Education Week
Our Education Week Open Day was a great success last week. It was a fabulous morning with 90-95% attendance of parents in the Kindy classes and great attendances by our community across the school. Teachers reported very positive feedback like, "Wow I didn't know my child could do that!".

The ROSE assembly was also a huge success with well over 100 community members watching our awards and performances. Thanks to our student captains, Geena and George, who again led the assembly.

After recess we had groups that saw the various school programs - and visited Wangee Park SSP (next door). Thanks to our parent/visitor group leaders who did a wonderful job escorting our visitors to the various activities. Our leaders were: Florence and Lukas, Areej and Min Soo, Gillian and Brandon, Nathan and Stanley, Stephanie and Moazan, Eugene, Daniel and Victor.

Wakakirri
Our Wakakirri dancers performed at Sutherland Entertainment Centre last Thursday night. The dance which highlighted our multi-cultural nature and the harmony of our society was truly wonderful. The organisers particularly noted that Harcourt students were polite and well-behaved. My sincere congratulations to all our students for their great efforts - AND to the wonderful staff and parents who spent huge amounts of time and energy preparing the students for the dance. Pictures in the next newsletter. See the ad below if you would like to order a DVD (online). We will be re-doing Wakakirri in the school hall on Thursday 18th August at 3.00 for any parents and family members who would like to watch.

Tiddalik the Frog Show
These pictures are from our recent performance at school of the Tiddalik show. You can see the children had a great time.

Stewart House
Clothes Bags
See the notice below. MUST be in before August 13. Thanks.
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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<td>ambassadors for our school. I was SO proud of you all.</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”.

Mother to son: “What did you learn at school today?”
Son: “Not enough. They reckon I have to go back tomorrow”

Q: How does the barber cut the moon’s hair?  
A: E clipse it.

Q: What does Mr Weiss take when he goes fishing?  
A: Book worms.

Q: What did one astronaut say to the other astronaut?  
A: Let’s eat. It’s launch time.
Korean Speech Competition
Olivia Ahn in 2C was pictured in the local Korean paper after she competed in the 20th Korean Speech Competition held on July 4. WOW! Well done Olivia.

New Artificial Grass
Late in August we will be having laid a new section of artificial grass that will border onto the area laid during the last holidays. There will be benches and tables in this area too - making an ideal outdoor classroom area for our students. The nearly $30,000 for this facility is being paid from school funds.
Wanted – Book Coverers
Do you have time to volunteer to cover school books? If you can help please contact Mrs Edgerton on 9718-5929. THANKS!

Zone Athletics
Harcourt has a team of nearly 50 athletes who are representing our school at the Zone athletics carnival – this week and next week. Our best wishes to you all and thanks to Mr Chong and Mr Hung who are accompanying our students.

Premier’s Debating
Harcourt students will compete in the Premier’s Debating Challenge this week at Belmore North school. Led by Mr Robinson we hope they are given an exciting topic and enjoy the challenge.

Kindergarten 2016 Welcomed to Harcourt
Our new Kindergartens for next year began their transition sessions this week. We had around 60 students and their parents/carers getting to know our school. We are sure they will have a wonderful experience and enjoy their Harcourt years.
Tell Them From Me - Surveys about Your Dealings with Harcourt

(please see the notice on the next page)

I am delighted that this term our school, like many other public schools in NSW, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at:

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete.

It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 17th August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

This Friday - PSSA Sport

We have had such a wet PSSA season that many games were postponed. These will be made up on an extended PSSA day this Friday.

Many of our PSSA teams will be leaving for Clemton Park at 9.15 to make up for the washed-out rounds. They will return to school before 3.15.

The junior and senior soccer teams will be walking to Rudd Park early in the day on Friday – again to make up for washed out rounds.

Stewart House Clothes Bags

Our Stewart House charity drive where we have asked you to fill bags with old clothes will finish next week (August 13). Please bring your bags in ASAP - and none after the 13th.

Thank-you.
Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:


You can also use a school computer if you have no access from home. There will be computers available for you in the computer lab in the school library on the mornings of August 17-21 (from 8.45 am until 9.10am). Please just see Mr Weiss in the library.
PCYC Belmore has a fantastic mix of activities for young people. Come down & test your skills in our various activities/programs such as:

- Karate – Monday 6pm – 7pm
- Learn to Play Basketball – Wednesday 5pm – 6pm
- Junior Boxing – Monday & Wednesday 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Homework Club – Thursday 4pm – 6pm

At PCYC Belmore we pride ourselves on our friendly service and sense of family amongst our members.

We look forward to seeing you at the club soon!

For more information please visit our website [www.pycnsw.org/belmore](http://www.pycnsw.org/belmore) or call us on (02) 9759 4934

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ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS
Please check our website for more details. [www.pycnsw.org/belmore](http://www.pycnsw.org/belmore)

What is MLC Tennis Hot Shots?
MLC Tennis Hot Shots is an exciting tennis program for kids aged 6 and under. Using smaller courts, racquets and low-compression balls, the program makes learning tennis easy for new players.

