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Principal's News

We are halfway through Term 4 already... time flies when you are having fun!

Last week I attended the Final of the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee, where 30 senior finalists wove their way through a 'labyrinth' of tricky words. Words like "curmudgeonly", and "assiduous" quickly reduced student numbers throughout 12 rounds until there was a clear winner for 2024. Harcourt Public School was represented by our own spelling champion Zarif K, 5/6H. Mrs Speirs, Mrs Cacciotti and I, who were in the audience, were extremely proud of the way Zarif performed on the day and represented the school with pride and respect for his fellow competitors.



2025 planning is underway.

In 2024 Harcourt teachers engaged with the new curriculum, working hard to understand the new concepts, develop strong strategies for teaching this content and refine assessment practices to further guide the next learning cycle. In doing this we have identified that grade-based classes would be more effective for students K-4 (when possible), with stage-based grouping considered for Stage 3 (Year 5/6) students as they move past the foundational skills into more developed and complex learning concepts.

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Our Vision:

At Harcourt Public School every learner receives a high-quality education that enables them to achieve ambitious learning goals within a school culture that strengthens student wellbeing and development.

Principal's News continued:

With information from current research and feedback from teachers, we have decided to form a Stage 3 (Year 5/6) enrichment class only in the coming year. These students are better placed to have demonstrated their high potential over a number of years, to have consolidated on their foundational skills, as well as engaged in independent and self-driven learning.

In 2025 there is a statewide focus on High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) with professional learning and development opportunities undertaken by teachers. Enrichment of students is every teacher's aim, and we will continue to support and encourage above expected growth for every student (K-6) in a variety of different areas.

Thank you to those families that contributed to the Tell Them From Me survey. This has given us some good feedback to consider, aspects to continue, others to strengthen. Over the coming week there is another opportunity to contribute to a school climate survey. This is a one-off survey that will provide us with a lot of valuable information about what community values and how they perceive aspects of school life. This will further guide us in our direction over the coming year. Look for the link in Audiri or click on the box below if you did not get a chance to contribute during Multicultural Day.

Jan Holt | Principal

School Climate Survey – Your voice is important.

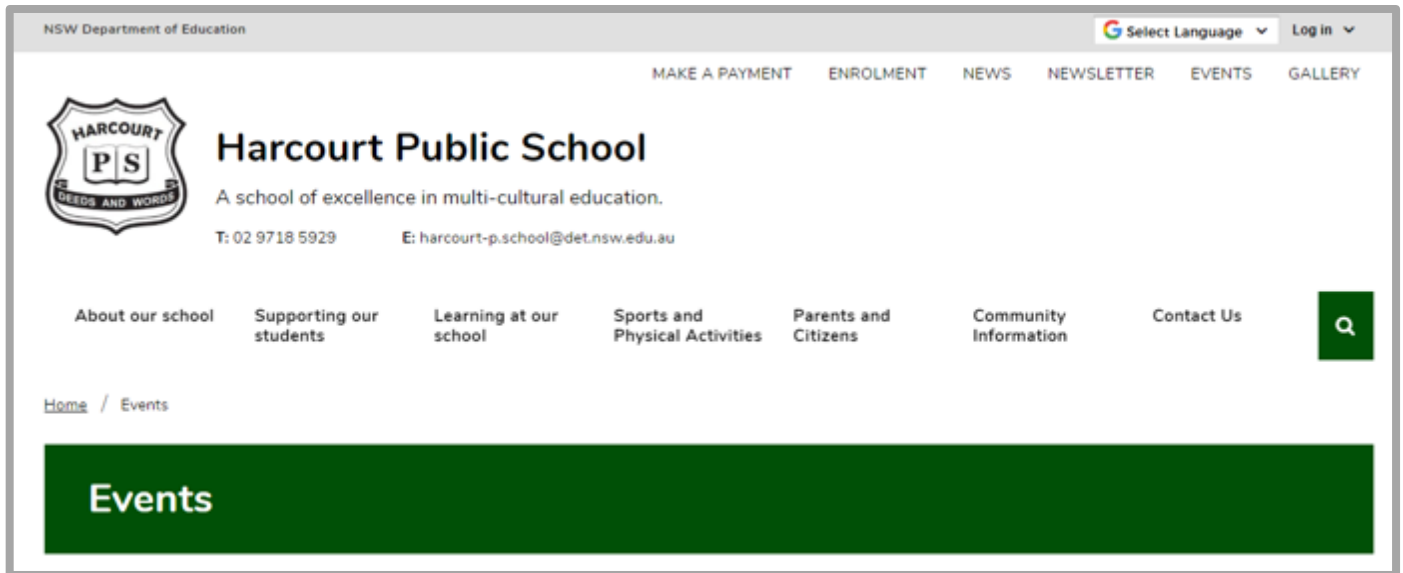
Please take 20-30 minutes to complete this **confidential survey** about our school.



