Trouble with Skoolbag App downloading onto Apple Ipads?
Harcourt PS recently sent this query to Skoolbag. Their answer is shown below:

Question:
One of my staff has just brought me his Ipad mini. He has Skoolbag on his Iphone and it works fine - but when we looked at the Apple App Store to find Skoolbag for his Ipad it says "cannot be found". We actually scrolled through every school - and Harcourt isn't there. Help?????

Answer:
Change the search on an iPad to "iPhone Apps" and you will be able to install the iPhone version on your iPad. When the Harcourt app gets updated in the next couple of weeks you will have a dedicated ipad version in the iPad Store. Regards, www.skoolbag.com.au

Meet the Teacher Meetings
Thanks to all the Kinder-Year4 parents and carers who have attended our “meet the teacher” meetings this week - and we hope the new format provided you with better information and the chance to meet your own class teacher. Year 5 and Year 6 meetings are on Friday morning (Feb 20) at 8.30 in your child’s classroom

Lunar New Year Celebrations
On Thursday Feb 19 we celebrate the lunar new year. We start with a morning breakfast BBQ and drink (only for the first 300 and $3 each) and then we will have an assembly for Years 1-6 which will include singing, dancing, presentations - and a Chinese dragon. The students can come out of uniform and we would like them to wear dress typical of their culture and community (whichever community that might be).

P&C Annual General Meeting 2015
The next P&C meeting will be the annual general meeting where nominated people will be voted into the positions of President, Vice-President (2), Secretary and Treasurer. You must be a financial member of the P&C to nominate for a position or to propose or to second someone as a nomination for a position. The nomination note is at the end of this newsletter so you can complete nominations. The nominations must be received at school before 3.15 on Friday March 6. Please consider nominating as we do want a vibrant and successful P&C for the school. If you haven't been a financial member, you can pay $2 to any of the current P&C committee to formalise your financial membership and then get voting rights at the AGM. Once the AGM starts no new memberships can be accepted until after the meeting.

Clean Up Australia at School Day
On Friday Feb 27 Harcourt has registered as a “clean-up” site - and we will be cleaning the school playground and areas around our school. All students will be supervised but we are trying to teach good citizenship and responsibility as a part of our ROSE process.
Flexischools - On-Line Canteen Lunch and Recess Orders
If you would like the ease of doing your child’s canteen order on-line then sign-up for Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au. You don’t need to send cash to school, you don’t need to stand in a queue and you don’t need to write on a paper bag. Just sign in to your account, order your child’s lunch and recess and that’s it! IF you want to keep using cash, writing on paperbags and lining up in the morning - then you are most welcome to do just that. No problem. You can order the old way or the new way. It’s there to help you!

How to Register for Flexischools
Go to www.flexischools.com.au. Click on “Register” Enter the school name “Harcourt” Enter your details - and your registration will be complete.

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* Be fitter, stronger & more flexible?
* Have fun?

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7th Dan Black Belt
NSW Technical Director (Taekwondo Australia)
Member of the World Taekwondo Federation

For Enquiries 0412 117 302

LAMP Training February 26th
2015 sees Harcourt continuing a long-established program called LAMP – Learning Assistance Mentoring Program. This program is run by Ms Markovski and Mrs Currie and teaches people to mentor students who need that little bit extra assistance. The training is on February 26th - but there will be more chances in the future. If you are interested see Ms Markovski. There are other programs for Stage 2 literacy mentoring and reading. So - lots of chances for you to get involved in helping at school!

Selective High School Testing
All Year 6 students who have applied to seek placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 12 March 2015. The test centre advice should be received by you within the next 2 weeks.
Harcourt again is offering a variety of senior sports on Fridays (thanks to Ms Wingrove). Unfortunately we have a problem with Boot Camp. We are working on finding a teacher to run the program. It will run this term – but we need to review for term 2.
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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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: We all know Mr Matthews loves Maths. Guess what happened to his pot plant!
A: It grew square roots!

I once tried to tell a chemistry joke - but I got no reaction.

Harcourt Staffing News

We have two members of staff who will be taking leave before the next newsletter. Our very best wishes to Mrs Michael and to Mrs Grant who will both be taking maternity leave soon. We do expect the babies first names will be “Harcourt”. We can start a trend! How does Harcourt Michael and Harcourt Grant sound? All our best wishes to you both.

Mrs Michael’s class is already being shared with Mr Daniels who will take 5D for the remainder of 2015.

Mr Wood (who is not taking maternity leave 😊) has been taking 4G since week 3 and we welcome him to Harcourt and appreciate his skills and experience.

Swimming Carnival News 2015

The swimming carnival for 2015 at Canterbury Pool was held on Tuesday (Years 3-6).

