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Principal's News

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Term 2. During this term it has been wonderful to be able to have community members back at our assemblies and sporting events. The students have enjoyed sharing their learning with everyone and having the opportunity to perform in front of others. We are especially excited for our Year 1 and Kindergarten students, as assembly has been a new experience for them and they are increasingly demonstrating the Harcourt Hero behaviours encouraged during this time.

Money

Over recent weeks there have been a few cases reported where students are sharing money. At times other students are requesting this money but generally students are offering to share. Whilst it is nice that students are considerate towards others, it is not a practice we encourage. At school we explain to students that if they are provided with money to spend or for a lunch order, it is for their use only. If they do not need the money they are to take it home with them. Could we please ask for you to partner with us in reinforcing this at home as well.

School Improvement Plan community involvement

Thank you to the parents and carers that registered their interest in engaging with us to develop reciprocal, responsive learning partnerships. The recent survey has now closed and we will be contacting the registered people in the coming term to start the process. The team leading Strategic Direction 3: Learning Partnerships and I are looking forward to collaborating with you.

Education week

This year the theme of Education Week is Lifelong learners. Learning is always occurring at school at home, after school, as a baby, child and adult. Every day we all have opportunities to learn more, share our knowledge and experience new things and this is being celebrated during this year's activities. Further details on the activities at Harcourt will be coming home soon.

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.

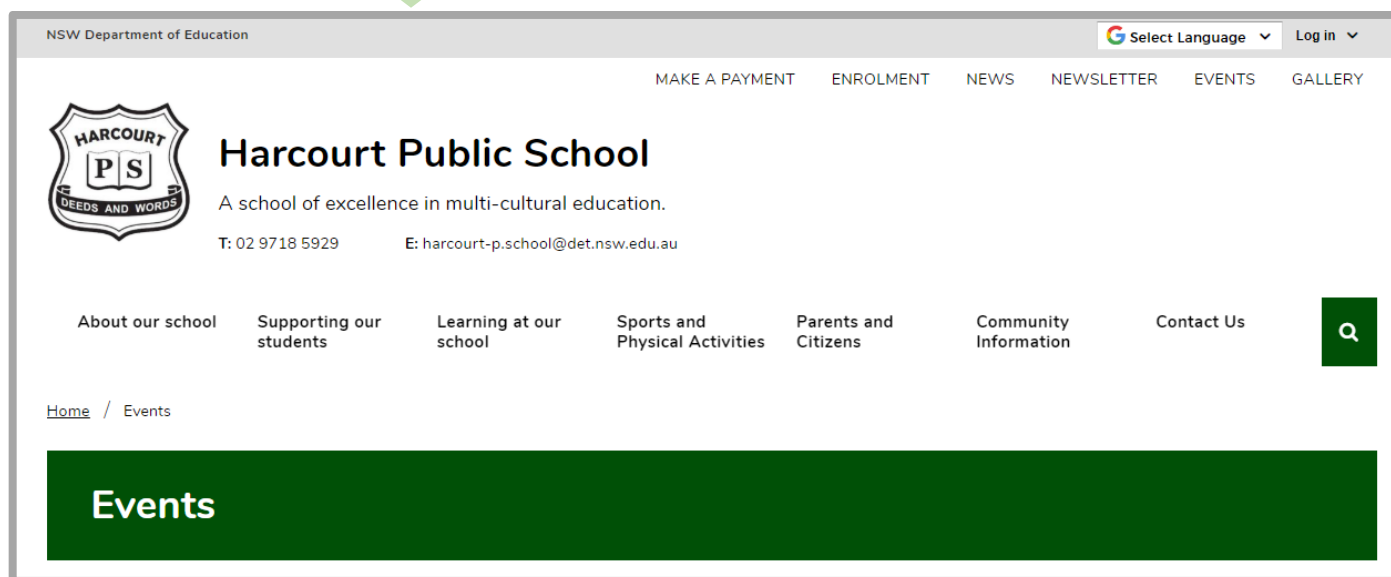
Next Issue:

Friday 13 August 2021

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

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * 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 Garden

In week 8, Kindergarten had a great time planting flowers and herbs in their very own Kindergarten Garden. The students had to prepare by learning about the tools they would need and which plants would grow in winter. They planted daisies, lavender, parsley and thyme. On your way out of the school in the afternoon, please come and have a look at the amazing job they have done.

