we design learning activities and offer opportunities that also cater to our students that demonstrate high potential in one or more domains. Our teachers have been learning more about high potential and gifted education, so we can cater to students that provide evidence of outstanding strengths and consider ways to nurture and further develop these students in their identified domain/s.

Just some of the recent, or soon to be accessed opportunities are:

### Intellectual Domain – Spelling Bee Regional Finalists

- Ayshka (Stage 2)
- Ananyaa (Stage 3)

### Creative Domain – successful in joining the 2023 NSW Public Schools Year 5 & 6 Primary Drama Ensembles

- Myrtle, Amelia, Jemma (Stage 3)

### Physical Domain – Regional Athletics

- Many students performed at a high level to reach our Zone Athletics Carnival. We will soon be provided with the names of students that demonstrated high potential in this event and will be invited to the compete in the Regional Athletics.

We wish these students further growth and success as we continue to stretch every child at Harcourt through their learning experiences.

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.

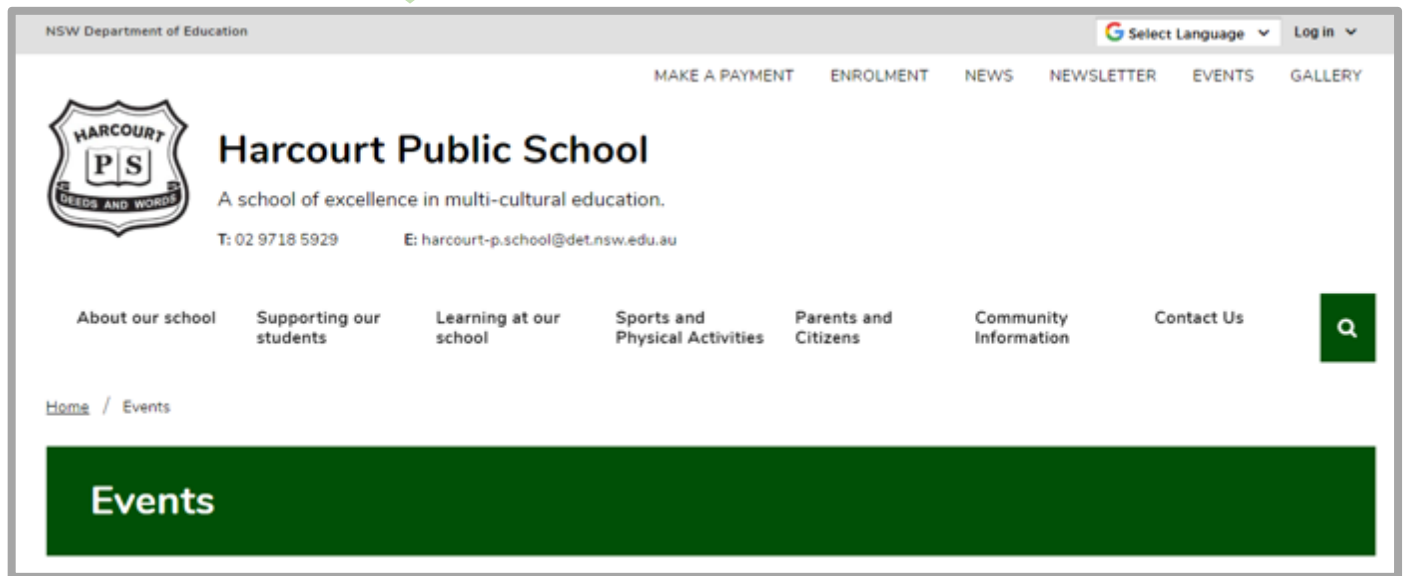
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Our school website contains information on upcoming events so click on the image below to access this information.