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>



Our school uses the Sentral for Parents app so that parents can stay connected and informed about their child.

This app enables families to give permission for their child's activities and events, make payments to the school, inform the school of the reason for their child's absence and receive messages and notifications to keep them informed.

Download and connect with us now!



Click the image above for instructions on how to get started with this app.



Kindergarten meet Healthy Harold...

 **LifeEd.**
Every child deserves to thrive

Students were thrilled to meet Healthy Harold for the first time. They considered the importance of relationships and gained skills to seek help in a variety of situations. They had opportunities to practice strategies to manage their feelings and emotions.

Kindy learned how to build friendships and care for others through:

- Identifying and managing feelings and emotions
- Recognising body clues that let us know when we could be unsafe
- Safe people and places to seek help.



STAGE ONE BLAST TO THE PAST

Rouse Hill Estate

6th November 2024



Stage One visited the Rouse Hill Estate and were teleported back to the 1800s. Students learnt and were able to experience some of the daily activities of farmers and their families back in the day such as feeding the animals, hanging the washing, getting the water, school life and lots more. Take a look at our photos!

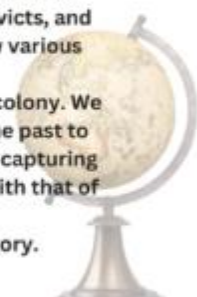


STAGE 2 EXCURSION

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) students were transported back in time to the early days of first contact and colonial exploration during our excursion to The Rocks. Students had the chance to dress up as migrants, convicts, and soldiers, recreating scenes of 19th-century Sydney. Through this experience, students explored how various groups and significant events shaped the local community over time.

On our walking tour, we observed the historical buildings and architecture essential to establishing a colony. We visited landmarks such as the bank, hospital, police station, and sewer canal, bringing stories from the past to life. The scenic beauty of the harbour inspired us as we sketched the view from Observatory Hill, first capturing the scene as it is today, and then imagining it in 1788. This allowed us to compare contemporary life with that of early European settlers in Australia.

The excursion provided a wonderful experience and a deeper understanding of our nation's history.



Stage 3 Cinema Excursion

Stage 3 students had the opportunity to attend an excursion to Burwood Event Cinema to watch "The Wild Robot". This was a movie adaptation of "The Wild Robot" novel which we studied during our literacy unit in Term 1.

CINEMA





The Wild Robot Movie Review

When: 24th October 2024

Rating: ★★★★★

At first I thought The Wild Robot would be boring, but it was surprisingly funny. Some parts were emotional. The ending was the saddest part of the movie, it had most people crying like a waterfall.

Dem and Rika

The Wild Robot Comparison

The Wild Robot movie is definitely more enjoyable than the novel because of more depth in certain characters, the visual and sound aspect making it easier to understand the mood and the removal of unnecessary characters and scenes. The movie changed some character designs for example Roz. In the book she was blockier with sharp edges which didn't resonate with me particularly and did not make sense for Roz's character for me. I really like the movie design of Roz. It was what I imagined her to look like in my head while reading the book. The style and music helped certain emotions of scenes to be more defined and impactful.

Fink in the book originally wasn't shown as a main character and didn't have a big role but in the movie, he was the main mentor for Brightbill. He was a big part of his life and was the first to greet him when Brightbill came back from migration. It was hinted that Fink had never really experienced true love. At the start he was very sarcastic and used Roz for food. In the middle he wouldn't admit that he liked Roz's company and saw her as a friend and at the end he asked her what he would do without her there.

In the movie Brightbill acted like a robot which made sense because of his mother. The movie had a more distinct world setting than the book with a more futuristic setting which makes sense for an advanced robot.