At the heart of MLC Tennis Hot Shots is a fundamental approach to learning. It’s called "learning through play" and is based on developing skills in real tennis situations. This program allows children to develop technically and tactically in a stimulating environment.

- It’s fun, safe and easy to play
- A sport the whole family can enjoy
- Kids are ready to play as soon as they can swing a racquet
- Easy progression to full court tennis
- Free Racquet and Ball Hire
Play cricket with Summer Hill Cricket Club

Summer Hill Cricket Club is currently taking registrations for the coming season for children aged 7 and up who would like to play club cricket.

Join the kids from your school who already play club cricket as well as PSSA cricket. We play on Saturday mornings at grounds in the Canterbury Council area and we will also have the introductory format - Milo In2cricket for ages 4 to 7 at Pratten Park on Fridays from 5.30.

For further information or to register, visit our website at http://www.summerhillcricketclub.org.au/ or contact the Junior coordinator Alan Arthur on 0402637615 for further info.

For girls, SHCC is part of the Inner West MILO T20 BLAST Girls which is a modified form of cricket designed to introduce girls 8 to 12 years old in a safe, fun and dynamic environment.

There’s music, dancing – and oh yeah, CRICKET!!

It will be played at Petersham Oval on a Friday night starting at 5.15 pm. This will be a girls-only centre and is for girls who have not played before. It will start on the 16th October.

Contact Deb Smith - 0417 483 138 for further info.

(Tae Kwon Do)
Self Defence Classes

When: Tuesdays & Fridays
6:30 – 7:30pm

Where: Harcourt Public School Hall

Contact: 0412 117 302

MASTER KO
7th Dan Black Belt
Learn Music on Keyboard at Harcourt PS

Enrolment for Term 3

- Convenient school venue
- Small group - 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate - $27 per session
- (GST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office)
- Instrument not required initially
- Music material provided
- Limited vacancy!

To enroll, please call 94113122

Smart Kids Love Music!


Dragon Charity Walk

Walk & Work for a charitable cause
The “Dragon Charity Walk” aims to raise funds for charitable causes. Participants can contribute their efforts through joining the walk, performing at the variety show or being volunteers to assist the organisation of this fundraising event.

This year the event aims to raise funds for CASS, Harcourt Public School, Heart Foundation and Special Children Services Centre Inc. All four organisations have made a significant contribution to the community, serving the elderly, general public, children and children with special needs respectively.

Where, when and what’s on?
The Dragon Charity Walk 2015 will be held on Sunday, 11 October 2015, regardless of rain, hail or shine, starting from the CASS Head Office at Sixth Avenue, Campsie NSW and finishing at the Korean Society of Sydney in Croydon Park NSW.

Please arrive between 9:15am and 10:30am for registration. The Walk will start at 3 intervals at 10am, 10:30am and 11am respectively. A ceremony will be held at the finishing point from 11am, followed by a variety show. There will also be food stalls, family activities, etc. So gather your family and friends and join in the day of fun!

Entry Procedures
All are welcome to take part in this event. Get a sponsorship card and instruction sheet from the venues listed below or ring (02) 9789 4587 (ext. 2).

Once you have obtained your sponsorship card, you can then start to seek sponsors. All donations over $2 are tax-deductible.

Sponsorship card is available at the following venues:
- CASS Head Office: 44-50 Sixth Avenue, Campsie NSW 2194
- Harcourt Public School: 5 First Avenue, Campsie NSW 2194
- Heart Foundation: 20/6-8 Holden Street, Ashfield NSW 2131
- Special Children Services Centre Inc.: 20/6-8 Holden Street, Ashfield NSW 2131

Each participant is required to raise a minimum amount of $20. All eligible participants will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

Dragon Charity Walk 2015 is sponsored by

Beneficiaries:
- CASS
- Heart Foundation
- Special Children Services Centre Inc.
- Harcourt Public School

For more information please visit www.DragonCharityWalk.com.au
Cooks River Day Out

Saturday 22 August, 2015
11am-3pm
Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

The Cooks River is changing – wetlands are being restored, the riverbank is being naturalised, fish are returning, and the bird life is abundant.

Celebrate the Cooks River!
- Enjoy natural and cultural hands-on activities
- Meet the people who have been helping the River
- Discover how the River is improving
- Explore the local area on a walking or cycling tour


Program times & tour registration at cooksriverdayout.eventbrite.com.au

This project is jointly funded through Cooks River Alliance and the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme
Cooks River Day Out
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<td>Join tours to find out what’s happening in other parts of the Cooks River and Wolli Creek.</td>
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<td>Special opportunity to get to see the river from the river! The River Canoe Club at Tempe is offering two guided <strong>kayaking tours</strong>. The tours will be one hour duration, and will include kayak safety prep and 45 minutes on the water. <strong>Bookings essential.</strong></td>
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Hosted by the **Cooks River Alliance**.
**Bookings** required for workshops and tours. **Event is free** and on rain or shine.
**Detailed program and bookings** available at [cooksriverdayout.eventbrite.com.au](http://cooksriverdayout.eventbrite.com.au)