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Principal's News

We have reached the end of another eventful term. Thank you to everyone for such a settled and positive start to the year. Our school photos ran smoothly, and we appreciated the high number of parents that attended the Term 1 parent/carer interviews.

Midterm the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Annual General meeting was held, with an Executive Team secured for the year. Congratulations and thank you to Mui Kuen (Annie) Au-Yeung (President/Vice), Gloria Bae (President/Vice), Mark Donoghoe (Secretary) and Shaun John Tabone (Treasurer). I encourage all families to join the P&C and attend the meetings, as well as support the team whenever possible. They work extremely hard to ensure Harcourt is the best environment possible for ALL students.

Earlier in the term all families were asked to download the SENTRAL APP, so that we could begin using this system for permissions and payments, moving to attendance later in the year. At the end of Term 2 we will be sending **school reports out digitally** through this system, so we encourage everyone to ensure they are connected before then. One complexity that is occurring is that parents are not using the same email to register for the app as has been provided to the school as their email contact. The two email details **must match** for the system to link your app to your child/ren. If you are unsure if your app is connected to your child, please contact our administration office for confirmation.



For the first four weeks of Term 2 I will be travelling around Italy and Greece, learning more about this wonderful world in which we live. Zoe McFetrich will be relieving as Principal during my period of leave. I wish all families a safe and enjoyable school holiday break and a successful start to Term 2.

Jan Holt
Principal

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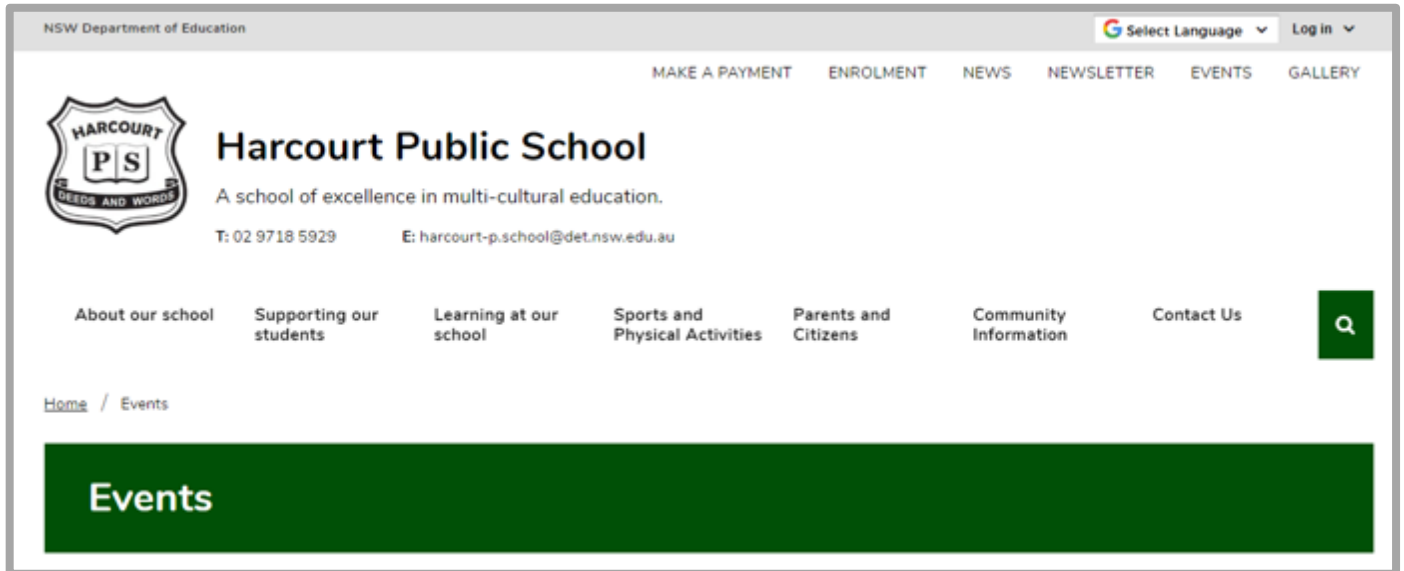
Our Vision:

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.

