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Principal's News

Term 3 has come to an end with many memories made. Stage 3 students have returned from camp with wonderful stories and experiences to share. They spent three days and two nights at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation Centre, Narrabeen, and participated in activities such as archery tag, paddleboarding, and cooking damper. These events are only possible due to the dedication and willingness of our teachers to give up their own family time for our Harcourt students. I thank them for this commitment.

Thank you also to our families that supported the jump rope for heart initiative and Parents and Citizen volunteers that ensured all dads were catered for this Father's Day.

Next term we focus on our transition programs as Year 6 finish with us and a new group of Kindergarten students join the Harcourt family. For the 2024 Kindergarten students we are offering an opportunity this October and November for them to come to school and experience life in the classroom and become oriented to the school site. Please ensure you have enrolled your child if they are attending Kindergarten at Harcourt in 2024 so they don't miss this transition program being offered.

The last day for students this term is 22 September with both students and teachers returning for Term 4 on 9 October. School Development Days are held at the end of Term 4, with the last day of the school year for students being 15 December 2023.

We wish you a relaxing and fun filled school holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back next term.

Kindergarten transition is about to begin...

Make sure you are enrolled for your child to join in!



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.

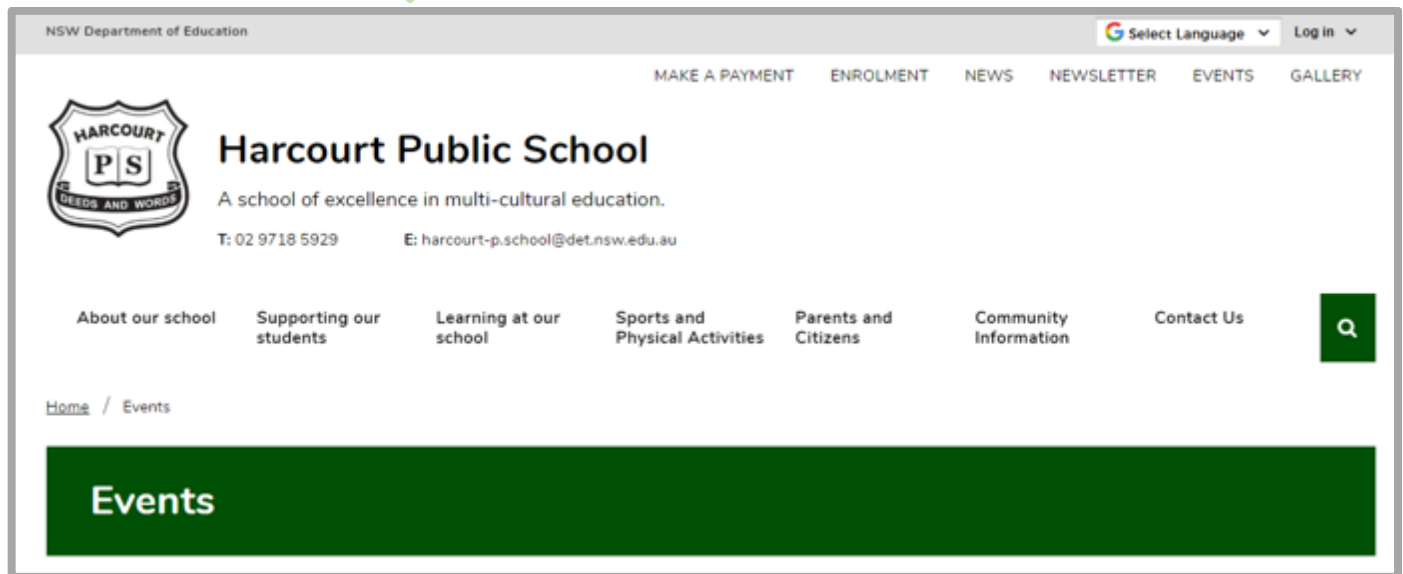
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Term 4 Week 5 2023

