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Principal's News

Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of another eventful and complex year. I would like to congratulate you all for your resilience and willingness to support us in continuing your child's education. I know it was not easy but your assistance at home and your support to put in place new processes such as staggered arrival and departure times, nominated gates and varied ways to communicate with teachers, has enabled us to keep the learning going while keeping safety and sustainability in mind. I would also like to commend the teaching, support and auxiliary staff. Without their flexibility and wiliness to learn new methods and processes the continuation of education would not have been possible.

During the second half of the term we have been able to welcome our new Kindergarten students and families to the school and hold our Year 6 Graduation ceremony as our students get ready to make the move from their primary years to the next stage of schooling. We will be undertaking Presentation Day assemblies and providing a link for viewing for the award recipient families. Unfortunately we are still unable to hold these events with general parent attendance.

Planning for the coming year is already underway with us booking in carnivals and events to support the learning programs. We are being optimistic that we will have greater opportunities in the coming year. Students from years 1 to 6 will return to school on February 1, with all new Kindergarten students beginning on February 4.

With Thursday 16 December being the last day for students I would like to say thank you for making the year the success it has been and have a well-deserved relaxing holiday break with your families. We will see you all in the new year.

Kind regards,

Jan Holt
Principal



Have a safe, happy holiday break with family & friends.

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.

Next Issue:

Friday 25 February 2022

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>

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- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!



Kindergarten

Since the return to face to face learning, Kindergarten students have been enthusiastic active learners! Besides working hard with reading, writing, counting and investigating how things move; students have been participating in a range of fun and engaging wellbeing activities. Check them out below.



Kindergarten fun in 2021!





Kindergarten programs support every students' health and well-being.

Students love learning in their Creative and Performing Arts and sport lessons!



Active Learners in Stage One

During Term Four, Stage One students have been very active learners. Here are some examples!



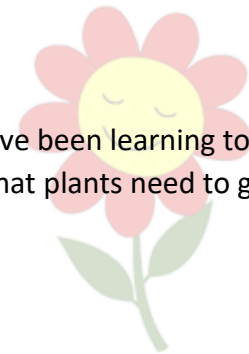
1C using positional language in Mathematics through barrier game.



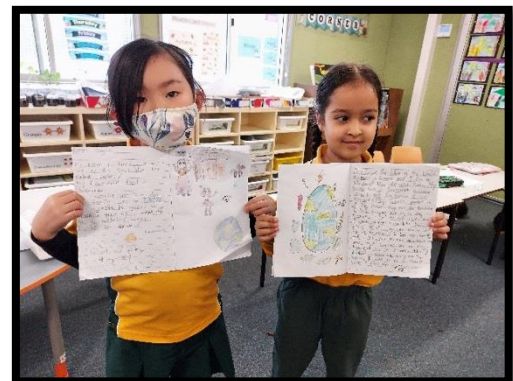
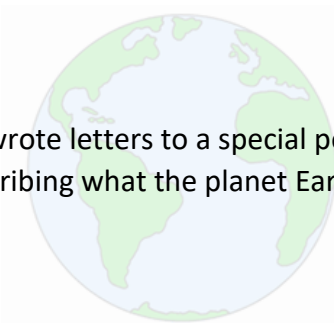
1C have been learning about life cycles through art.



1A have been learning to identify what plants need to grow.



1N wrote letters to a special person describing what the planet Earth is like.



Students in 2T have been learning to write Persuasive texts. Have a read!



We Should Have a Longer Recess by Marvin (2T)

I strongly believe that children should have a longer recess for the following reasons.

Firstly, playing outside longer keeps your body healthy and fit. Sometimes it makes you get fitter and stronger.

Additionally, you get more Vitamin D from the sun which gives you energy and you become much happier.

Finally, you could learn better when you play games in the fresh air with your friends. Spending a longer time outdoors clears your mind.

In conclusion, these are the reasons why children should have a longer recess.

We Should Have a Longer Recess by Nicole (2T)

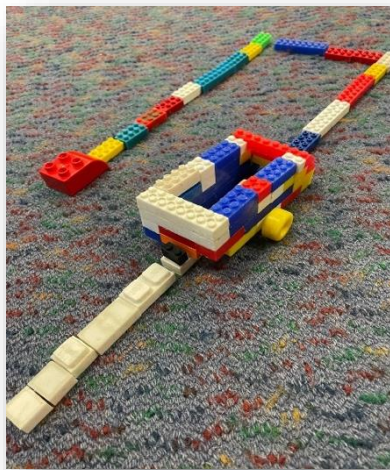
I strongly believe that we should have a longer recess. These are the reasons why we should have a longer recess.