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



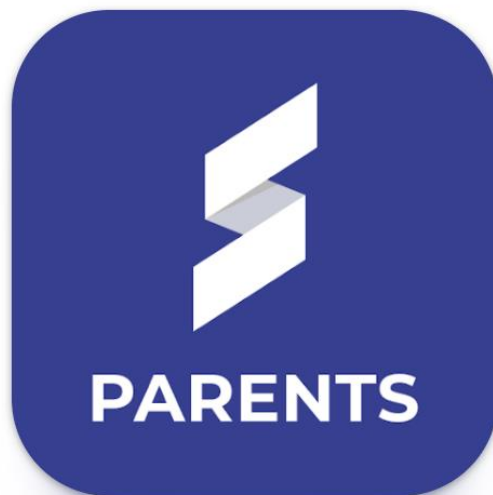
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Our school uses the Sentral for Parents app so that parents can stay connected and informed about their child.

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.



Harmony Day in Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten Students enjoyed Harmony Day 2024 by wearing orange and celebrating that despite our differences we can all belong.



Stage One Mathematicians



1L are exploring growing and shrinking patterns using numbers and shapes.

1H learnt how to measure the area of their shoe. They know that they need to make sure there are no gaps to ensure accuracy.



1F have been learning to identify features of 2D shapes.

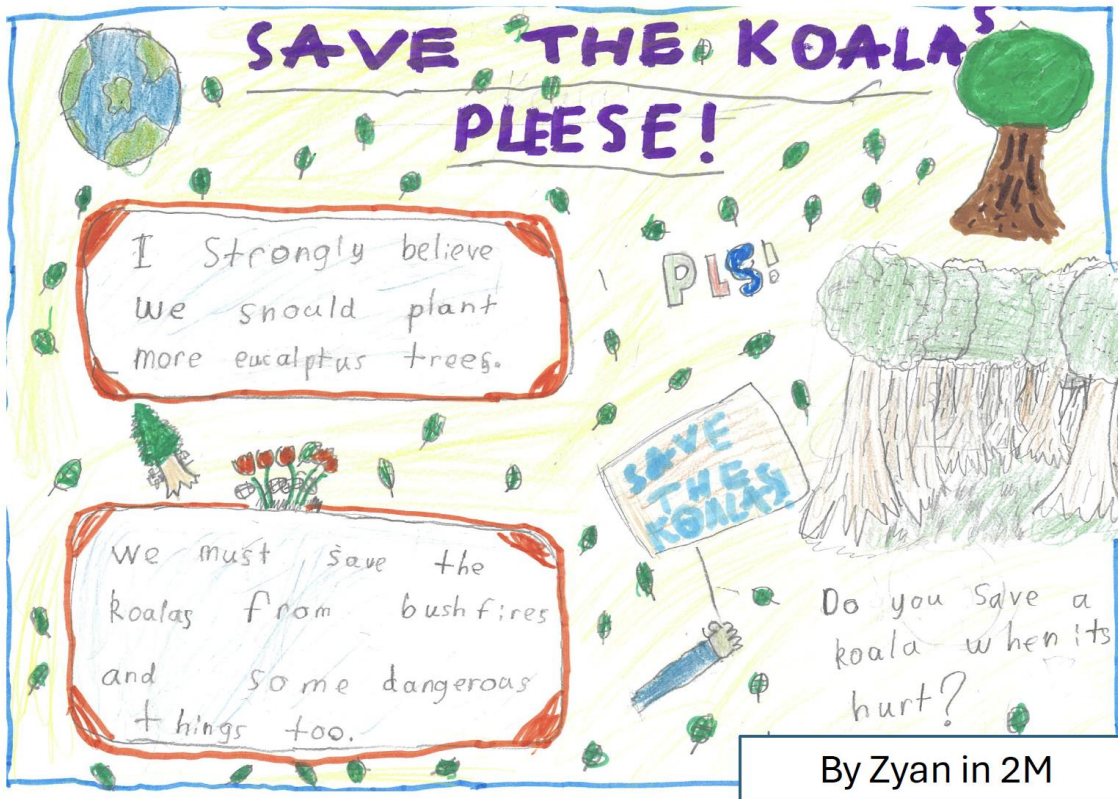
2H are learning to create lines of symmetry using 2D shapes.



2M use concrete materials to solve problems.

2N explored learning about smaller numbers inside bigger numbers using Cuisenaire rods.





Our busy bees are busy learning in Stage Two

Stage Two students have been very busy this term engaged in many learning experiences!

Let's peek inside their rooms to see what they are doing!

Students have used ICT effectively and appropriately when investigating and creating. During Science students have been busy researching the vital role bees play in the environment and food production to learn how environments and living things are interdependent.