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

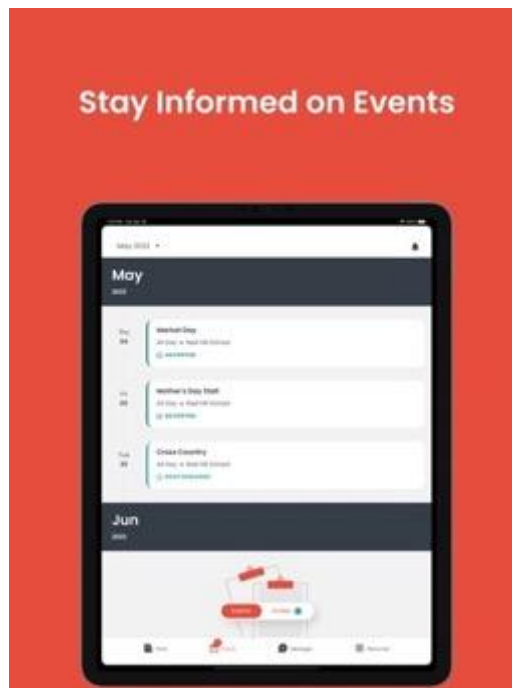


URL: <https://harcourt-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>



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
app





KINDERGARTEN DESIGNERS



Kindergarten tapped into their creative sides to design a coaster for their dads and grandads for Father's Day.



KG and KR working hard on making their coasters and proudly showing them off!

KB and KG enjoying books about dads and grandads to celebrate the special day!

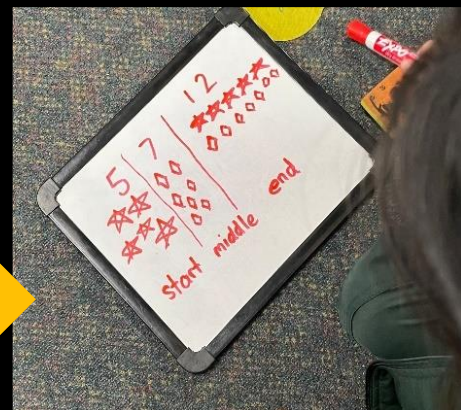


Active Learners in Stage One!



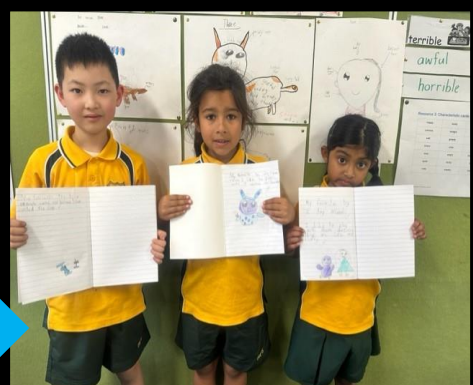
In 2M, Lola and Zara were identifying and labelling repeating patterns in our school environment.

1H have been learning to tell mathematical stories to match number sentences.



1L students are discovering efficient ways to organise and count large amounts of objects.

Students in 1C have been comparing the similarities and differences of toys that children played with in the past and present.



2H and 2N students are creating models to draw a map from a bird's eye



STAGE TWO JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



3/4N



3/4C



3/4D



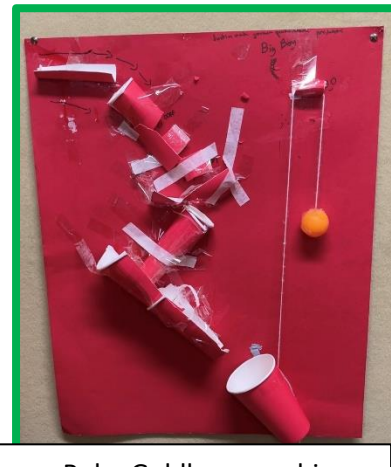
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Jump Rope for Heart encourages students to have a positive attitude towards exercise, healthy eating, and heart health.