It was a beautiful sunny day and the students had a great time with so many water and park activities in which to participate. Ms Wingrove, along with the committee of Ms Nicos, Mrs Emmans and Mr Hung, did a fabulous job organising our carnival. We had the competition pool, the indoor pool, the wading pool and the park outside the pool all allocated to run activities.
Swimming Carnival - by the Student Article Committee
On the 17th of February 2015, Years 3 to 6 travelled to Canterbury Aquatic Swimming Pool. Both the races and novelty events were very exciting. The students enjoyed swimming in the refreshing, cool water instead of surviving the scorching temperature of the classroom. Everyone did really well whether it was splashing in the water or playing with swim equipment. The winners tried their absolute hardest and their efforts paid off. Some of the winners were:
Aaron Lee: 1st in 50 metres 12 year old boys' freestyle, butterfly and 100 metre freestyle. He also came 3rd in breaststroke and 2nd in backstroke.
Sharon Djong: 1st in 50 metre 12 year old girls' freestyle and breaststroke.
Ken Li: 3rd in 50 metres 12 year old boys Backstroke, 2nd in freestyle and 2nd in butterfly.
Eugene Han: 1st in 50 metres 9 year old boys backstroke, 2nd in freestyle, butterfly and 3rd in breaststroke.
The four house teams (Cook (red), Hume (blue), Bass (green) and Sturt (yellow) all did very well. Their cheering was certainly very loud. In the house relay Cook managed to come 1st, Bass 2nd, Hume 3rd and Sturt 4th.

Novelty Swim Events at the Carnival
On the hot summer day of Tuesday 17th February, Harcourt Public School’s year 3 to 6 travelled to Canterbury Aquatic Centre for the 2015 swimming carnival. Everyone wore their house colours and cheered their houses during the races. Everyone who didn’t compete in the races went to the novelty events. These included water activities in the outdoor wading pool and the indoor pool. In the wading pool, the children played ball activities. In the indoor pool we played with pool noodles and had a free swim. The water cooled us all down and was wonderfully refreshing.

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Photography by: Geena Han 5/6W
Written by: Corinne Cai 5/6W
As well as our 2 Gifted and Talented classes every year we run extension programs for students in all classes Years 1-6 (not in Kinder). Students will be selected to participate in these extension programs by their class teachers - and they may be for Maths, English or some other key learning area. Two students will be nominated for the program - and will be formally reviewed later in the year. Other students may be included in the extension programs too - but they will not be formally reviewed. They will, however, receive all the benefits of being in the extension group, working with their peers and learning to research and to think through problems and ideas to complete the task.
NSW P&C Association STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE

Your P&C is managing our subscription to this insurance - at a cost of around $4.40 per student. It is a wonderful scheme at almost no cost. $4.40 won’t even buy a coffee in some places.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) does not provide accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. It is typical that when families are alerted to this fact that the parents of enrolled students look for an insurance product that covers their children for accident, injury or death.

This is where Student Injury Insurance comes in. For less than $5 per student every student enrolled in your school is covered against accident, injury or death 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. That’s right, this policy is not restricted to school operating hours. Where a claim is required to be made P&C Federation and the insurance underwriters handle the process from start to finish.

School Plan 2015–2017

As a part of the preparations for our new school plan Harcourt (working with the staff and your P&C) has developed our three required strategic directions that will carry us forward and help us to achieve our vision for the next three years.

Here is our vision statement – and the strategic directions. The details of how, what, when and where will be released as we develop the rest of our plan.

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School Vision Statement

Harcourt Public School’s vision is for quality teaching and learning to be a standard for our school every day - develop our students:

- an enthusiasm for life-long learning;
- values and morals that encourage honesty, integrity and good judgment;
- scholastic skills in all key learning areas;
- strong self-esteem;
- high personal aspirations and expectations;
- tolerance and respect for others.

We value the partnership which exists between school, students, staff, families, community and the community of schools and the part they play in realising this vision.

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1. **Strategic Direction 1: Learning**
   Consistent quality teaching and high-standard, innovative educational practices develop effective 21st century learners with equitable access to all aspects of education.

2. **Strategic Direction 2: Teaching**
   Staff and community engage in personal, team and shared professional learning to develop capacity-building maximising opportunities and outcomes for for 21st century learners.

3. **Strategic Direction 3: Leading**
   Students take pride in and enjoy their school. They succeed as learners and leaders and develop to become ethical, honest, responsible, productive citizens with strong self-awareness.
Dear Harcourt Community,

Nominations for the 2015 P&C committee are now open. We invite you to nominate any financial P&C member who would like to fill the following positions:

1. President
2. Vice President 1
3. Vice President 2
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary

The nominee must accept your nomination and sign this slip to show they are willing to accept. You can nominate yourself. All nominees, proposers and seconders must be financial P&C members.

Nominees signature: ..............................................................

Could you please fill this in and put it into the P&C box at the school front office. The box will then be collected by the presiding officer on Friday 6th March 2015 at 3.15 – the closing time for nominations. Note – no nominations can be taken at the AGM. Please also be reminded for these positions you will need to attend our P&C meetings and help out with our fundraising activities. This is to help our children at school.

Thank you for all your support and look forward to your nominations.

- by direction of the 2014 P&C Committee