Weeks 4 and 5 have bought with them some exciting experiences, both in the classroom and outside of the school environment.

One of those experiences was the swimming carnival last Thursday. Students participated in the races and shallow water events, returning with smiles and wonderful stories about the day. 24 students met the required times and will represent Harcourt Public School at the Zone Carnival this Monday. We wish them success in their races and know they will demonstrate excellent sportsmanship at the event.

Safety has also been an area of focus over the last two weeks. We conducted an emergency drill with great success and are now looking at other areas for safety review. At Harcourt we are fortunate to have play equipment facilities for the development and enjoyment of students. These pieces of equipment are for use between 9.15am and 3.15pm and MUST have a teacher present for supervision.

For this reason we are unable to offer the facilities to students after school, as teachers are required to meet and prepare for the coming day at this time. To assist us in ensuring the safety of ALL students, we ask that you remind your children they are to only use the equipment during the school day when a teacher is present for supervision.

Last week I was privileged to read a story to Kindergarten Blue. We read about Sally learning to swim and some great observations were presented, particularly how the rubber duck was also learning to swim in every picture! I enjoyed my time in this class and look forward to visiting other classrooms in the coming weeks.

Jan Holt
Scheme

Each year Harcourt Year 2 to 6 students participate in the School Swimming Scheme. This is a scheme which aims at ensuring that ALL children are capable swimmers. In an island continent such as ours it is vital that all children can swim. The scheme is conducted at Enfield pool every day over 2 weeks. The students are bussed to and from the pool and Harcourt staff both supervise and assist the tuition in the pool. It is an expensive and time-consuming project – but the benefits certainly make it worthwhile. Please contact the office if further information is required.

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Selective High School Test

The Selective High School will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016 at 9.00am. The test centre for students from Harcourt school:

Kingsgrove North High School
St Albans Rd
KINGSGROVE NSW 2208

There are four tests. Three of the tests have multiple-choice questions and students answer in computer-marked answer booklets. These three tests are reading, mathematics and general ability, each lasting 40 minutes. The fourth test is a writing test lasting 20 minutes.

Parents must arrange transport to and from the test centre. Parents must be ready to collect students from the test centre by 1.30pm. Students are not to be left waiting after the test.

Students should bring:
- two black pens
- Test authority letter or email from the High Performing Students Unit with their student number.
- Clear plastic water bottle
- A substantial snack to eat during the break.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Worrad.
Swimming Carnival

On the 25th of February, years 3-6 went to the Canterbury Pool for their swimming carnival. It was a hot day but everyone was sensible in all the events including the novelty events.

Some students competed in the swimming races. When they were racing, all of the house teams cheered on with pride. The rest of the students were waiting very patiently to go to the inside pool for the novelty events because it was an extremely hot day.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the races and made it to Zone. Good luck to those students who are going to the Zone Carnival to compete against other schools. Harcourt is counting on you!

Congratulations Hume house who came first.

HUME: 266 points

COOK: 236 points

STURT: 199 points

BASS: 195 points

Thank you to Ms Emmans and the swimming carnival committee and to all the parents who came to support their child on a very hot day.

By Chloe and Aisyah 5/6W
Congratulations well done, team

On Monday 29th February, 21 Harcourt ambassadors went to Ashfield Pool for the PSSA Wiley Park Zone Swimming Carnival. All the participants were not only exceptionally well behaved, but gave their event their best effort, with some achieving their personal best.

Olivia Ahn and Aaron Li (both from 3/4W), were successful in qualifying for the Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park in the 50m freestyle. Our congratulations and good luck wishes to Olivia and Aaron
Bulldogs Visit to Stage 3

On Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of February, three players from the Canterbury Bulldogs NRL team visited Harcourt to talk on ‘Wellbeing’. They talked about how many hours of sleep a primary school student needs, the importance of hydration, and belonging to a group. We watched an example of what a healthy lifestyle is.

Stage 3 also did a trivia quiz about the Bulldogs team.

When the presentation was over, students were able to get the Bulldogs player’s autographs. One year 5 boy brought in a Bulldogs football and jersey. The players then took a picture with the student executive.

Article by Alison 5/6W and Leilani 5/6W

2 T painted Jack and the Beanstalk
In Kindergarten Red we do maths activities every day. We have used counters, blocks, teddies and paddle-pop sticks to practise counting to 20. During maths groups we play maths games on the computer and help each other with different activities. We sing number songs in the morning and use the Smartboard to help us count. We have also been learning about 2D shapes like triangles, rectangles, squares and circles. A fun activity we do is ‘Shape Tiles’ where we use different shapes to make pictures. Here are some pictures of us during maths groups:
On the 25th of February 2016, we went to the Canterbury Swimming Leisure Pool Centre for the swimming carnival. We were excited in the morning to see everyone dressed in their house colours. We couldn’t wait to get on the bus!

At the swimming carnival, some students participated in age races and for those who did not want to go into the races, there were novelty events available in the indoor pool. We had lots of fun cooling down and splashing water in the wading pool activity. The sprinklers were refreshing on such a sunny day. There were four teams competing at the carnival. Those 4 teams are Bass, Cook, Hume, and Sturt.

Everybody was happy on the day because everyone missed out on a few hours of work but some people were not because it was so hot! It was the perfect day to go swimming at the local pool. We had lots of interesting chants during the races like ‘Sliding down a waterfall, landing on a cactus, we can do anything, without any practice’.

After the swimming carnival, we returned to the school library which had air-conditioners and eight fans to watch a movie called Rio. Later on it was the end of school and everybody went home excited, it was what everyone was talking about. We had a very enjoyable and fun day with all of our friends, teachers and parents.

By Stanley Szenaich & Dane Woollard
In art students stretched half of their face.

Celebrating the Year of the Monkey.

Students engaged in their literacy groups using goods and laptops in the classroom.
Oh no! They’ve come home without their lunch box, drink bottle and jacket!
Have you checked the **Lost & Found table (located in B Block Level 1)**.
On the last Friday of each month, this area will be cleared.
All unnamed bottles and lunchboxes will be disposed of and all clothing items including school hats will be collected and sold at the next P&C stall.
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If you haven’t already, please label ALL your child’s belongings.

The P&C invite you to attend the next meeting
**Time & Date: Friday 18 March 2016 at 10:00am**
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Everyone with a connection to Rosebank is very important. Please do not count yourself as insignificant.

You can assist by getting in touch if:

- You are an ex-student, former teacher or past parent of the College
- You have an old uniforms (particularly from the 1930s → 1950s) that the College can use to either photograph or recreate
- If you are the relative of a deceased mother/aunty/cousin/grandmother etc. who attended Rosebank and can recall any conversation you had about Rosebank
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Contact details are:

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