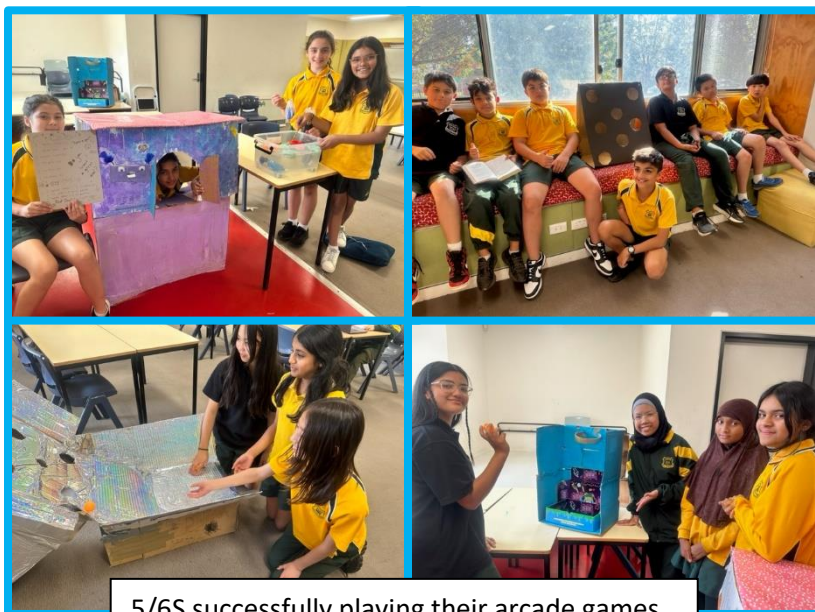
Stage Two had a great time participating in Jump Rope for Heart activities, demonstrating their fitness abilities.

Design, Make and Play in Stage Three

In Science, Stage Three have been learning about the properties of different materials and how these can be used to inform their uses in everyday products. As a result, the students have become inventors, engineers and architects to design a range of Rube Goldberg and arcade machines using different materials.



5/6C creating some Rube Goldberg machines using different materials.



5/6S successfully playing their arcade games.



Some arcade machines made by 5/6K.



5/6H presenting their arcade games.



Stage 3 Camp

Our school camp adventure was nothing short of extraordinary! Nestled in the heart of Narrabeen, at the Sydney Academy of Sport & Recreation, camp was an unforgettable experience.

Students were immersed in a whirlwind of thrilling activities and initiatives. In the serene waters of Narrabeen Lake, they ventured into canoeing, kayaking & stand-up paddleboarding.

The excitement didn't stop there! Archery tag tested their aim and precision, starting campfires, toasting damper and sharing stories. Orienteering challenged their navigational skills and tabloid games in the evening with some friendly competition.

Our Stage 3 students & teachers returned home with hearts full of cherished memories.







Public Speaking Finals

On Thursday 14 September, Harcourt Public School hosted separate stage finals for public speaking. Two students from each class delivered a prepared and an impromptu speech in front of their stage peers and parents/carers. All speakers are to be congratulated on their efforts. A special thank you to our Adjudicator, Aleina Konsam. The winner from each stage will now progress to the District Competition which will be held in early Term 4.