By Zoe 5/6F



★★★★★

The movie, was really good, the movie was truly meaningful. Some parts of the movie were sad in particular when Brightbill left Roz, and the forest was destroyed. My favourite part of the movie was when Fink kicked Brightbill to the pond and said "This is how my mum taught me how to swim... SWIM!"

The date I went Thursday 24th of October

From Melissa

The Wild Robot! Movie Review!

On Thursday, 24th October 2024, all of stage 3 went to the Burwood cinema to go and see the NEW Wild Robot Movie! In my opinion the wild robot movie was very engaging. Most of the Stage 3s were emotional from time-to-time. At the end of the movie, everyone in my row, the back row, got extremely emotional, because Roz had woken up, because of Bright bill!

Rating: ★★★★★ By Jemma 5/6S

Chinese Class



Students read the text aloud, practicing pronunciation using pinyin.



They choose which characters to write first, progressing to more challenging ones.



Students play specific Kahoot games to reinforce their learning.



Harcourt Korean Class

Korean students in Year 2 have been practising the Korean version of 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and dance movements for a performance on Multicultural Day in Term 4. Students have had lots of fun by creating shiny stars and practising the dance movements for the upcoming special performance at Harcourt on 15 November.





Hello! This year I, Amelia participated in the Yr 6 NSW State Drama Ensemble for the State Drama Festival. I have practiced for this performance every Wednesday for two hours and began rehearsing at the start of Term 2.

The final performance was on the 25th of October at the Seymour Centre in the city. This is where I performed a matinee (midday performance) and an evening performance to about 800 each time!

This is a photo of me dressed as a cleaner. Our performance was about directors who had *supposedly* turned into toads because us cleaners made a wish that they would turn into toads because of our dislike for them.

I had the time of my life and it was definitely a wonderful experience. Thanks, Amelia

Public Speaking

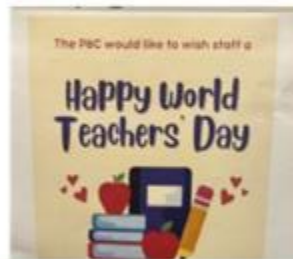
On Monday October 21st four students represented Harcourt Public School at the Canterbury Strathfield Network Final of the 2024 Metropolitan South and West Public Speaking competition. We would like to congratulate the following students: William 3/4N, Coco KB, Aisha 2N and Amelia 5/6H on their wonderful achievement.



HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

A huge shoutout to all our amazing teachers! We cannot thank you enough for all your hard work and effort in teaching and nurturing our students. Your dedication and inspiration in the classroom play a crucial role in shaping the minds and futures of our children.

"A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others." – Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



PROVIDOOR

The P&C has started an exciting partnership with Providoor, to help us raise funds to support our school while helping you enjoy restaurant-quality meals at home.

By choosing Providoor, you're supporting Harcourt and our community. Every customer gets a **10% discount on their total order** (excl. shipping) and the P&C receives a generous commission towards our fundraising efforts! Make sure you order from the webpage: https://bit.ly/harcourt_ps or our QR code here:



Local Election BBQ and Cake Stall

The P&C held a BBQ and Cake Stall Fundraiser on Saturday 14th September 2024. Once again, we would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who has given up time out of their precious weekend to help us on the day. We would also like to thank the British Sausage Company for donating over 200 sausages for our BBQ - they were so delicious that we sold out! Funds raised will contribute towards the school hall sound system.



Crazy Colour FUN Run Day

What a fantastic day! Students went all out on soft drinks and ice-cream. A whopping total of \$580.05 was raised and the funds will go towards Year 6 end-of-year events and resources for the school.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

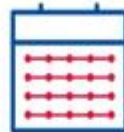
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



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4 weeks



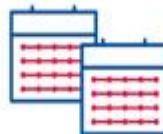
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Over **1** year missed



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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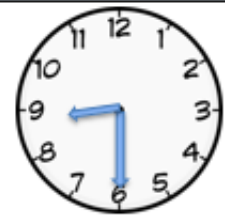
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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