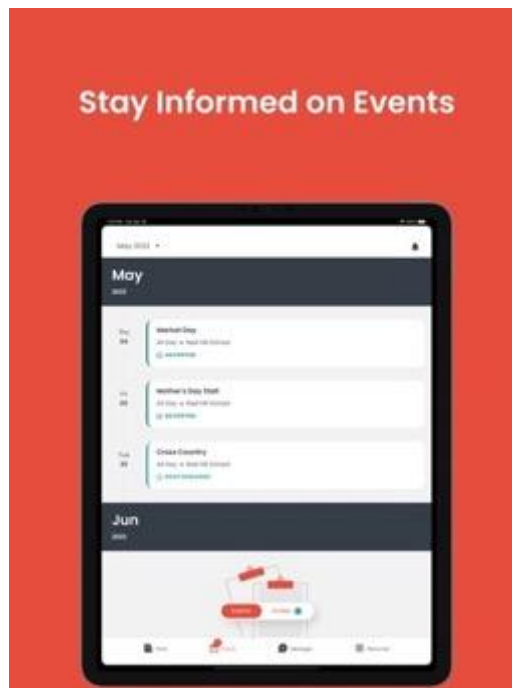


URL: <https://harcourt-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>



Skoolbag has changed to  
audiri

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



Click the image  
(left) for instructions on  
how to register for this  
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**Kindergarten had a wonderful time at the farm meeting all the animals and learning about the produce they give us.**



**All the students got to milk a cow.**



**They met a tiny little chick, sheep and goats.**





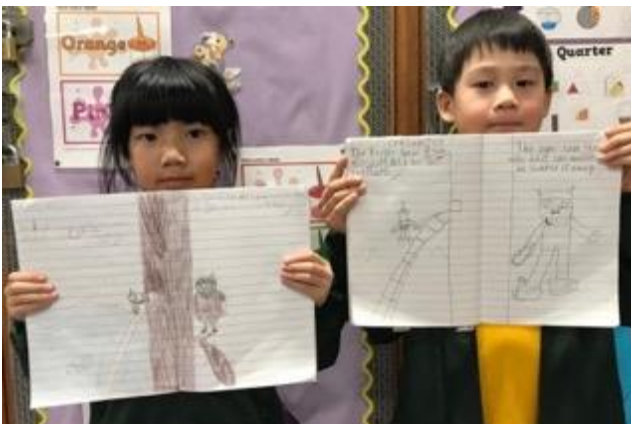
## Active Learners in Stage One!



In Science, 1C has been learning all about mixtures.



In 2M, students have been playing maths games to build number fluency.



Hypatia and Noah in 2H wrote compound sentences using conjunctions.



Vince and Nitya in 1L are exploring ways to divide shapes into halves and quarters.



In 1H, students have been learning to share objects fairly using concrete materials.



2N became architects and designed an array city!



## STAGE 2 TIPS FOR STRONG WELLBEING

Stage 2 say the key to strong wellbeing each day is...

- Get a good nights sleep, exercise daily, eat healthy foods, breathe deeply and slowly and have fun! Stage 2 are great at all these things and more!

# Stage Three Artists



In 5/6K, the students have produced various artworks. We've explored perspective by creating our own art gallery.

We experimented with blending colours by painting a sunset scene of Santorini and looked at bold colours when making sea animals pop.



Students in 5/6H and 5/6S have been using Ipads and laptops to research the Australian artist Carmen Hui's artwork as inspiration to create their own designs. Students have been choosing to sketch a favourite 'Aussie' jar for example, vegemite and combining it with their favourite flowers for example, roses. Here are a few snaps of the kids in action.



## Our Shine Brightly Day



On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Harcourt Public School celebrated Shine Brightly Day. This was a day to promote wellbeing and happiness within our school community and to raise money to contribute to the costs of our Year 6 students' end of year activities.

Harcourt Public School and in particular Year 6 students and teachers would like to thank the P & C for their outstanding fundraising efforts. The chips and cans of drinks sold during recess and lunch were extremely popular.



We would also like to thank the Fresh Start Canteen for creating an exciting menu for students to enjoy that day and contributing to the fundraising for Year 6.

A special thanks to the parents and students who volunteered to help with the organisation of the day, including the team at CAMP Australia.



**National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence****Friday 18 August (Week 5)**

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an initiative that aims to create positive action to prevent bullying with students, school staff and our school communities.