EARLY STAGE 1

Winner - Matthew

Runner Up - Freya

Encouragement - Analia



STAGE 1

Winner - Pipi

Runner Up - Adriana

Encouragement - Anson



STAGE 2

Winner - Cat Tuong

Runner Up - Issac

Encouragement - Ayshka



STAGE 3

Winner - Myrtle

Runner Up - Meriem

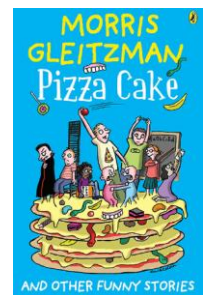
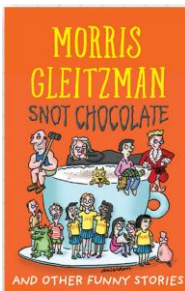
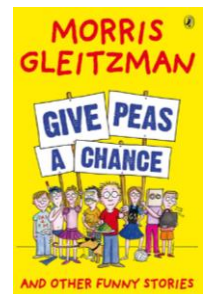
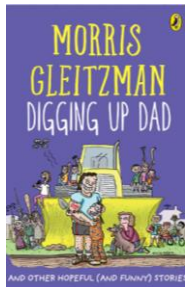
Encouragement - Amelia



Famous Author visits Harcourt!

Our Year 4, 5 & 6 students had the pleasure to meet Morris Gleitzman, one of Australia's best selling children's book author on Friday 25 August. They had the opportunity to ask him many questions which he eagerly answered so that they could learn more about him, his methods to write many of his books and how he gains ideas for his books.

An added bonus was Morris signing the books that the students had brought with them.



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

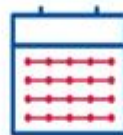
1 day per fortnight



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weeks



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Over **1** year missed

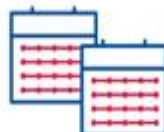
1 day per week



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8

weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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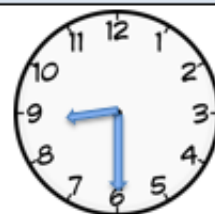
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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

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

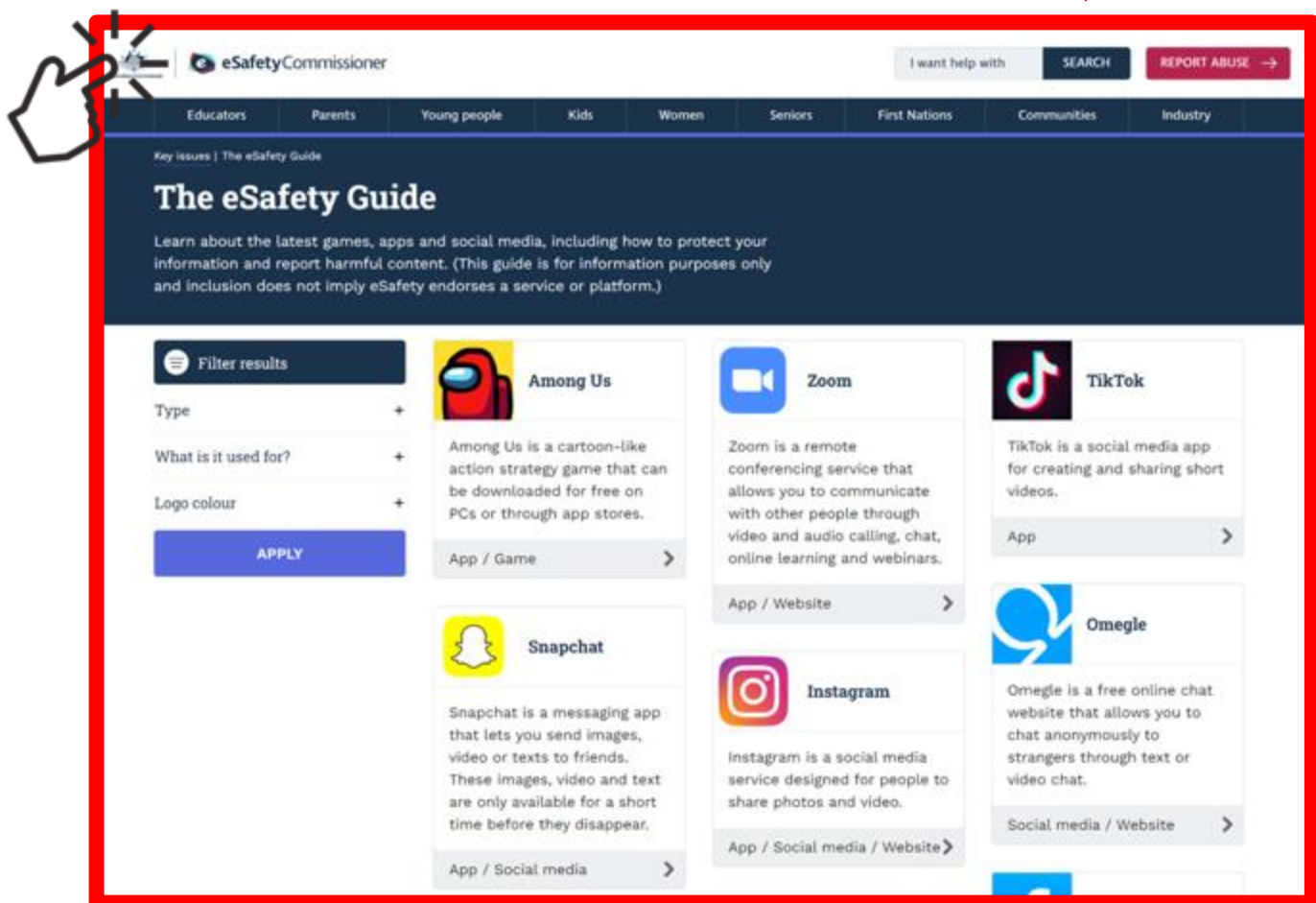
Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