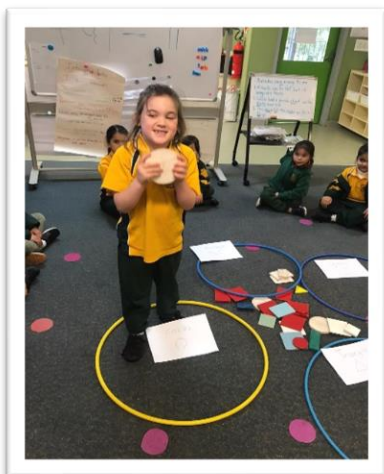


Stage One Mathematics

During Term Two in Mathematics, the students have been learning to understand the purpose of patterns, area and two-dimensional shapes. They have been working towards building their practical skills to demonstrate their learning to repeat patterns, create different pictures using 2D shapes to and measure the area of various surfaces. Here are some great mathematicians at work!



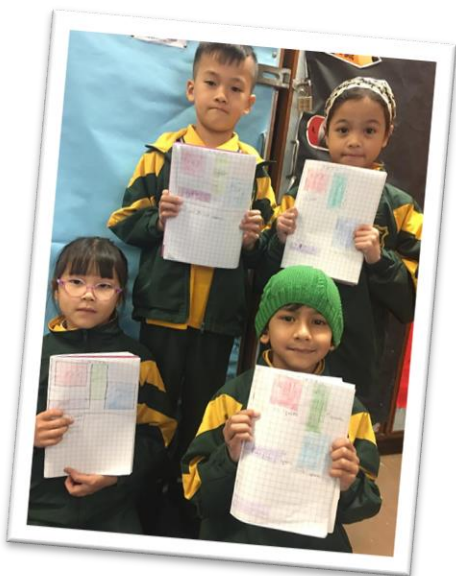
1C - Learning about surface area.



K1/A – Sorting 2D shapes.



2H - Using 2D shapes to make a boat.



1N - Constructing a repeating pattern using cubes.



2T – Measuring the area of 2D shapes.



2L – Tessellating shapes.

Stage Two

Stage Two have had a productive Term 2. Here are some of the things we have been up to!



Fun & games: Keanu lines up a shot at the hoop whilst developing his aiming and throwing skills during fitness.



Stefan and Chen Kai using computers during literacy groups.



Patricia is on target developing her over arm throwing and aiming skills during fitness.



Joshua and Jayden creating their museum exhibit of the earth on Minecraft to demonstrate their learning in term 2.



Aarna and Aliza participating in a STEM marble run challenge.



Zoeya, Riony, Layla, Christina, Paris, Pramita, Zayed, Rick and Billy creating our class NAIDOC art display.

Our Stage Three Investigators and Authors

Our Stage Three students have been studying natural disasters as part of their Science unit. Classes have also used this topic as a springboard for writing explanations about how particular natural disasters occur.

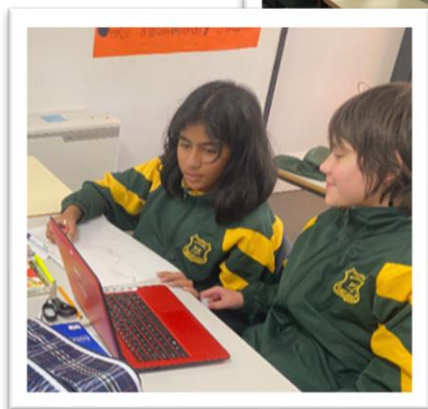


Students have been identifying Tier 3 (scientific) language in informative texts, adding them to word walls displayed in their room and using these word walls to assist them with their writing. They have been researching, note-taking and writing informative texts on natural disasters. Students work collaboratively and independently to plan, write and review their work.

Stage Three students have been incorporating ICT into their learning. Here, students in 5/6N are utilising Kahoot to review their knowledge and understanding of earthquakes. Their next learning goal will be to create their own Kahoot question and answer quiz for other natural disasters.



Students have been investigating natural disasters online to research information that can support their writing. Here students are busy researching and creating an informative poster about tsunamis and the preventative measures that humans may implement to minimise the damage of these water surges.



Our Year 6 Leaders of Harcourt

On the 22nd of June, the year six school leaders along with Mrs Emmans embarked on a thrilling journey to Belmore Boys High School to learn all about leadership, teamwork and trust. They confronted the rain of doom as they prepared to leave so they had to arm themselves with their faithful umbrellas to battle the darkening weather to arrive safely at their destination.

