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Principal's News

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, many projects were underway. It is pleasing to share that the COLA project has now finished, and we have begun teaching the students to be Harcourt Heroes by playing safely on the equipment. The work completed included improved drainage systems under the COLA, new guttering, bird netting to reduce the pigeons nesting near the play area, the replacement of the play equipment and soft fall, as well as the installation of fencing to ensure safe and supervised use of the area.



The cooler classrooms project has also begun. Cooling/heating units are being fitted to 20 learning spaces across the school. Students are being relocated to spare classrooms as work occurs in their room to reduce any disruption to learning. This is a large project and will take place right through to the end of the school year.

New games and colourful activity templates have been installed on the pavement areas. It is enjoyable to spend time with the students as they play on these. Over the holidays we are having lines outlining safe play areas installed and the full green circle replaced in the courtyard. Kindergarten Green can't wait!

Enjoy the holiday break, stay safe and we look forward to spending the last term of the year continuing to achieve and grow with you.

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.

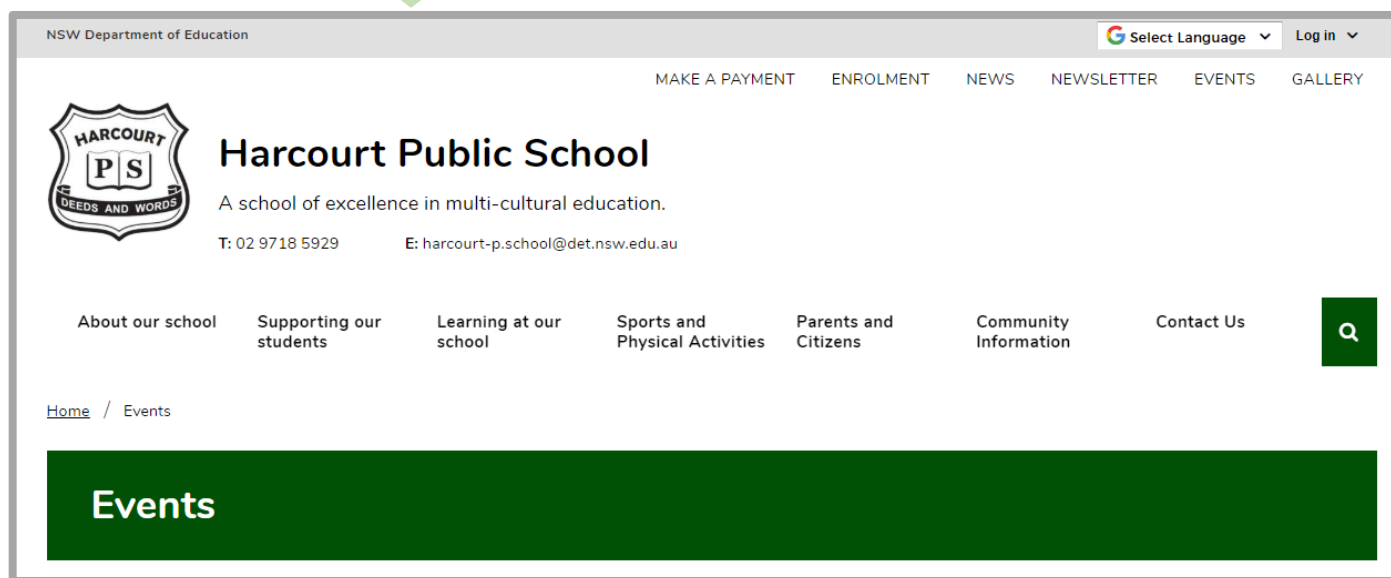
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Friday 13 November 2020

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!



