Principal’s Address
We have seen the completion of another two successful weeks at Harcourt Public School with students settling into their classes and making stronger friendship connections with their peers.

The role of Principal is a complex and varied one, but the part that is my favorite is when I get to see the students shine. During the last fortnight I was privileged to receive a piece of art work from KB, welcoming me to the school. It has been framed and placed it on the wall of the office. Even more exciting is the invitation to come and read a story with them. I am looking forward to visiting them this week.

2V have also been sharing their work with me. They have shared their art work and described how they planted beans. We are all awaiting the next stage when the beans start to sprout above the surface.

Last Friday was Assembly day. It was wonderful to be able to talk to such a large group of parents and carers as well as have some small group conversations afterwards. I encourage you all to come to assembly to see the class presentation for the week and celebrate with us the achievement of the award winners for the fortnight.
This Friday at 10.00am is the first P & C meeting for the year. I’m looking forward to meeting with the core P & C members and hope we also have some new members join us this year. It is great opportunity to hear about the direction of the school and to see how our parent body can assist in providing an excellent educational experience for all students.

Jan Holt
Relieving Principal

**2016 Swimming Carnival**

On February 25th Years 3-6 students will go by bus for the day to Canterbury Aquatic centre to swim in our annual swimming carnival. We encourage all able swimmers to “have a go” and to compete in events to help their team houses to gain points. There will be non-swimmer novelty events in the indoor pool. There is a very strict testing procedure we go through before allowing any child to enter the water.

**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, 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 on 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 our school 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 and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during
school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (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 consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Crunch&Sip® is back!

So What is Crunch&Sip®?
Crunch&Sip® is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and veg and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance, and concentration in the classroom.

Crunch&Sip® encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. By making fruit and vegetable eating and water drinking normal in the classroom, healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood.

The Crunch&Sip® break gives students the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too!

We will continue having Crunch&Sip® breaks in 2016. Please make sure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetables and small bottle of water each day.
Lunar New Year

On Monday, 8\textsuperscript{th} of February 2016, the Lunar New Year festival took place in Harcourt Public School. Students were asked to wear their traditional costume. We were happy to see that many students have worn their traditional outfits.

The Chinese teachers picked several people to help out on the day. Some were a part of the lion dance, others were handing out fortune cookies, drumming and playing other instruments. The lion dancing was performed in front of the parents in the playground and in each and every class. The chosen students wrapped the fortune cookies, and visited each class in the school to hand out the cookies. All teachers and students enjoyed the dance and drumming. Lion dancers, drummers, instrument players and helpers all did a wonderful job.

By Alison Li and Esther Gi 5/6W

Photos By Leon Nguyen
Minion Mania in 6H
What would you do if you had a set of minions for a week?

The Minion Portal

The sound of howling wind continued as rain poured harder. I tried to cover my ears and finally fell asleep. A sudden lightning struck, a door which had never been there appeared. The door opened slowly as a flash of light...... By Mimi

Early afternoon, while I was walking home under the hot sun, I heard a big ‘BANG!’ That’s when I turned around and saw three yellow creatures that looked like banana flavoured waffle sticks..... By Sarah

The Day I Had Fun

It was a normal day in Paris. I was in my house making some coffee, then I heard a sound, bing, bong, bing, bong!’ “Wh..wh..o..o.ow, who’s there?” I asked. Then a yellow thing jumped..... By MinhMy

Please come and visit us to find out what happens next!!!
In Year 3 and 4, we have been learning about Earth and Space. In 3H, we did some art about Earth and Space. We made it with some chalk dust, black paper for the background and some object that is shaped as a circle on its bottom. Our class got some circles and traced around it. We used different coloured chalk to make chalk dust and smudged it with our dirty fingers on the black paper to make the Earth, sun and moon. After we did that, we used the white chalk to make the stars - not too many and not too little.

The next week we did an experiment about Earth and space. We found out that the Earth spins on its axis to cause day and night. The sun is in the middle of the Solar System. It gives us light and heat.

Our class wrote some interesting facts about space as well. The sun stays still and the Earth turns. The moon orbits around the Earth.

Did you know the sun is a star? The sun is the biggest star in the space. It’s incredible!

We had lots of fun with our wonderful class!

Written by: Grace and Yunah (3H)
Look at out our wonderful stories from 1C about their marvellous weekend adventures.

From Canterbury Council - Safety tips for drivers around school zones.

* Always drop-off or pick-up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
* Never double park.
* Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
* Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school, or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing
* Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
* Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
* Make sure everything is organized before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as safely possible.
* Ensure items in the car are safely on the floor or in the boot.
OPEN DAY
Saturday 27th February, 2016
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DATE: Monday, 29th February 2016
TIME: 6:30pm – 8pm
LOCATION: Guests will be welcomed in the School Hall; Principal’s address at 6:30pm.

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