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Principal's News

Term 3 has finished with a big colourful bang from our colour fun run held in Week 9. Both students and staff enjoyed the event. Each stage cheered another as they ran the oval course, trying to see who could be the most colourful at the end. The highest fundraisers were able to pour water or slime on a few brave teachers as an extra appreciation for their contribution. Thank you to the Stage 3 team that coordinated the event and to the community for such strong support, enabling Year 6 to fund their end of year ventures and consider what they would like to gift the school as they move forward to their high school years.

Another group that deserves recognition is our strong and supportive Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). This term they have supported the Year 6 students through fundraising at the colour fun run, selling ice cream and drinks on the day. The P&C have generously offered to fund the photo booth during the Year 6 Graduation dinner allowing the students to capture memories of the evening. The P&C team also had a lovely day during the recent local elections, selling sausage sizzles and cakes to the local community. It was a pleasure to listen to the chatter and laughs throughout the day as members of the Harcourt parent community came together once again in support of the school. A huge thank you to the P&C Executive team that are the foundation of these ventures. Their commitment and partnership with the school is greatly appreciated.

Another way for all community members to contribute to the school direction is to participate in any surveys being conducted, for example the Tell Them From Me Survey. Most surveys we conduct include student, staff and community voice as this is the best way to be sure we have an overall picture of all people involved with the school. These surveys inform us of our strengths and aspects valued, as well as give us ideas and ways we can build an even stronger partnership with everyone connected to Harcourt. For this reason, I encourage everyone to engage with these opportunities so we can be sure we are gathering an accurate and useful picture of what is valued and desired, guiding our plans and directions into the future.

Have a wonderful holiday break everyone and we look forward to seeing you back for the last term of the 2024 year.

Jan Holt | Principal

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Term 4 Week 5 2024

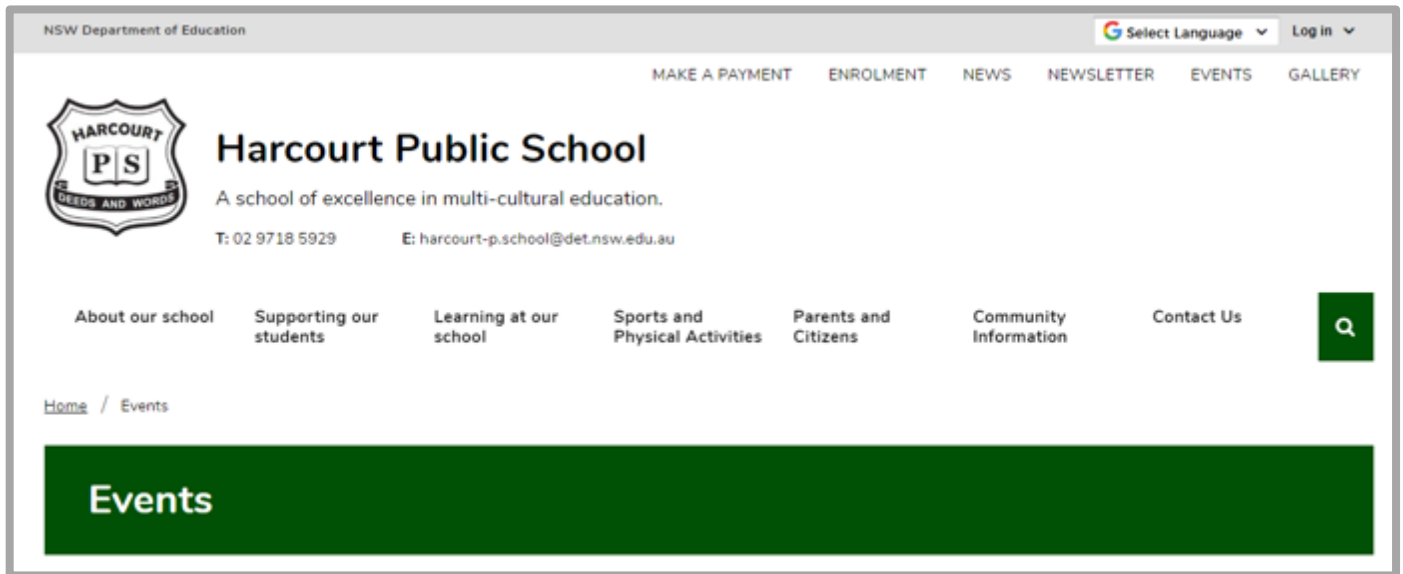
Our Vision:

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.