Firstly, research says that having longer breaks will make students learn better. If we had shorter breaks the whole class will become restless.

Additionally, the class will need a longer break from lots of homework, otherwise they would instantly get sick.

Furthermore, you will get more Vitamin D and energy. If we don't get Vitamin D we would get sick.

In conclusion, these are the reasons why we should have a longer recess.



2L learning effective communication and collaborative skills when participating in Stems challenges.

Shyfy and Bella of 2H completed a listening activity and drew pineapples for art!



Stage Two

Stage 2 have had a wonderful year. Here are some of our highlights!



"I loved going to the library because I got to read great books like 'Harry Potter', 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', 'Paddington' and 'How to Train Your Dragon'." Aayan, 4/5D



"My highlight was when my PSSA Oztag team won our first match. Another highlight was winning a race at the Athletics Carnival." Jesse 4/5D



"I enjoyed doing maths work with my teacher because I worked really hard on tricky questions and I improved my skills." Zakiy 4/5D



"I really liked doing STEM challenges and test out my designs." Aarna 4B

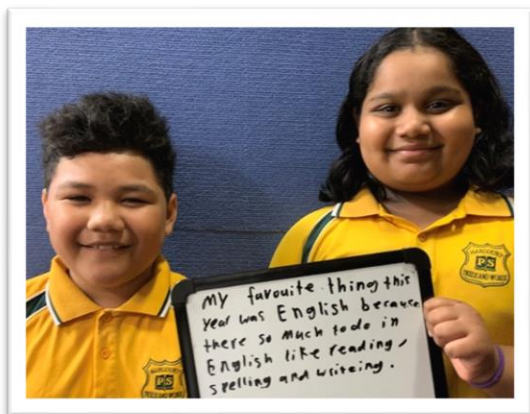




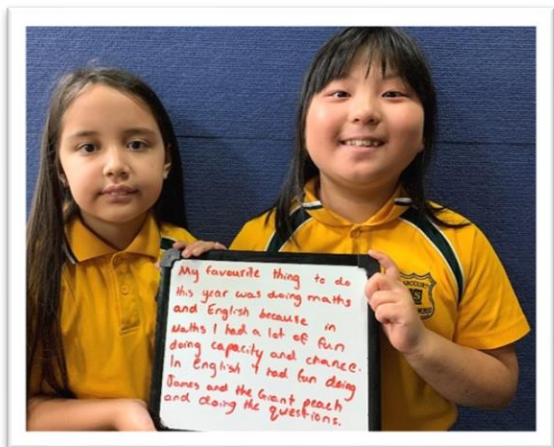
"I loved challenging my classmates on Blooket which made practicing times tables fun." Kristian 4B

"Playing oztag with the class was the best! I learnt some new ball skills and how to work together as a team." Maria 4B

Christina, Paris, Layla and Pramita (3/4N) enjoyed making movies using the green screen during genius hour.



Tevita and Aria (3H) loved English lessons.



Zoe and Emma (3H) enjoyed English and Maths.



3/4N's highlight of this year was laughing and joking together again after 100+ days of being apart!



Stage Three

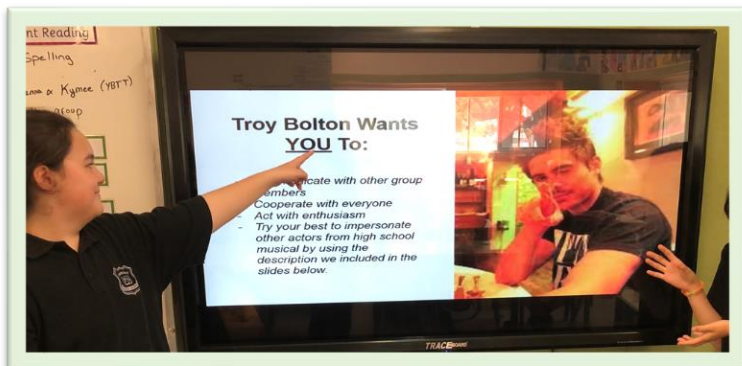
Many of our Stage Three students submitted in November a proposed design for the medal for the Canterbury Academic Challenge which is held each year. We would like to congratulate Alexander C in 5/6L whose creative design won the design challenge. Alexander's design will be showcased on the winning medals for the Canterbury Academic Challenge next year and he has received a \$50 voucher for Neo's Grille to celebrate this achievement with his family.