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



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.



Father's Day Stall 2023

The Father's Day Stall this year was held on Wednesday 30th August and The P&C would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped out on the day (yes, there were some fathers there too!) and for everyone's support of the event. All funds raised would contribute towards the School's wish-list.



P&C Executive Team

President: Naomi Gray

Vice Presidents: Gloria Bae and Annie Au-Yeung

Treasurer: Shaun Tabone

Secretary: Vacant

If you are a financial member of The P&C and interested to join the Executive Team, please email pandchps@hotmail.com

Shine Brightly Disco Day

Thank you to our amazing Year 6 students and lovely volunteers who kindly helped last month at the P&C drinks and chips stall. All money raised will contribute to the costs of our Year 6 students end of year activities.



Have a fantastic Term 3 break!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all Harcourt families a safe and enjoyable Term 3 holiday break. We look forward to more exciting opportunities to support our School in Term 4!



Call for Volunteers

The P&C will be holding a series of fundraising events in Term 4. If you are able to spare 2-3 hours of your time to help, please email pandchps@hotmail.com

NSW Active Kids Vouchers

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to visit

www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/concessions-rebates-and-assistance to apply for your 2023

Creative Kids and Active Kids vouchers. These vouchers could be redeemed at many local organisations to increase your child's physical and creative arts interests.





Guiding children's growth

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

This term has been an incredible learning experience for all of the children! It has encouraged them to think outside of the box and challenge their skills.

Our Book Week took place from the 21st to the 25th of August. The children explored their creativity and imagination by participating in various activities including making bookmarks, role play masks and recycled characters.

This term, our service took part in a range of community projects. The children engaged with the local nursing home by making thoughtful and creative cards for the residents. We also had an exciting visit from the local firefighters during our fire safety week. This was a great experience for the children to learn more about fire safety such as the purpose of fire alarms and the firefighter's uniform. They were also given the opportunity to tour the firetruck and try using the fire hose. This was a very positive experience for all of the children which allowed them to connect with the local community!

We hope everyone has a fun and restful school holiday. We look forward to the exciting activities planned in our upcoming Rocketeers program. Visit our website to book your child's spot and join in on the fun experiences!

Activities coming up

- Inflatable World Excursion
- DIY Giant Game Adventures
- WS Wanderers Game Day Excursion
- Plus-Plus Challenge

What's on the menu

- Rice and yoghurt
- Pizza
- Pasta
- Cornchip Nachos

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.

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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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