The 2023 theme, 'Growing Connections', promotes the importance of student connectedness and sense of belonging, helping students feel accepted, respected, included and supported.

**What is bullying?**

- Bullying is purposely hurting someone else.
- Bullying is REPETITIVE – which means it happens again and again. It is not the same as something happening once.
- Bullying can be physical, verbal or mental. It hurts the victim a lot and in many different ways. Bullying includes racial comments.

Respect and acceptance are values we consistently focus on and include as one of our Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations – BE RESPECTFUL.

On this special day, Harcourt students participated in discussions and activities to create awareness and utilise supportive tools as they interact with one another.

We encourage all family members to talk about what their child has learned, look at the difference between bullying and isolated incidences and support their child as they practice respectful and responsible interactions with others.





# Education Week

In week 3, we celebrated Education Week and invited parents/carers to join us at school to learn about the implementation of the new curriculum. They also got to visit classrooms and experience some of the learning activities that students participate in on a daily basis to build their knowledge and skills. Students enjoyed sharing their daily experiences with their parents/carers. Thank you parents/carers for your ongoing support to support our students be successful learners.



We recently had a ySafe expert visit our school to inform students, teachers and parents/carers about the latest information regarding ways to stay safe online. Safety is a priority, so ySafe has provided us with our very own Online Safety Hub. The Online Safety Hub provides a rich source of information for our parent community to help you manage cyber safety in the home, including engaging blogs, articles, guides and resources.



<https://harcourt-p.onlinesafetyhub.com.au/>



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...

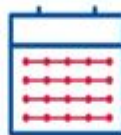
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

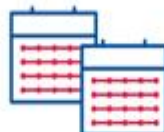


= Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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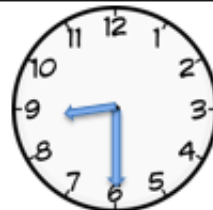


# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time  
your school  
starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**





## 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](https://transportnsw.info/school-travel)

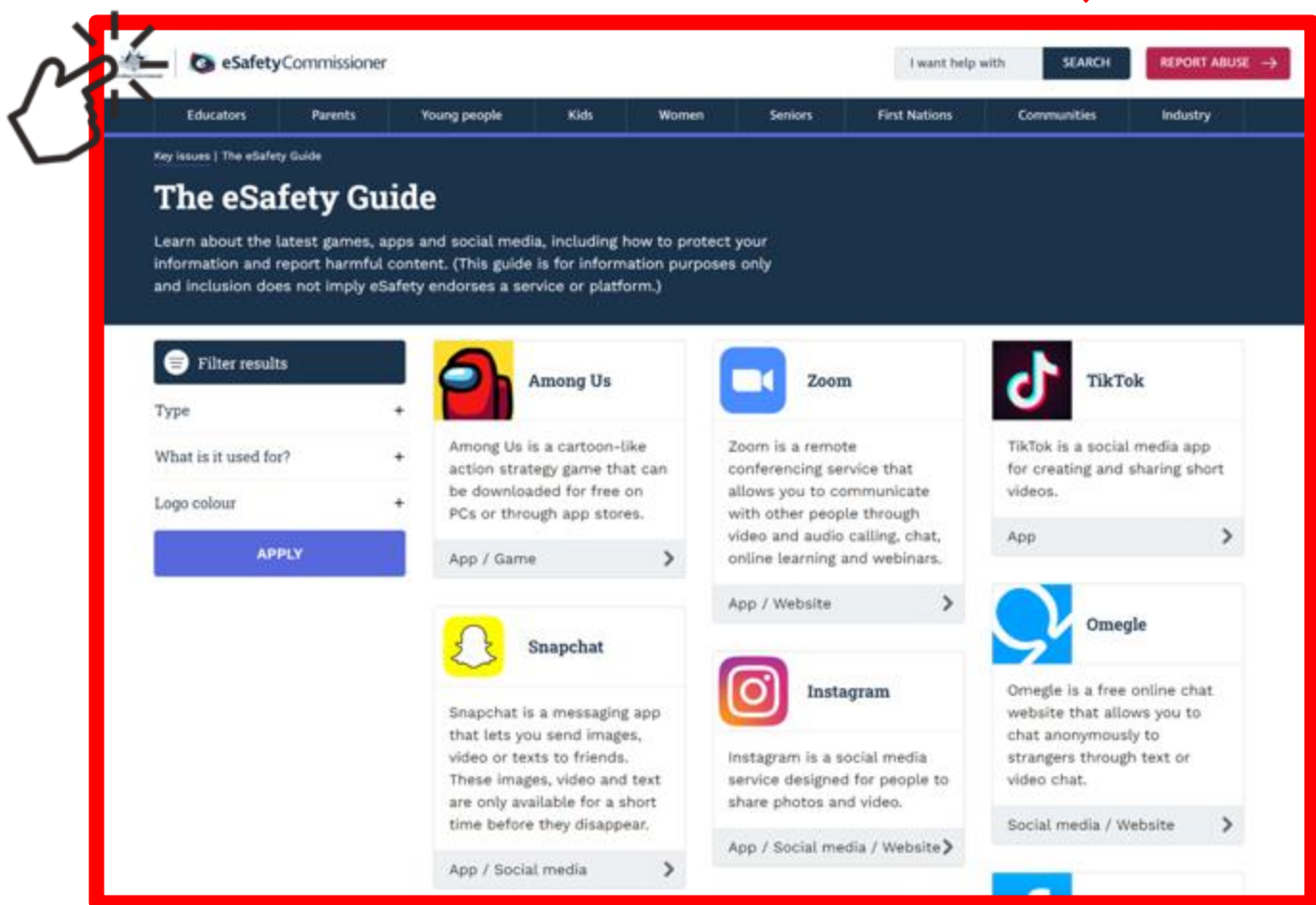
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback)





