End of Term 2

So here we are already half way through 2015. The school holidays commence on Friday and students return to school on Tuesday July 14 (which is Bastille Day). Enjoy your holidays and keep safe and warm. A BIG thank-you to Mrs Edgerton (relieving Principal), Ms Markovski (relieving Deputy) and Mrs Worrad (relieving LAST) who filled positions during my recent leave. It’s always re-assuring to know the school is being left in such capable hands.

P&C Meeting from last Tuesday - Hoorah!!! We have a P&C!

Last Tuesday evening we again held a very special P&C event as we tried to establish a Harcourt P&C for 2015-16. I am delighted to say that we now have a P&C in place for 2015-2016. My very sincere thanks to the new committee. They are:

Emily Giannopoulos (President), Marcelo Zavala-Baeza (Vice-President), Nur Cahaya Tobing (Secretary) and Yunush Manandhar (Treasurer).

We are very excited to have our new committee in place. The first P&C meeting will be held on Friday July 24th (week 2 next term) straight after the K-2 assembly (at 10.00am in the school staffroom). The second meeting will be on Tuesday 18th August at 7pm in the staffroom. The P&C proposed to have one daytime Friday meeting followed by one Tuesday evening meeting - so everyone has the opportunity to attend. Again - my most sincere thanks and welcome to our new P&C.

Education Week Events

Education Week in week 3 of term 3. NOTE OUR CHANGED DAY for open classrooms. We are now having Tuesday July 28 as our major event day.

Please see the flyer below for all the details.

H Block Air Conditioning.

During these coming holidays H block up-stairs rooms will have air-conditioning installed. The design of the building is such that the students really suffered in summer - with regular nose-bleeds and students reporting feeling sick. The air-conditioning will overcome these issues.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival for last week was postponed because of the rain. We will organise another date and venue for early term 3 and let you know the details.

School Play Equipment

The school play equipment is open ONLY during lunchtimes. This is when the area has teacher supervision. The equipment is closed at all other times. No child should be allowed to play on the equipment after school. Parents and Carers who allow children to play on the equipment do so at their own risk and against the advice of the school. DO NOT use the equipment when it is closed.
**Visit Harcourt in Education Week, 2015**

**Open Day Tuesday July 28**

**When:** Tuesday July 28 2015

**What:**

9.20-10.20  
Open Classrooms Kinder to Year 6 - Come and have your child introduce you to their friends, their work, their books and their teacher.

10.30-11.35  
ROSE Assembly and Performances

11.35-12.00  
Recess with your children (*Canteen is selling refreshments*)

12.00-1.30  
Join a group and tour the school (see below).

1.30-2:30  
Lunch with your child/ren at school.
  
  Canteen pre-order lunches or bring a picnic basket to have lunch with your child.

2.30-3.15  
Parents versus students running races & fun events.

Join a group after recess and see each of the following:

1  Fundamental Movement Skills and Sports demonstrations
2  Wakakirri Practise and Schools Spectacular
3  CLOTE, Reading Recovery, LAMP and EAL/D lesson observations
4  You Can Do It and MultiLIT demonstrations
5  Bring Your Own Device and IWB - what is it and how does it work.
6  Wangee Park visit.

There is a **Library Book Fair** selling age-appropriate readers and a **NAIDOC art display** in the school library.

**So ...... come along to your school. See what we do. Enjoy your day and have lunch and morning tea with your child/ren.**

**BE HERE - TUESDAY JULY 28**
Parent/Carer Interviews
Interviews have been held all through this final week of term. The on-line booking system is simple and efficient. If you ever have an issues simply call at the school office and ask them for assistance. We trust you feel you have had every opportunity to discuss the end-of-term report and results with your child’s teacher.

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FREE KIDS COMEDY SHOW
These school holidays, comedian Sean Murphy is performing Kids’ Party Confidential for free!
The show was nominated as a highlight of the 2014 Sydney Fringe Festival and Sean will be presenting shows on Thursday, July 2nd at Five Dock (11:00 AM) and on Saturday, July 4th at Concord Library (2:30 PM).
To book, head to KIDSPARTYCONFIDENTIAL.COM.
Tickets are free. Suitable for adults, teens and children aged 5+.
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>2L</td>
<td>Lucy, Teayana, Katherine and Grace for the very best writing. Konni, Tanzin, Faith, Ryan, Jayden also did great handwriting.</td>
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<td>4G</td>
<td>Vithushan Mahendran - for a fantastic, pneumatic lifting jack (see picture)</td>
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<td>3/4N and 3E</td>
<td>Alex, Brian, Kiara and Eliza</td>
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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”.

Daughter: “Dad - what happens when you are at Sea Level?”
Dad: “That’s a funny question. Why do you ask?”
Daughter: “Because my teacher told me I’m at C level.”

A ghost walked into a bar and said “I’d like a Martini -shaken not stirred”. “Sorry sir” said the barman: “We don’t serve spirits.”
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7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

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2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
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Public Speaking News
Congratulations to these students who participated in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition on Thursday 18th June at Homebush Public School. They are Amy McInnis 3/4W, Gillian Tan 3H, Min Jeong Gi 5/6W, Prakhar Chaturvedi 5/6W. All the students performed very well.

NEXT P&C MEETING:
The July P&C meeting will be held on Friday July 24th (week 2 next term) straight after the K–2 assembly (at 10.00am) in the staffroom. Come along and hear the school news, what we are doing, what’s on the calendar, what projects we are undertaking etc etc.

Library News Term 3
- Tuesday 28 July  Book Fair for Education Week
- Thursday 27 August  Visiting Artist for Book Week for Years 3 – 6  Cost: $3
- Friday 28 August  Show for Book Week for Years K – 2  Cost: $2

More information about these activities will be available early in term 3.