



# Harcourt Public School

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## Principal's News

We have come to the end of another term of a unique year.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful Harcourt staff that have adapted to the different teaching and learning environments encountered this term. They have worked collaboratively with the focus as always being on each student, their learning and wellbeing.

Thank you to the parents and community members that have supported us in remaining off site as much as possible. The drop off at the gate and quick exit of an afternoon has worked well and ensured we keep safety standards at a high level. These procedures will continue into next term. If you need to speak with a teacher please contact the office to request a return phone call.

Although many routines within our school day have returned, others remain on hold or require modifications such as the Parent and Citizen meetings that have been held this term through an online platform. Schools are being encouraged to find innovative online solutions to host events including Education Week and the team at Harcourt have begun discussing different ways we can continue to share the learning and continued growth that is occurring every day. We hope to send out further information early in the coming term.

The holidays are almost here, have a great break with your children, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone for an exciting and stimulating Term 3.

**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.

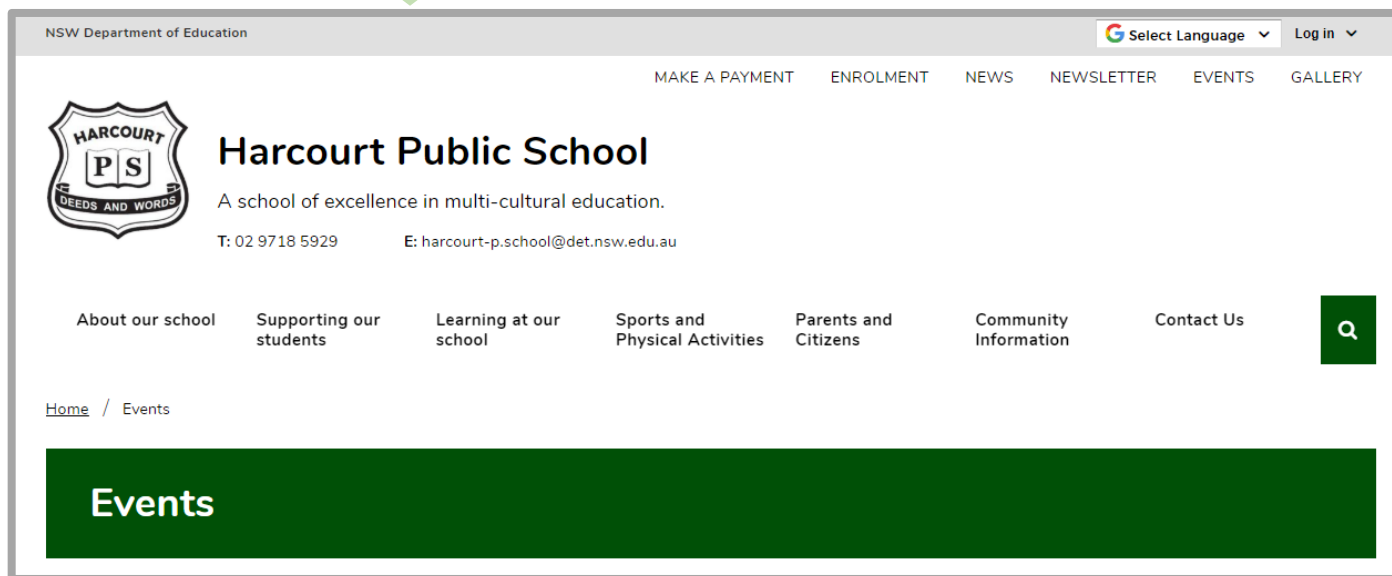
Next Issue:

Friday 21 August 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!





# Literacy Learning in Kindergarten



Kindergarten are back into routine with their learning at school! We have been working through different literacy activities each day at school to help us with learning new words, reading and writing!



Arvis and Oscar are completing Reading Eggs activities on the computer.



Aayan and Esther are cutting up words to make a sentence.