Our students have been learning to write narratives this term by using adverbial phrases, descriptive language and plots that create tension. Here are some students from 3/4E proof reading and making amendments to their writing assessment.



Luane & Sarah 3/4E Esther 3/4E

They have developed their writing skills by analysing the text 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and 'Iceberg' to learn the many language features used by authors to entertain and inform.



Above: Chaehee 3/4E

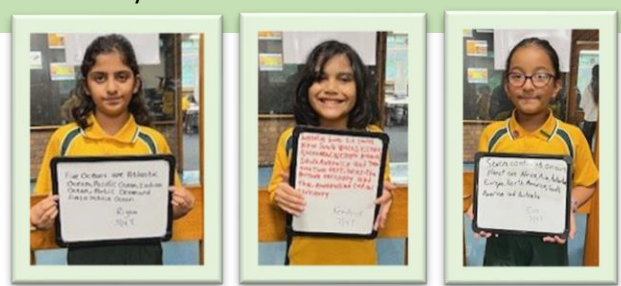
Left: Arnav, Chen Han, Charlie, Imran and Stefano 3/4E

They have celebrated Harmony Day and have shown teamwork plotting fractions on a number line and looking for the equivalent fractions.



Ethan, Kerr, Selena and Anson 3/4M

They have been exploring the earth to learn about the continents, oceans and Australia. They can share many facts about that.



Riyam, Kendrick and Eva 3/4T



STAGE 3

In Science this term, Stage 3 have been learning about how plants and animals survive environments and how they adapt to the conditions of the environment in which they live over time.



Alex, Shivam and Shyfy in 5/6D labelled the structural adaptations of a shark. *Fun Fact - The shark's teeth may be sharp, serrated, flat or blunt depending on the preference of prey.*

Camille, Laney and Zoey in 5/6D researched adaptations on a cacti plant. *Fun fact - the cactus has spines that are sharp to ward off predators.*



Students in 5/6S collaboratively worked in groups to research the structural adaptations of certain animals and plants. David, Harut, Jemma, Joe and Deon learned that the camel could close its nostrils to prevent sand from getting inside.

Ming, Ittinut, Yasin, Surafel and Muhammad researched the frill-necked lizard and learned that it can only raise its frill-neck when its mouth is open.



Jenisha, Sampu, Helen, Salwa and Hedda discovered that polar bears have black skin!



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Issac, Isabella and Ara in 5/6H conducted an experiment to investigate adaptations that help animals to survive in their environments.



5/6F modelled a physical adaptation - blubber - and determined whether blubber is an effective insulator or not. The class had lots of fun testing their cold tolerance during the experiment.



Chinese Language

Our Year 2 students use memory cards in their Chinese language learning. They are excited to say the words when the pairs match! 'I got a pair!' Angela was so excited to announce. 'I have a pair too!' Reina could not hide her excitement while reading the words out loud.





P&C Easter raffle



Congratulations to our winners:

Early Stage 1 - Liam KG

Stage 1 - Luna 1L and Dion 2N

Stage 2 - Charlie 3/4M and William F 3/4N

Stage 3 - Aaron 5/6D and Olivia 5/6F

We hope you enjoyed your Easter baskets!

Thank you to our P&C for organising the raffle and to all families who participated.

Welcome our 2024 P&C Executive Team

We are pleased to see all Harcourt families return for 2024, and a special welcome to our new Kindergarten families. We would like to thank all our members who have joined the P&C for 2024. We welcome all families to join and become a member at any time. To do so, please kindly complete the Member Application Form (available in the School Office or can be emailed to you by the Executive Team).

We held our Annual General Meeting and first P&C Meeting on 6 March online via Zoom. Please join us in congratulating the new Executive Team for 2024:

Co-Vice Presidents: Gloria Bae and Annie Au-Yeung

Treasurer: Shaun Tabone

Secretary: Mark Donoghoe



VOLUNTEER! WE NEED YOU. YES YOU.

The P&C will be holding Mother's Day Stall on **Wednesday 8th May 2024.**

If you are able to spare 2-3 hours of your time to help, please email pandchps@hotmail.com

Easter Raffle Proudly Sponsored by Woolworths Campsie

The P&C Executive Team's first fundraising initiative for the year was the Easter Raffle. This year, we were blessed to receive generous donations from Woolworths Campsie. A huge congratulations to our seven lucky winners! We hope you enjoyed the Easter themed items and feasted on scrumptious chocolates! Thank you to the families who participated and purchased raffles.



Join us at the next meeting!