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 Artists



During visual art lessons our creative Kindergarten students have been having fun exploring colours and shapes. They have been inspired by artists such as Wassily Kandinsky and Andy Goldsworthy. Students have also been very busy creating their own spectacular art.



STAGE ONE

WEEK 10 TERM 3

1H have been learning to sprint through obstacles using correct posture.



1F have been practising dodging!



2H have been developing their ball skills during fitness.



Here is 2N practising striking before playing a game of tee ball.



2M are learning how to play cooperatively and work as a team in PE.



1L have been learning to dodge too!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING IN PDHPE?



TEE-BALL

Stage 2 have been learning how to play Tee-ball this term. They are practising their skills to use a bat to strike a ball off the tee to a field of players. They are learning to follow the rules of the game, show teamwork and be a good sport. Students have been learning how to use a mit/glove to catch a softball. They are learning to catch and throw underarm, over arm and long throws.

MELTING MOMENTS

During Science, stage 2 students explored the properties of solids and liquids, as well as how they change in response to different situations. Students were encouraged to ask questions, make predictions, share their observations and suggest possible explanations for what they observed.





High ropes



Rock climbing and
abseiling

In Week 8, Stage 3 went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. We enjoyed three days of challenges, encouraging our friends and teamwork! We had so much fun!



Giant Swing



Power Fan



Bushcraft



Archery





We can't wait to go on camp again!



By: Emma.W and Ara.D





Stage 3 Stay at School Activities

Remaining students in stage 3 enjoyed participating in daily sport activities, giant games, outdoor drawing and learning lessons while their peers attended camp.





PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



On Tuesday 17 September, we hosted our school Public Speaking Competition.

Public speaking is a fantastic way to extend skills learned in English, increase confidence, and share your perspectives with an audience.

We were fortunate to have our guest adjudicator to provide personalised feedback to students to help with future public speaking opportunities.

All participants are to be commended for their confidence and hard work, and we wish to congratulate those who received a Winner, Runner Up or Encouragement award.

The winners from each stage will progress to the network finals next term:



Early Stage 1 – Coco

Stage 1 – Aisha

Stage 2 – William X

Stage 3 – Amelia Z

Good luck, Harcourt Heroes!



Congratulations to all our public speakers!