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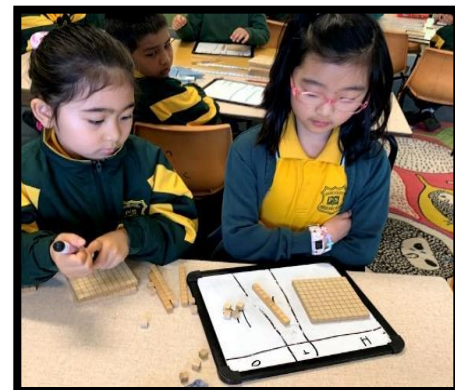
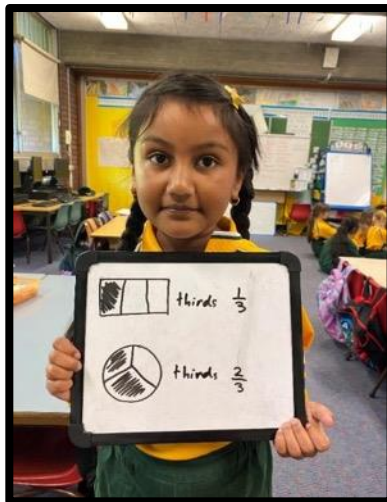




Take a Peek into Stage One

Our Stage One students are impressing their teachers every day with their learning growth.

Students have been developing their number knowledge by exploring place value to understand two and three-digit numbers. They have been learning about fractions to share objects and collections into equal parts. Students have been learning how to tell the time, learn the months and seasons of the year. They are exploring 3D objects and much much more.



Year One students have also had the opportunity to collaboratively code BlueBots to learn and use their knowledge of positional language. Whilst Year Two students have written code so that Dash could retell a story.

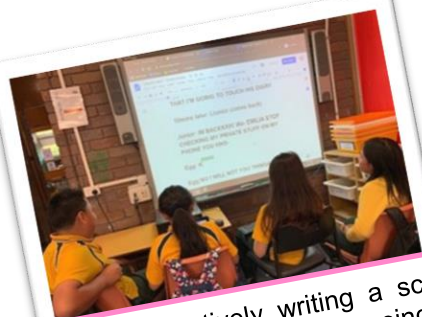
Active learners are everywhere in Stage One.

Students are using their writing skills to plan and write their own fairy tales or fractured fairy tales. They are also performing readers theatre which includes using the green screen to add special effects to their performances.



Learning in Stage 2

Stage Two have had a busy time learning different ways to demonstrate their understanding of what they have learnt in class this term. With technology, students have been to producing iMovies for Drama to show case their talents. They have also been working on comprehending mathematical concepts through Chance games, angles in art and co-constructing success criteria in probability.



4H are collaboratively writing a script using Google Docs. We are going to use iMovie on the iPads to turn the script into a movie.



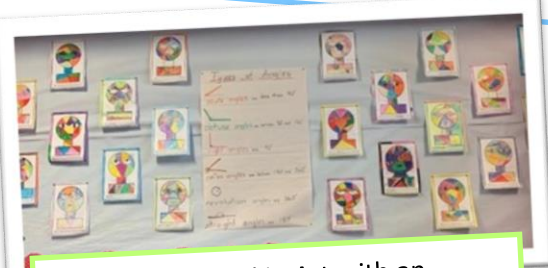
3S are completing a Maths lesson on chance using Heads & Tails coin game.



4H students are participating in a table read of their script to practice how they are going to perform their lines in front of a camera.



3H are conducting a chance experiment in maths, using die. We also made spinners to predict what the outcome would be.



3S experimented in Art with an Angle recognition idea.



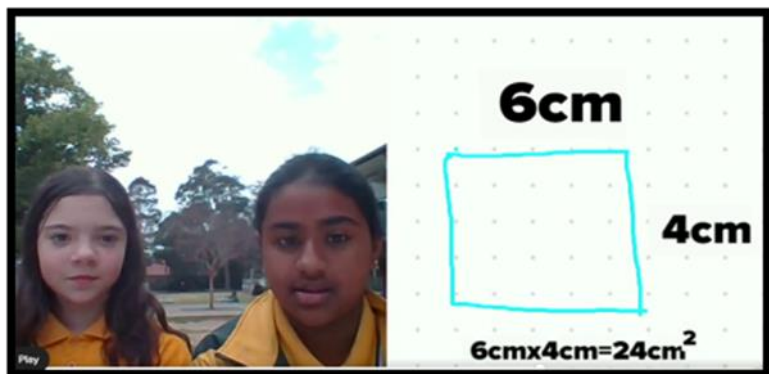
3/4N are exploring filming and camera angles using iMovie. We are becoming future movie stars and producers!