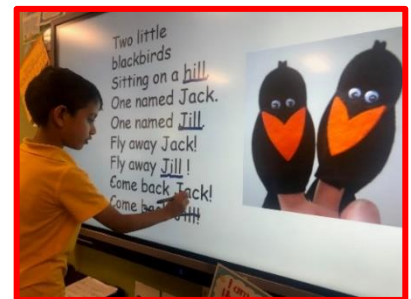
Bowen and Reyansh playing bingo to build their vocabulary.



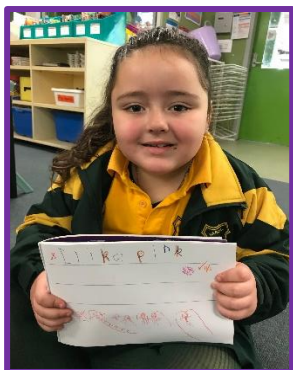
Seya, Raunak and Rendell are learning their sight words.



Kendrick and William are practicing their letter formations.



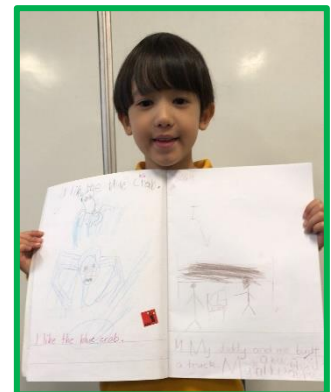
Yahya identifying the rhyming words in a finger play song.



Stella wrote a sentence about her favourite colour.



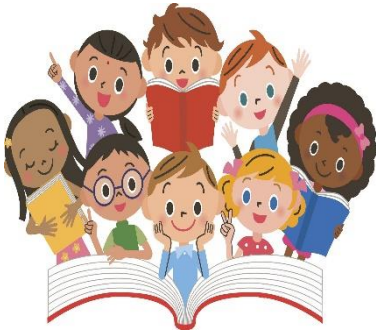
Summer and Jack are learning new rhyming words through a game of bingo.



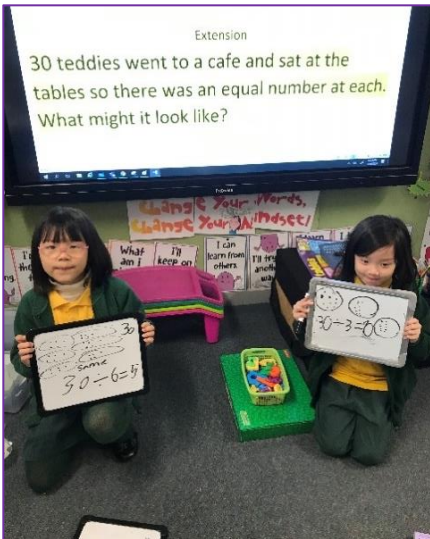
Stefano has written a sentence to describe his drawing.



# Learning in Stage One

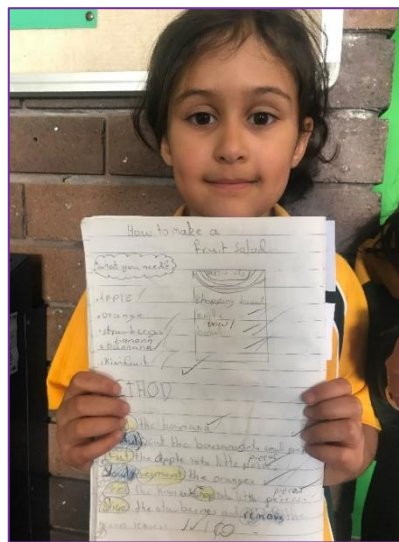
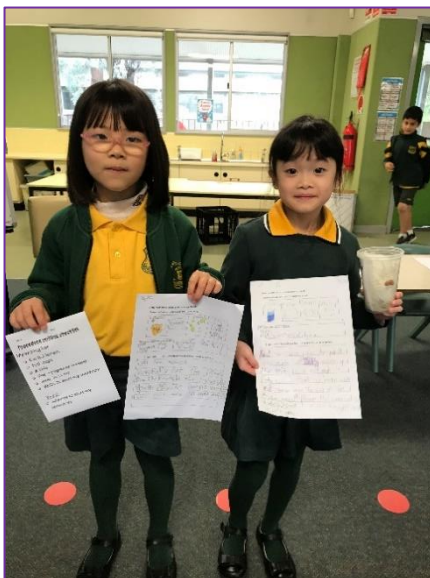
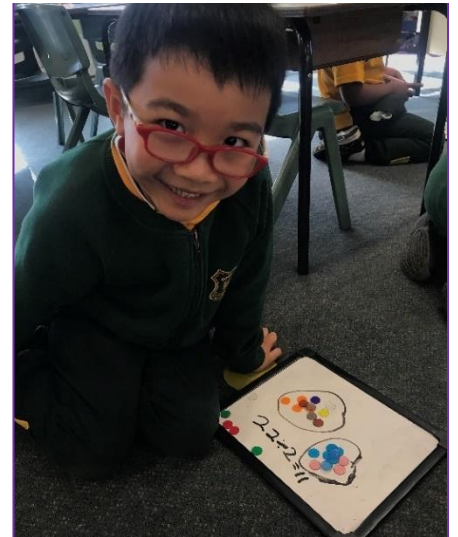