Regional Spelling Bee

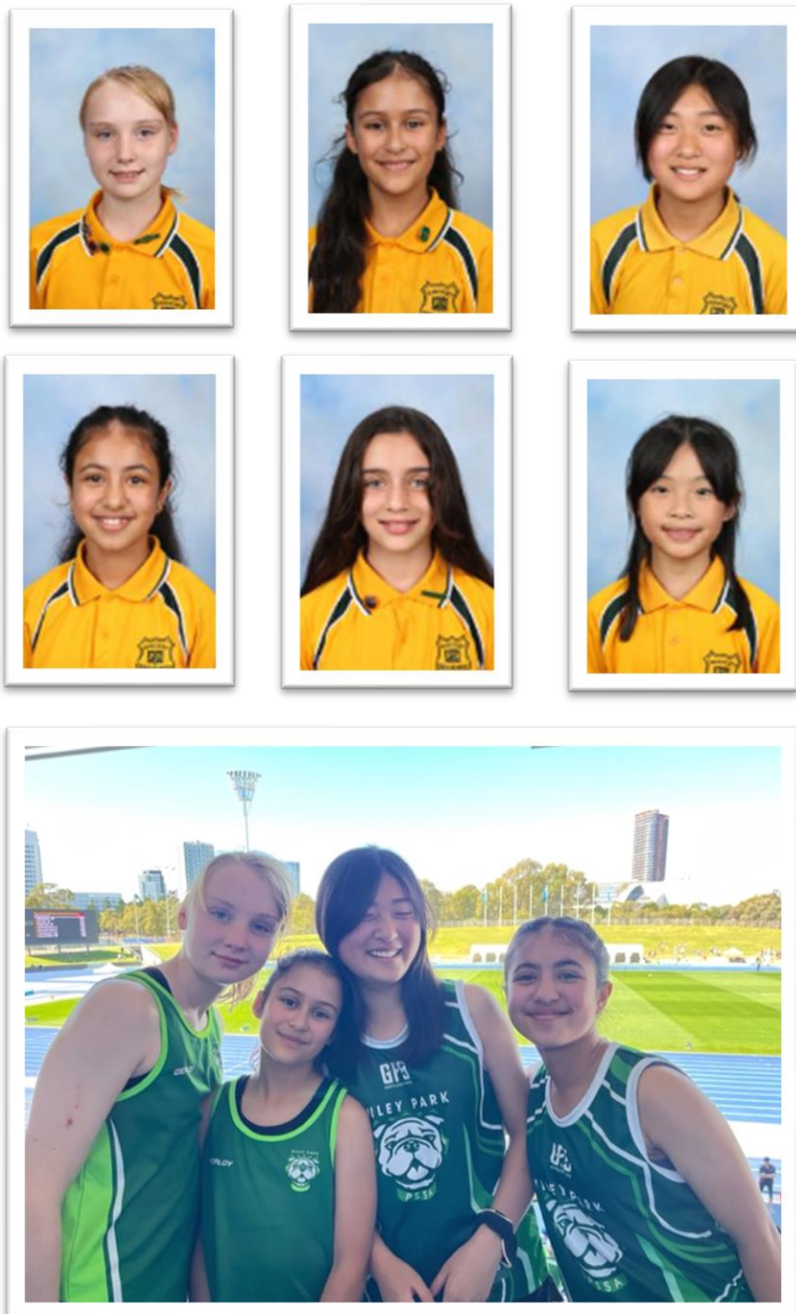
On Friday August 23rd, Arav 3/4E and Zarif 5/6H represented Harcourt Public School in the NSW Premier's Regional Spelling Bee. Both boys are congratulated for their excellent effort in this contest. A special congratulation is made to Zarif who won the Stage 3 Regional Final. He will now go on to the Senior State Final which will be held in November. This is an outstanding achievement. We all wish him the best of luck and know he will represent our school proudly and do his best.



Sports News

Congratulations to Iris, Amelia Z, Alice, Sampu, Olivia and Chloe who qualified to represent Wiley Park Zone at the Regional Athletics Championships.

The girls had a very successful day and did our school and Wiley Park Zone proud!



Father's Day Stall 2024

Thank you for your support of the Father's Day stall, held earlier in Term 3. A MASSIVE thanks to the volunteers who helped serve the eager students across the day, as we raised over \$600. We hope you enjoyed a fantastic Father's Day celebrating the wonderful father figure(s) in your life!



Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place in **Week 5 of Term 4**.

The exact date & time of the meeting and the Zoom link will be shared closer to the date, so keep an eye out.

We hope you can join us!

Bright Ideas?



The Committee is always keen to hear your ideas for how we can better serve our school community. Whether it is a fundraising event, an initiative we can undertake, a grant funding application, an issue you would like to discuss at the next meeting, or anything else — get in touch with us any time at pandchps@hotmail.com.

Full Funding Matters

At our last meeting, we voted to support the P&C Federation NSW's "Full Funding Matters" campaign:

We call upon the governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of New South Wales to bring all public schools in this state up to no less than 100% of the School Resource Standard by Year One of the new National School Reform Agreement that is due to be signed by the Ministers in 2024. It is the duty of government to provide our children with a free, equitable and high-quality education and full funding for our schools is essential to carrying out this duty. Our children deserve nothing less.

For more information, see <https://www.pandc.org.au/full-funding-matters/>

Enjoy your break!

We wish all our Harcourt families a safe and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you in Term 4!