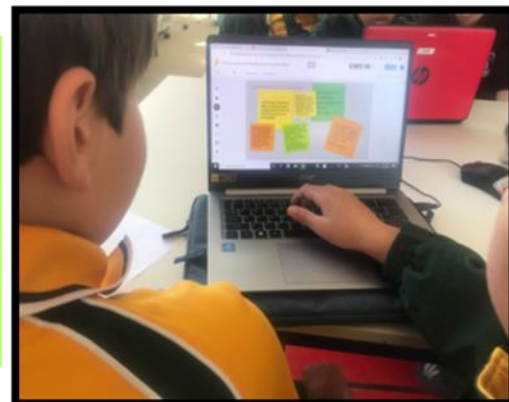
Stage 3 Learning



All Stage Three classes have been working on explaining their learning to their peers.



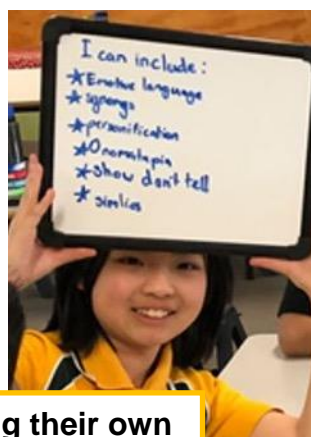
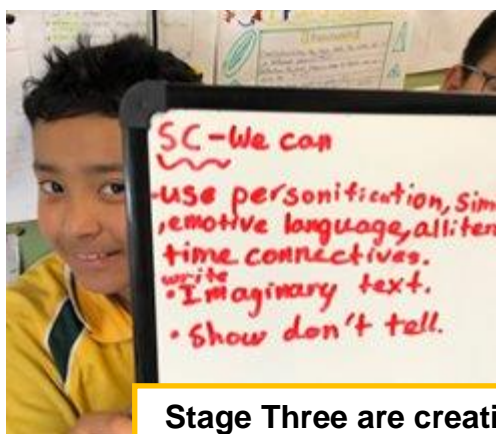
They use ICT, such as Flipgrid and video editor, to share their knowledge.



Students have been developing their vocabulary and strategies to help their explanations.



They are sharing their strategies and problem solving skills with their classmates



Stage Three are creating their own success criteria to know how to be successful learners.



Chinese Community

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Our beautiful Stage Three students used the Chinese language they learnt to engage in a debating session. It was quite challenging for the students but they gave it a go! Can you see they have five adjudicators? Yes, five adjudicators, not just one! Tina was very proud to be the chairperson! Great work!



Stage One students are learning about "Transports" in Term 3. Students are given the opportunity to use their Chinese language to speak about their favourite transport in class.



Early Stage 1 students are happily showing their Chinese writing on the mini white board.



Stage Two students are learning to read the class Chinese poem "Yong E". Students recorded the audio of their reading in PowerPoint with peers.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

New Prizes Available Now!

Have you heard about our wonderful NEW prizes available for the winners of our weekly WOW Ticket Draw?



What have we learnt about this term?

This term our Harcourt Heroes have been learning to play respectfully with their friends and to clean up after themselves. You can do PBL at home by using the same language we use at school! Some examples of praise you could give your child may be;

"Thank you for using a pleasant tone when playing with others"

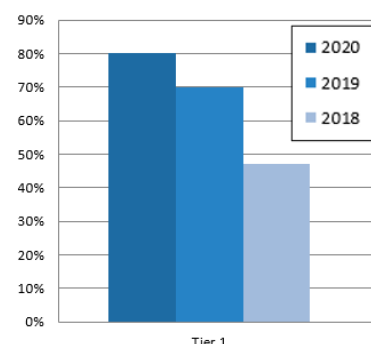
"I like how you finished your food before you played"



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our school for scoring 80% in our annual survey! Conducted by an external PBL coach, this survey, known as Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) contributes data gathered from students and teachers to calculate the school's PBL implementation growth in a year. Results also highlight any areas for improvement and future planning. A BIG **thank you** to all our teachers who develop and explicitly teach our PBL lessons each Monday, reward and acknowledge positive behaviour displayed by students, and who are committed to creating safe, inclusive and happy communities for all students to learn in. **Harcourt Heroes** are moving onwards and upwards! Well done everyone!