Wow! What a crazy and spectacular ride the last few weeks have been. The Stage One teachers would like to thank our students for working so hard at school. We have been blown away by how dedicated they are and how much they have all grown as learners. This term we are already quite busy and enjoying every minute of it. In Numeracy, Year 2 have been great mathematicians by developing their understanding of multiplication and division. In Literacy, we have been planning and writing procedures. Students had so much fun making newspaper hats and planting a bean seed. Keep up the great work Stage One. You are all superstars and you make your teachers very proud every day!



**In Maths, we demonstrated our working out on mini whiteboards!**

**We have made newspaper hats and planted bean seeds in a cup! We wrote procedures to explain how we did it.**





# Stage 2 is back!



Stage Two had fun at home but we think that school is much better. While at home, we looked forward to seeing our friends and we were very curious to see what was changed, for example – the school playground! We have enjoyed playing with our friends and coming back as a class.

In Term 2, we have learnt about perimeter and area in maths. We have also done writing, spelling and geography activities. We got to do fun things like art, craft and fitness that were harder to do at home.

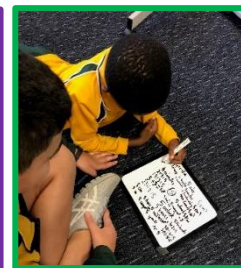
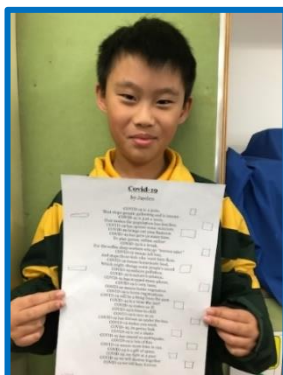
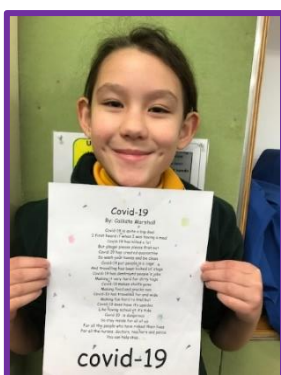
Bye and keep reading Harcourt’s newsletter!

*Written by Archit and Harry in 4H*



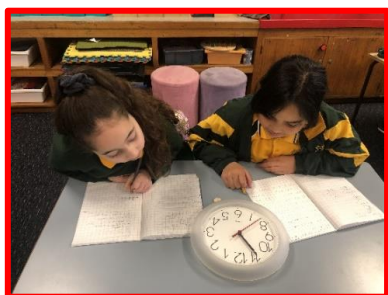
Katelyn and Keirali (4H) using Minecraft Education Edition to recreate the Senior Courtyard and COLA to explore length and area.

Anushka and Aliza (3H) investigating World Heritage Sites in Australia.



Callie, Jayden and Paris (3/4N) wrote poems about Covid-19.

Herman, Stella, Ryan, Abdul, Beryl and Farin (4L) using their lateral thinking skills to present the number 5.



Leila and Memory (3S) learning how to read the time.