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.





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# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harcourt P&C will be holding a **Fathers' Day Stall** on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023** as part of the P&C fundraising initiatives for 2023.

Each teacher will bring their class down to the stall, located in the school hall during class time and all students will have the opportunity to purchase some lovely gifts.

This year we have a variety of fun and useful items between **\$2 and \$6 each**. Children are invited to purchase gifts for their dads, grandfathers, uncles and loved ones.

Children are asked to bring **cash only** to school on the day of the stall. Small denominations would be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds from the Father's Day sale will support Harcourt students in their learning journey.



Traditionally, the P & C have provided plastic bags for the students to carry their purchases.

Following the NSW ban on plastic bags from 1 June 2022, the P&C will no longer be able to provide these.

We suggest that you provide your children with a reusable bag to place their purchases on the day.

Alternatively, we will have available for purchase Father's Day paper gift bags for \$1.



*If you are able to spare an hour or two from 8:45am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of August, for the setup, selling at the stall or the pack up, please kindly email the P&C Team on [pandchps@hotmail.com](mailto:pandchps@hotmail.com)*

*(Volunteer documents will need to be completed).*

Thank you!  
 P&C Team







Guiding children's growth

# Newsletter



## A message from your Coordinator

Term 3 has been an excellent learning journey for all of the children! We have enjoyed meeting new families and planning exciting experiences.

This term, National Science Week will take place from the 14th to 18th of August. We have a range of fun science activities planned including solar energy experiment, magic milk, code a binary bracelet and paper plate UFO craft. These experiences will challenge the children's ability to hypothesise, experiment, and investigate.

The children are super excited for our upcoming Book Week which will run from the 21st to 25th of August. This week provides the perfect opportunity for children to explore their imagination, curiosity and personal interests. The children will be encouraged to create their own felt story boards, bookmarks, comic books, storytelling trays and much more!

We are really looking forward to all of the exciting experiences and opportunities. Visit our website to book your child's spot and join in on the fun experiences!

## Activities coming up

- Galaxy Chalk Pastel Art
- Soccer Tournament
- Cooking - Oats Smoothie
- Basketball Game

## What's on the menu

- Rice Noodles
- Spaghetti
- English Muffins with Cheese

## 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](http://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](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



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