Tiered Fidelity Inventory Trends



SRC Mufti



On Friday 18th September 2020, the SRC held a casual Friday mufti day and raised money towards student resources for the school. Thank you to everyone that donated! The students enjoyed a cool and casual Friday at school.



Making Memories Through Art

Students at Harcourt have been working hard to create a personal artwork that will be printed on a t-towel which will serve as a lasting memento that you can purchase as a holiday gift for yourself and your whole family.

Next term parents will be able to view their child's art work prior to purchase on Class Dojo (K-2) or Google Classroom (3-6) to preview just how wonderful the gift will look. They will make great Christmas gifts for any grandparent, aunty, uncle or family friend. Don't forget to order some to put away for a keepsake.

Look out for a note coming at the beginning of next term with all the details. Each t towel will cost \$16.00 and you can order as many as you need!



Congratulations on making it to the end of Term 3, only one more term to go in this unforgettable year! We hope that all the Harcourt Dads, Granddads and uncles had a wonderful Father's Day celebrating with their families. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our annual Father's Day Stall this year; however, we have all the stock on hand ready for our 2021 stall.

We held another successful online lunchtime meeting this term. At this stage, we will continue to hold our meetings online until restrictions are lifted and we are able to have face-to-face meetings at school.

Please SAVE THE DATE! Our next P&C Meeting will be on Thursday 5th November at 12:30pm via Zoom.

Please feel free to approach the executive team at any time or contact us via email: pandchps@hotmail.com

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all Harcourt families a safe and enjoyable spring holiday break and we look forward to more exciting opportunities to support our school in the last term of 2020.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY IDEAS

As we do not have any upcoming fundraising events to advise families on, we have decided to share some ideas of school holiday activities you might like to check out during the upcoming spring holidays:



Cool down at the local Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink, they even have lessons and discos during the holidays. Entry starts at \$22 including skate hire. www.canterburyolympicicerink.org.au



Get up close to over 2,000 Australian native animals from more than 260 species. Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park is home to the World's largest collection of Australian wildlife. www.featherdale.com.au



Canterbury Bankstown Council Libraries are offering take home craft packs. Or you could join an enthralling online virtual show on Wed 7th Oct at 10am. www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au



Belmore PCYC is offering School Holiday activities during school hours www.pycnsw.org.au/belmore



With the weather warming up, leave your devices at home! Pack your swimmers, towel, sunscreen, a picnic and head to one of Sydney's beautiful beaches. Our pick is Balmoral Beach for calm waters, scooter rides on the promenade followed by fish and chips. Or Clifton Gardens which has an awesome playground!



Visit a local playground to burn off some energy. Our picks are: ANZAC Park: Anzac Square, Campsie. Bark Huts Reserve: Elliot Street, Belfield. Strathfield Park: Homebush Road, Strathfield. Blaxland Riverside Park: Sydney Olympic Park.



Change into some clown shoes and try your hand at ten-pin bowling. From \$14pp. www.strathfieldsuperbowl.com.au

Head into the city and explore Australia's History at The Rocks: www.therocks.com

Explore the Harbour foreshore at Barangaroo: www.barangaroo.com

Museums: Australian National Maritime Museum: www.sea.museum

Museum of Contemporary Art: www.mca.com.au

Head out of Sydney for a night away: West to the Blue Mountains, South Coast to Wollongong or North to The Entrance. Whatever you decide to do over the Spring Holidays, make sure you have FUN!

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE 2020

We would like to extend a friendly reminder to all parents about our student injury insurance. For the small cost of **\$4.00 per student**, the P&C can continue to provide this insurance. We ask that parents support our efforts by contributing \$4.00 per student and pay online to: **HARCOURT SCHOOL COMMITTEE Commonwealth Bank BSB 062 133 Account No. 0090 3691 Thank you.**





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 'Key issues', 'Educators', 'Kids', 'Young people', 'Parents', 'Women', 'Seniors', and 'About us'. Below this is a banner for '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 says '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 options for 'Type', 'What is it used for?', and 'Logo colour', each with a plus sign and an 'APPLY' button. The main content area displays several app recommendations in a grid:

- 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. (App/Browser/Website)
- 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 time. (App)
- Omegle**: A free online chat website that allows you to chat anonymously to strangers through text or video chat. (Social media/Website)