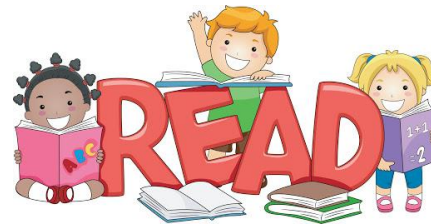




# STAGE 3 Learning from Home



Students are finding clues and evidence in the novels they are reading.



Students are working on their adding and subtracting strategies in mathematics.

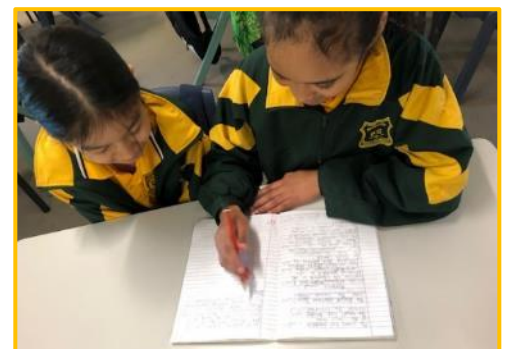


Stage Three are developing their Fundamental Movement Skills through fitness activities.



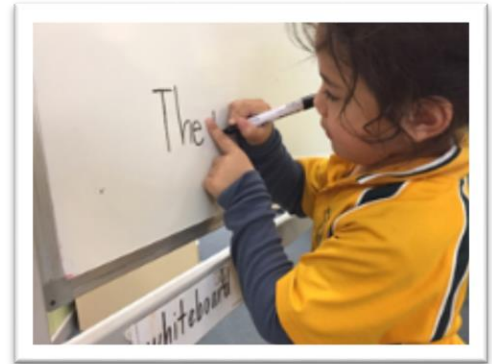
Students are working hard to include similes in their imaginative writing task.

Students are discussing emotive language to include in their writing of Fox part II.



# English as an Additional Language or Dialect

**Kindergarten** classes are receiving EAL/D support for writing. The students are saying a sentence and then writing it together by practising listening to the sounds of the word and writing it. They are also practising leaving a finger space between words. They then either trace, copy or have a go at writing it on their own.

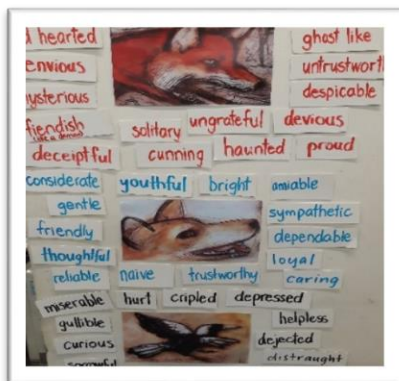


**Stage One** students have been

using ICT in writing. They have learned how to publish their work using PowerPoint recording. This function enabled the students to fully participate in the communicative process of writing, reading and speaking.



**Stage 2** have been learning to write narratives. They have learnt to use a thesaurus to find synonyms to improve their writing. They have been using these synonyms to talk out sentences with a partner then write them out on a whiteboard.



**Stage 3** have been learning about how written language can be very different from spoken language. We used thesauruses to create word walls with more technical language that we are using in our talking and writing to help us portray these three characters in a story.





## Korean Community Language



Students in Year 3 and Year 4 have been learning the topic, 'Friends'. The students in a group created their own scripts in Korean for a making up a scenario and performed a role play.



## Chinese Community Language



Stage One students focus on the topic of Transport. They learn the various forms of transportation and ways to use them safely. Students also learn about the wide use of bicycles in China and the reasons behind its popularity as a common form of transport in China.

In Mandarin Chinese lessons, Stage 3 students were busy learning about 'Countries and Languages, Parts of the body and illness'. Boys and girls enjoyed remote learning experiences K-6 during the pandemic. We are now back to face teaching and learning. How exciting! Keep up the hard work.





# Positive Behaviour for Learning

The PBL mascots visited our playground this term to welcome our students back from ‘at-home learning’.



Congratulations to all students who have earned their Bronze or Silver awards.

Our Mascots remind us of our PBL expectations: be **Responsible**, **Respectful**, **Safe**, **Active Learners**.