Stage Three students completed a project where they had to teach their peers a new skill or knowledge on a subject that they enjoy. They were required to create the learning goal and the success criteria that the class needed to achieve to be successful in the lesson.

We were amazed at the lessons the students taught their peers this term and we have begun to wonder if we have many future teachers leaving Harcourt for high school.

For example, drama lessons being taught in 5/6K (see below)



Year 6 Farewell



Congratulations to our Year Six Graduates of 2021

Congratulations from all of us at Harcourt Public School, we wish you success in all of your future endeavours.

We will miss you!







Congratulations to our Stage Three Leadership Team of 2021.

Our Stage Three Leadership Team completed a 10 week leadership program where they reflected on their leadership skills and participated in activities that aimed to grow and strengthen their communication, teamwork and problem solving skills. Well done to each of our 2021 leaders.

As we say goodbye to our 2021 Year Six Leadership Team we welcome and congratulate our future leaders of 2022. We are looking forward to seeing each of them personally grow as leaders and make a positive difference to our learning community at Harcourt and beyond.



School Captains 2022
Phoebe & Jayden

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
John Quincy Adams



Vice Captains 2022
Katelyn & Jitish



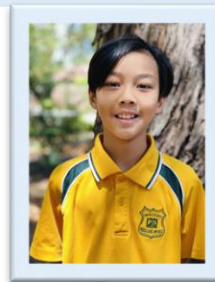
Celine (above)
Brian (below)



School Prefects of 2022
Sinchan (above)
Harry (below)



Sarah (above)
Kenzi (below)



Congratulations Mr Keevers! Enjoy your new role as Deputy Principal at Alexandria Park Community School.

Today we presented Mr Keevers with a very special book made by the students and teachers of Harcourt to thank him for all of the wonderful things he has done at Harcourt PS over the past 5 years. He has supported & assisted many Harcourt families and students in that time, he has shared his wisdom & mentorship every day with the Harcourt teaching team. We wish Mr Keevers success in all of his future endeavours and hope that he keeps in touch with us as we will miss him very much.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our P&C of 2021 for their continued dedication and commitment to the Harcourt community and students. During Semester Two the group continued to work behind the scenes supporting families by holding virtual P&C meetings and coordinating extra parent information sessions.

Earlier in the year they worked hard to collaborate and apply for a community grant to continue with the development of the senior courtyard and to provide extra seating for students and community when on the school grounds. This grant was successful in obtaining almost \$16 000 towards these resources and we are currently in the process of putting the plans into action.

They also applied for the Volunteer Grant Application and were successful in obtaining \$1583.00 to spend on resources further supporting the P&C future fundraising endeavours.

Lastly, they have supported our Year Six students in their final term at Harcourt by providing a USB drive as a gift for every student to support their high school years, a snack pack for each student to enjoy on their movie day at school, and coordinated the delivery of a Year Six gift (pots, plants and soil) to the school from Bunnings to brighten up our entry area to the school's administration office.

Congratulations to this hardworking group of Harcourt community members that didn't let a pandemic get in the way of continuing to look for, and take on, every opportunity available to support the families and students of Harcourt.



We really appreciate it so a big thank you to each of you.



We are so pleased to announce that the Harcourt Public School P&C Association has been again successful in our application submitted back in May to the NSW Government for additional playground seating. We were awarded a total of **\$15,440!!!** We would like to acknowledge and thank all those involved in the application process who generously donated their time and effort. We look forward to starting the installation process as soon as possible and seeing all the Harcourt Students enjoy the outdoor space.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

The Harcourt Public School Parents and Citizen's Association would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the teaching, administration and support staff for their dedication, commitment, understanding and positive attitude to all the students throughout such an unpredictable and unprecedented year.

We would also like to thank all our school crossing supervisors who show up to their crossings every morning and afternoon with their warm smiles and friendly greetings whilst helping to keep our Harcourt community safe.