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

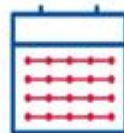
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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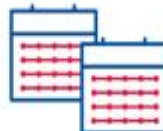
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



=

8 weeks



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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

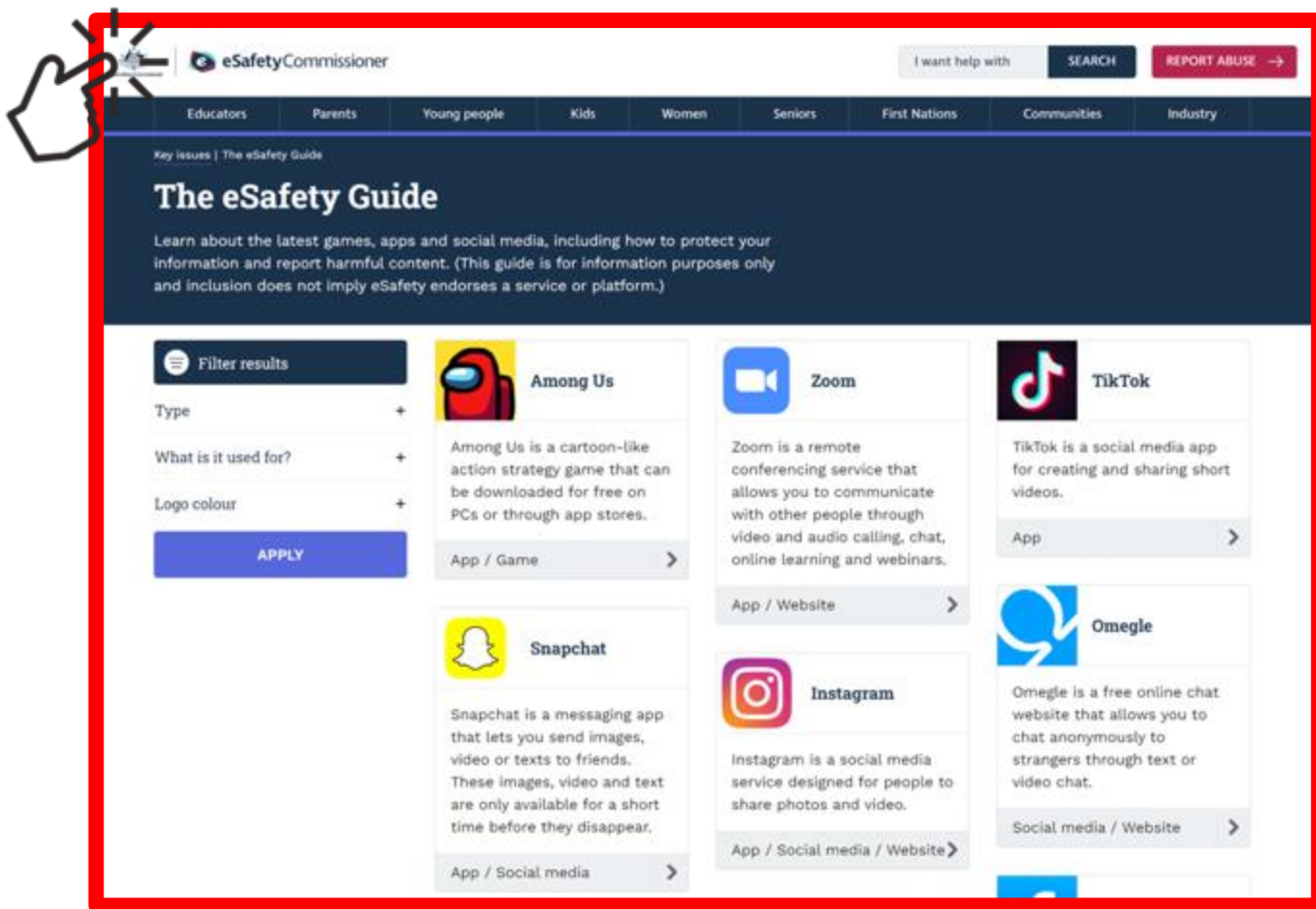
Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

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



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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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 30 April 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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