PBL Lessons		
WEEK	LESSON	FOCUS
Week 5	Keep our playground clean	Reminding students to put rubbish in the bin.
Week 6	Virtual Spaces	Keeping safe on-line.
Week 7	Playground	An overview of all the changes in our playground including new building works such as new K-2 equipment, new COLA, new fences.
Week 8	Wear your uniform with pride	A reminder to students to wear the correct school uniform.
Week 9	WOW tickets review	We are surveying our students to find out what they like or would like to change with our WOW tickets.
Week 10	Revision	



# Student Representative Council <sup>2020</sup>

Due to the interruption to routine this year, and a period of time with ‘at home learning’, the SRC voted in by their peers in Term 1 will continue with the role for the rest of 2020.



**Stage 2:** Ryan, Helen, Sara, Phoebe, Aliza, Leila, Celine, Marco, Louis, (Semisi - absent)



**Stage 3:** MinZhi, Angelus, Claudia, Kymberlee, Daniel, Givendau, Aymen, Leba.



*What a year it has been so far! We would like to say a special thank you to all parents who joined our inaugural Harcourt PS' P&C online meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The meeting was a great success and many attendees were pleased to be able to join whilst on their lunch break at work or working from home. 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 13<sup>th</sup> August at 12:30pm via Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is: 934 1143 5419*

*Please feel free to contact us at any time via: [pandchps@hotmail.com](mailto:pandchps@hotmail.com)*

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish all Harcourt families a safe and enjoyable mid-year holiday break and we look forward to more exciting opportunities to support our school in the second half of 2020.*

### THE HARCOURT P&C EXECUTIVES 2020

Harcourt PS' P&C held our Annual General Meeting on 13th March 2020, new executives for 2020 were elected on the day.

President	- Mrs. Emma Limnos
Vice President	- Mr. Allan Cai
Treasurer	- Mrs. Nur Cahaya Tobing

Recently, the Secretary position became vacant.

If you are parent of a Harcourt PS student, a financial member of the P&C and willing to help in this executive role as secretary, please contact us at [pandchps@hotmail.com](mailto:pandchps@hotmail.com)

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We hope all Harcourt mums, grandmas and aunties had a wonderful Mother's Day this year! We were very sorry that the P&C unfortunately were not able to hold the annual Mother's Day Stall due to the pandemic restrictions. We hope all Harcourt mums enjoyed the togetherness with their family during this unprecedented time.

### FATHER'S DAY STALL

Hopefully we will be able to hold our annual Father's Day Stall in early September. Above all, Harcourt community health is paramount for us in the P&C.

### INCORPORATED BODY

At the end of 2019, Harcourt PS' P&C became an incorporated body, which now allows us to apply for grants and external funding. We have just submitted our first grant application for the Community Building Partnership Fund for an upgrade to our senior courtyard area. We would like to thank the Principal; Mrs. Holt and her staff for supporting us on the grant application submission. Successful awardees of the grant will be announced in late November.

If you have any information about suitable upcoming grants available, please let us know.

### STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE 2020

- You may or may not be aware, but the NSW Department of Education does **NOT** provide, nor has it ever provided accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools.
- Did you know that Harcourt PS students **are covered** for Student Injury Insurance during the year?
- Did you know that the scope of cover includes Personal Accident, death and defined events, for students whilst at school and on authorised school excursions? Limited cover is also provided for outside school hours, **anywhere** in Australia. Please email us if you would like to read the detailed insurance document.

Again, this year, Harcourt PS' P&C recognise the importance for our children to be covered by Student Injury Insurance. Harcourt PS' P&C have paid the Student Injury Insurance premium for all Harcourt PS students. The cost was \$2,049.53 for over 500 pupils.

For the small cost of **\$4.00 per student** we 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





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 tabs for 'Key issues', 'Educators', 'Kids', 'Young people', 'Parents', 'Women', and 'About us'. A banner below the tabs reads 'Tips on how to stay safe online during the COVID-19 pandemic'. The main heading is 'The eSafety Guide', with a sub-heading '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 time.
- Omegle**: A free online chat website that allows you to chat anonymously to strangers through text or video chat. (Social media/Website)