Final shout out to all our 2021 P&C financial members for their assistance and attendance at our meetings throughout 2021. Your feedback provided about the learning from home experiences was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

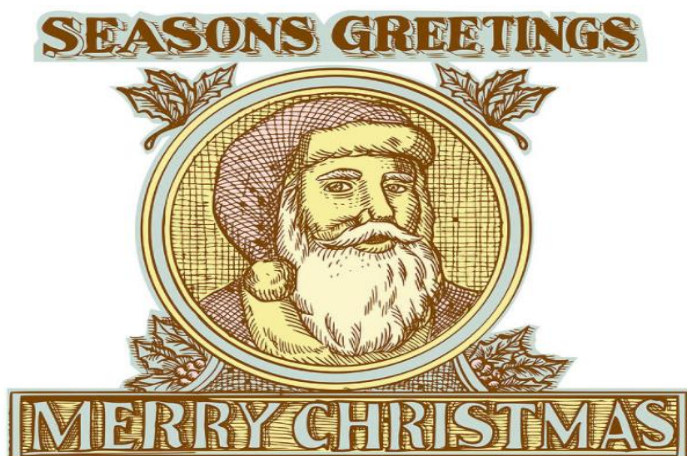
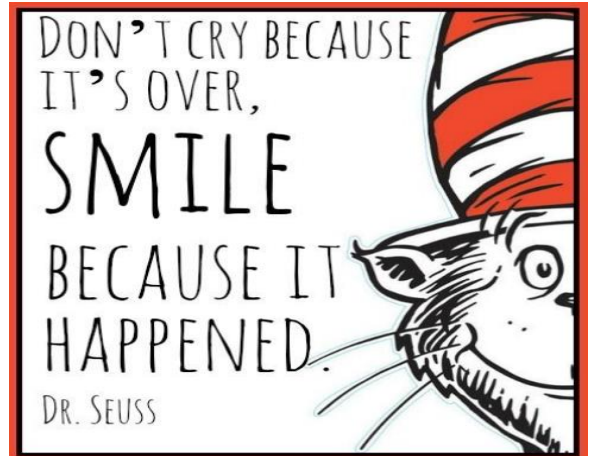
FAREWELL YEAR 6

Big congratulations to the graduating Year 6 class of 2021!

What an achievement! Though your final year at Harcourt may not be what you all had imagined, your achievements are not the lesser for it. Your hard work, resilience and determination are most admirable and commendable.

Our warmest thoughts go with you as you tackle your next momentous step into high school education.

Goodbye, farewell and so your next adventure begins!



Finally, with the end of school year approaching, we would like to gently remind everyone to always follow NSW Health's COVID Safe guidelines as we wish all Harcourt students and their families, a safe, enjoyable and well-deserved holiday break.

We look forward to seeing all your friendly faces when we return to school in February 2022.

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in March.

Please stay safe and look after each other.

Please feel free to reach out or contact us via email: pandchps@hotmail.com



Click on the image below to access important information from the eSafety Commissioner on ways to keep your family safe using a variety of Apps, such as TikTok.

Spend the time to check the privacy settings on your family's devices to stay safe.

The screenshot shows the eSafety Commissioner website. At the top, there are navigation links: "I want help with", "SEARCH", and "REPORT ABUSE". Below this is a menu with categories: "Key issues", "Educators", "Kids", "Young people", "Parents", "Women", "Seniors", and "About us". A banner reads "Tips on how to stay safe online during the COVID-19 pandemic". The main heading is "The eSafety Guide" with a sub-heading "Key issues | The eSafety Guide". Below this is a description: "Learn about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect your information and report inappropriate content. More coming soon!". On the left, there is a "Filter results" section with options for "Type", "What is it used for?", and "Logo colour", with an "APPLY" button. The main content area displays a grid of app cards:

- Zoom**: A remote conferencing service that allows you to communicate with other people through video and audio calling, chat, online learning and webinars. (App/Browser/Website)
- Houseparty**: A social networking app which allows you to create a group video chat with up to eight people on mobile or desktop. (App)
- TikTok (formerly Musical.ly)**: A social media app for creating and sharing short videos. (App)
- Instagram**: A social media service designed for people to share photos and video.
- Snapchat**: A messaging app that lets you send images, video or texts to friends. These images, video and text are only available for a short
- Omegle**: A free online chat website that allows you to chat anonymously to strangers through text or video chat. (Social media/Website)

