Harcourt P&C. Where to From Here?

On May 6 we had a special meeting for our P&C. We had 15 people come to the meeting and now we need to have ANOTHER meeting where we have financial members who can vote and/or nominate to be in the committee for 2015-2016. Now we don’t have a school P&C because we have had no-one nominate to be president, secretary or vice-president for the year.

On June 23 we have our parent/carer/teacher interviews. After the interviews we will have another try at electing a P&C. We need FINANCIAL MEMBERS to come in big numbers. How do you become a financial member? You only need to pay $2 at the school office and let them know your name and your child’s name and class and you are then a financial member for a year! I hope we see lots of people interested in making Harcourt an even better school.

When: Tuesday, June 23 at 7.00pm

Harcourt Cross-Country Carnival – May 6

Well done to all the students who participated in the cross country. Your behaviour was outstanding! A huge thank you to all the teachers for your wonderful help! It would not have been possible without you!! Ribbons and house points will be announced shortly.

Mrs Hassapis and the Cross Country Committee

Extension Programs 2015

Every class (except Kinder and the two G&T classes) nominate two students to work in an extension program. The extension program is a part of the Harcourt programs to ensure we deliver programs to EVERY student that meet their needs, that challenge their learning and that help them to enjoy their education. These nominations have been made in the last week – and so some of you will have received letters notifying you of your child’s participation. Another letter will then come from the teacher explaining exactly what the program will entail and how it will run.

On Tuesday, August 25 we will then formally review the programs - inviting the parents/carers of the nominated students to attend the reviews and to hear about their child’s progress.
**ROSE Awards Scheme and “Good Workers” TABLE**

This table is in the Newsletter every week and shows which students have achieved a special level in our ROSE (Respecting Our School & Each other) awards program or have been noted for a really great effort in class - or have done some fantastic handwriting.

The following students have achieved a higher level on the ROSE program or they have come to the Principal to show their excellent work. When they come to see me, they get a sticker for their good work - and a stamp on their forehead, their nose, their cheek or their chin. SO - if your child comes home with a stamp from the Principal - tell them how proud and pleased you are! *Congratulations to these students:*

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<th>CLASS</th>
<th>Good Works &amp; Handwriting</th>
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<td>Kinder Yellow</td>
<td>Roba, Syon and Erin for great data work.</td>
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<td>1/2V</td>
<td>Jay, Thomas and Abraham for their great writing work. Thomas came to see me AGAIN for great Maths and Cathy came too</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Olivia Ahn - for her fabulous family tree (see picture)</td>
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<td>5/6W</td>
<td>Hunson Feng - most improved in behaviour, attitude and his school work.</td>
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**Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund-Raiser**

On Monday 11 May we held a day where students came to school in their favourite sporting team colours. They paid a gold coin - and the school collected and donated this money to Oxfam who will use the money to assist the victims of the Nepal Earthquake. We raised over $500. Thanks to everyone who donated on the day. Here is a picture of Mary Barua from 1/2V who donated her WHOLE moneybox - over $37.

**NAPLAN**

This is NAPLAN 2015 week. Years 3 and 5 have undertaken NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There is a “make-up” day on Friday for students who were unwell or away on one of the test days. We will let you know when the results are released.

**Multi-lit – What is it and why does Harcourt have it?**

For many years the Exodus centre in Ashfield has run a special reading program for students struggling to learn to read. Due to a funding cut the Exodus program ceased at the end of 2014. Harcourt has chosen to spend $20,000 in 2015 to run this program at our school. With the support of tutors from Macquarie University we are now providing the Multi-lit program to 20 of our students to help them acquire the vital skills of reading.

**Mr Rieger on Leave**

Mr Rieger will be on leave from May 25 until June 11. Mrs Edgerton will be relieving as Principal, Ms Markovski will be relieving Deputy and Mrs Worrad will be relieving as our Learning and Support teacher (LAST) in my absence. Mr Matthews will be taking 5/6W while Mrs Worrad is filling the LAST position.
Wild Wednesday - May 27

Wild Wednesday, our big Year 6 fundraiser for the year, is getting closer. The 2015 version of last year’s Wacky Wednesday will have a K-6 parade at 9.15. Students should come to school dressed “Wild”. Purchase tokens before Monday May 18 to be in the activities. Showbag orders are now closed - but there may be a few bags available on the day.
OC Applications for 2016
If your child is in Year 4 this year and you are considering applying for OC in 2016 you need to be aware that online applications opened on Monday 27 April 2015 and close 10 pm Friday 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted by the Department of Education.
All applications must be made online at:       www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Parent-Teacher Interviews – week of June 22 (especially Tuesday June 23)
Parent-teacher interviews will be held in the week of June 22 - with the main evening being Tuesday 23rd. As we did last year bookings for times with your teacher will be made on-line at http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au. A code will be given to you when bookings are open.
Bookings will open on Monday June 1 but you might like to put the date in your diaries now.

Vision Australia Visit to Harcourt Kindergarten
VISION AUSTRALIA visits Kindergarten to teach them how blind people cope with everyday things without their sense of sight.

Hong Ru learns how a talking clock helps blind people tell the time

Emal and Ayana play with a ball that has a bell inside it. This is how blind people play ball games.

Kinder Yellow say hello to Ms. Aviva and Warrick

Warwick is a guide dog

Piper learns about Braille writing
Just Joshing

This is the section for jokes and riddles. Send your best jokes and riddles to put in the school Newsletter. Put your jokes into the suggestion box in the school office - or send them to the school email (harcourt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with the subject line “newsletter jokes”.

Q: What happens when two snails have a fight?
A: They just slug it out.

Q: How do you tell which end of a worm is the head?
A: Tickle its middle and see which end smiles.

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**BELMORE HC**

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

The Belmore HC is a program which will assist students from Kindergarten to Year 8 in their day to day homework tasks, FREE of charge!

Starting 14th May, 2015
Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00 pm
At Belmore PCYC

To participate in this program, you'll need to be a member of PCYC Belmore.

For more information and to book call us on 9759 4934

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