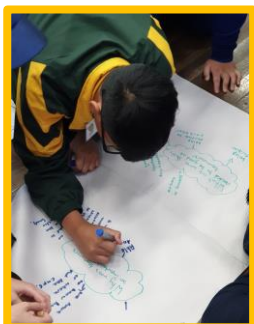
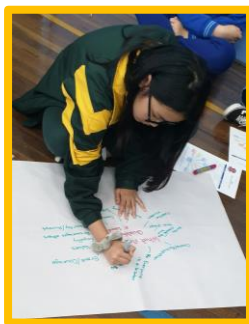
To kick off the day, a band of dazzling Belmore Boys High musicians entertained the students with music that made their jaws drop. Soon after that, we were separated into various groups with the many leaders from different schools. Each group had a mentor (a year 9 or year 10 student leader of Belmore Boys High) that discussed the importance of leadership and what it means to be an effective leader. We eagerly captured our leadership skills and knowledge onto butchers paper which was then shared with the whole assembly.

To recharge after this busy morning, we had a welcomed recess break where the high school offered us delicious muffins, juice and fruit. Our Harcourt leaders were ravenous from all of the leadership activities so much so that one of our leaders consumed a whopping amount of apples to refuel for the next activity!

After recess, we observed a clip about the difference between poor teamwork and exceptional teamwork. Following that we participated in challenging activities, where the students learnt to collaborate, communicate and work together with other leaders. All students developed new friendships, trust and built on their leadership skills. After each activity, two representatives from each group had to explain their answer to the rest of the students and teachers. The instructors made us complete a survey to give them feedback for next year's event.

As time ticked on, people could hear stomachs rumbling so the boys from the high school served grizzlies (hotdogs) and juice to the ravenous students. Finally, after lunch, we all packed up and began our slow walk back to Harcourt under a gloomy sky feeling energised and ready to be stronger leaders for the year ahead.

Written by Ayden, Syon, Ju-Hee & Nicole, our Year 6 leaders in 5/6N



Mother's Day Stall 2021

"No language can express the power, beauty and heroism of a mother's love"

The P&C Committee would like to thank Harcourt Public School for letting us hold our annual Mother's Day Stall. It was so beautiful to see the children thinking about their mothers, aunts and grandmothers and carefully choosing special gifts for these special women in their lives.

Every gift carried unconditional love and respect.

We raised over \$2000 (as the supplies were purchased in 2020 when we unfortunately were unable to hold the stall due to the pandemic).

Thank you for all the support from parents and school community.



SAVE THE DATE!



Bunnings BBQ Sausage Sizzle at Kingsgrove Bunnings; Saturday 13.11.2021

Please save the date in your calendar, the Harcourt Public School P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Kingsgrove on Saturday, 13 November 2021. We will need lots of volunteers on the day and donations leading up to the event. Further information regarding the event will be sent home via Skoolbag and notes a few weeks prior to the day. We hope to see lots of families and staff on the day, whether you are volunteering your time or coming to along to buy a sausage and a drink.

Next Meeting – Save the Date:

Our next hybrid meeting for Term 3 will take place on **Thursday 22nd July at 12:30pm.**

The meeting will be in hybrid mode both onsite at school and online via Zoom. Please save the date, we hope you can join us to hear important updates on our school. A note will be sent home and via Skoolbag closer to the meeting date with zoom login school location details. All parents and young children are welcome to attend the meetings.

Community Building Partnership Fund 2021

With the combined effort of Harcourt Public School, the P&C committee and a couple of amazing mums, our application to the Community Building Partnership Fund for 2021 has now been submitted for completion of the Senior Courtyard seating and the installation of additional seating along the perimeter of the sports field. Successful submissions will be notified in November. Watch this space...

With the school holidays approaching, we would like to offer a gentle reminder to always follow NSW Health's COVID Safe guidelines.

Wishing you all a happy winter holiday and stay warm!

For more information, visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>





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's a navigation bar with links like 'Key issues', 'Educators', 'Kids', 'Young people', 'Parents', 'Women', 'Seniors', and 'About us'. A search bar and a 'REPORT ABUSE' button are also present. Below the navigation bar, a banner reads 'Tips on how to stay safe online during the COVID-19 pandemic'. The main section is titled 'The eSafety Guide' with a sub-header 'Key issues | The eSafety Guide'. It includes a brief 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's a 'Filter results' sidebar with filters for 'Type', 'What is it used for?', and 'Logo colour', with an 'APPLY' button. The main content area displays several app recommendations: Zoom, Houseparty, TikTok (formerly Musical.ly), Instagram, Snapchat, and Omegle. Each app card includes the app's logo, name, a brief description, and a category with a right-pointing arrow.