The next P&C meeting will be held in Term 2 on **Wednesday 29th May 2024.**

Please save the date – more details to come closer to date.

Have a lovely Term 1 break!

We would like to wish all our Harcourt families a safe and enjoyable Term 1 holiday break. We look forward to seeing you and unravel more exciting opportunities to support our School in Term 2!



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...

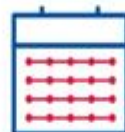
When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



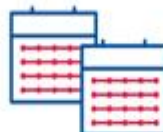
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed



= **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

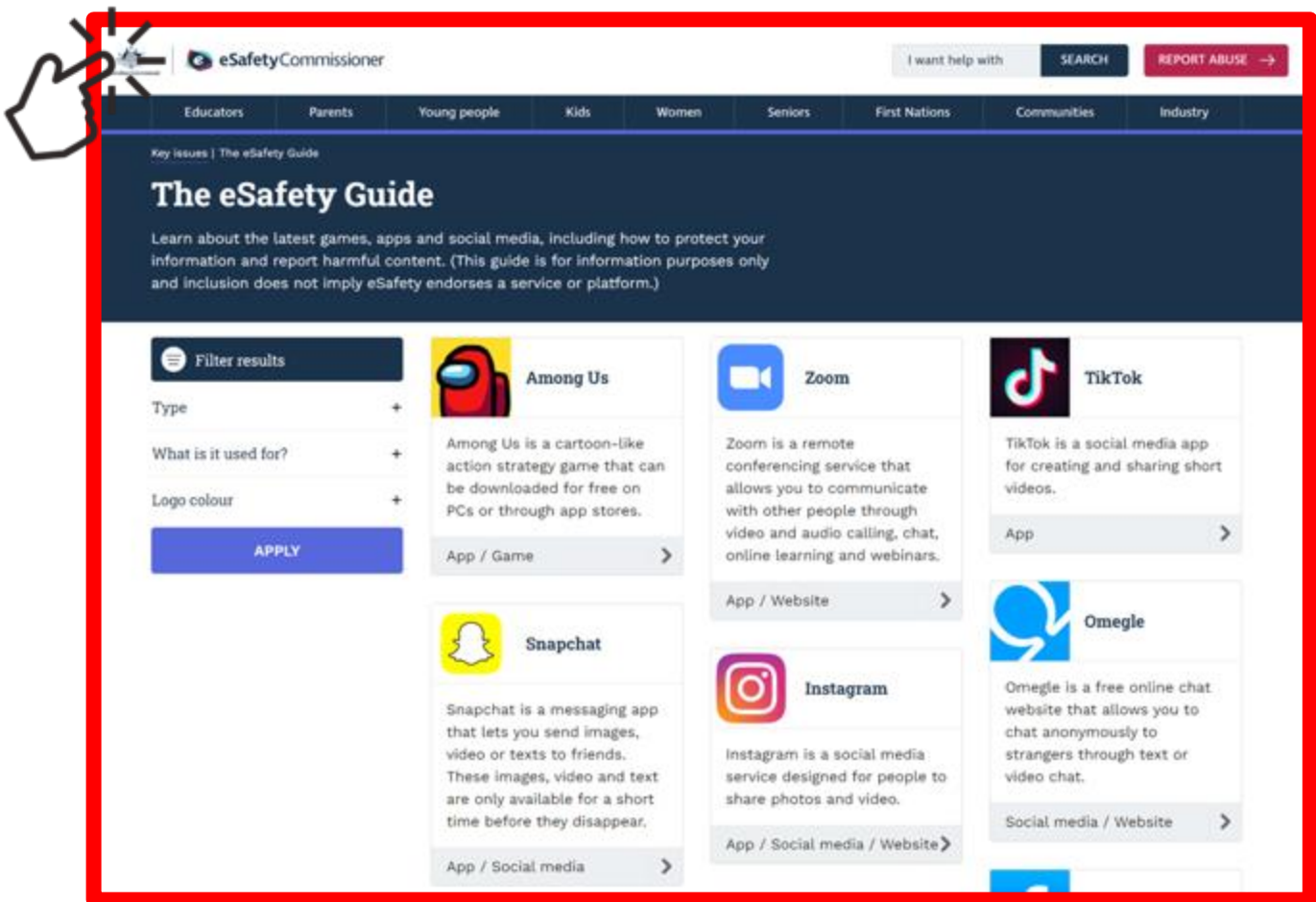
Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

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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 13 February 2024.

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.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



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