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

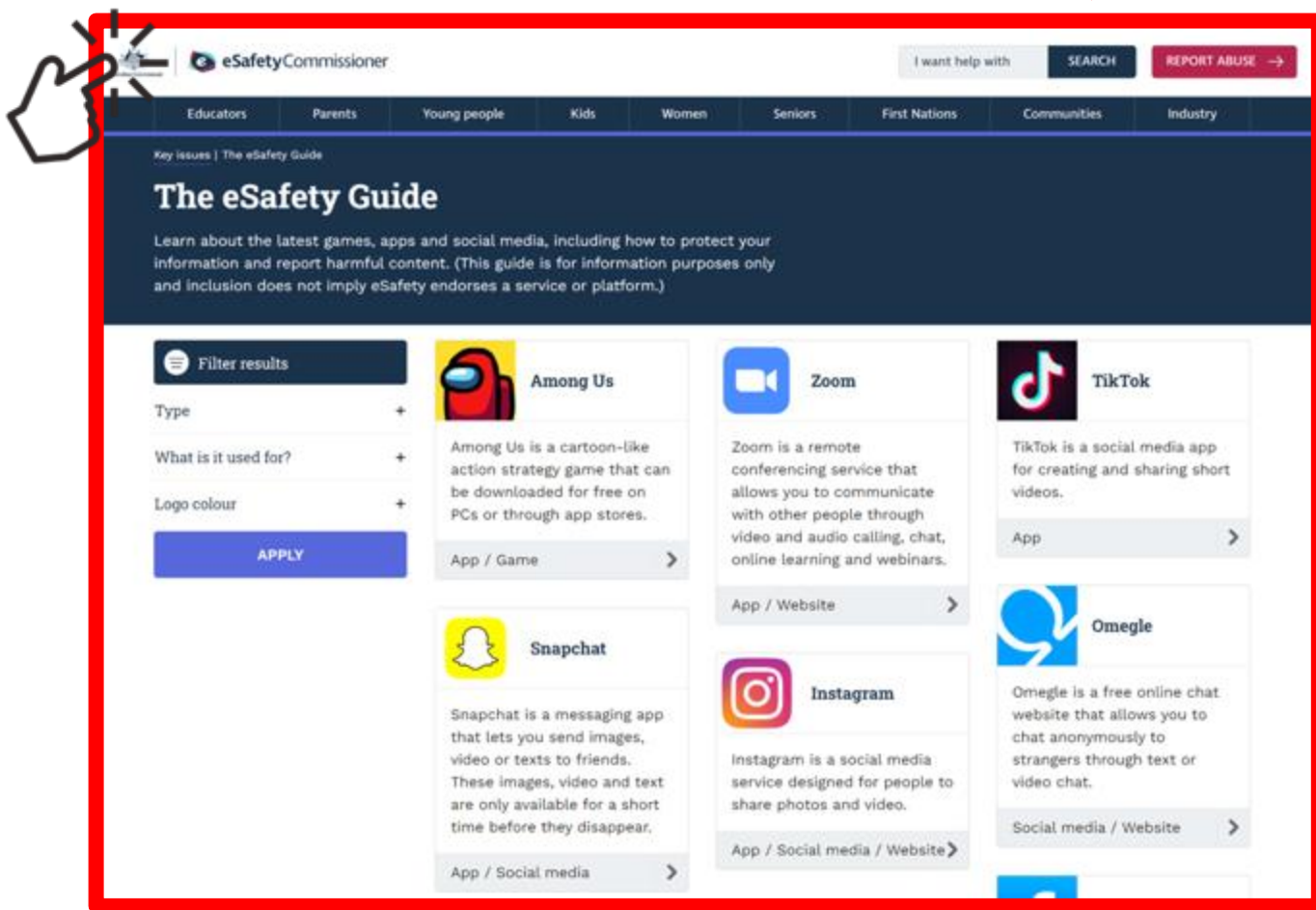
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your school
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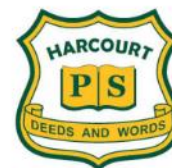
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Girls Skort	\$	36.00

Recommended But Not Compulsory

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Girls Headbands	\$	7.00

Winter Uniform

Winter Jacket	\$	57.00
Long Sleeve Polo	\$	36.00
School Tracksuit Pants	\$	42.00
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Accessories

White Socks (3pk)	\$	18.00
Girls Tights	\$	15.00

