School Calendar: Want to know what dates to put aside for events at school. You can look up the Harcourt PS calendar on our Skoolbag app (look up "events list"), on the school website you can find our calendar link or simply go to http://bit.ly/Mm35Yp. This calendar is up-to-date daily and will have everything (including Newsletter dates).

SKOOLBAG app: Over 250 people now have the school’s app. You really need to get this now! For your smartphones, tablets/IPads or computer. Please go to the Apple Appstore or to Google Playstore and search for “Harcourt Public School” - and your search should bring up the Skoolbag app. Download the app and you will get all the school information directly to your device. Better - you will get push notifications (these are free to us and to you - they don’t cost a cent for us to keep you informed) about newsletters, events, notes etc.

For your calendar - School Photos - Tuesday May 5
School photos will be taken on Tuesday May 5 and envelopes will be distributed in early April.

Swimming Carnival Results 2015
Some details from our recent swimming carnival:
Competition Pool - The winning House for 2015 swimming carnival is: Cook (151 points) followed by Hume (137), Sturt (113) and Bass (112).
The Novelties, House Cheers and Good Behaviour points winner was Bass (125 points) followed by Cook (110) with Sturt and Hume equal third.
Sarina Sainju will represent our school and the zone at the Regional swimming carnival. She will compete in the 8yrs 50m freestyle. WOW! Congrats for that great effort!

School Logo and School Uniform
These two proposed changes to the Harcourt school logo show the partnership between students, DEC staff, families and the community. This partnership is a feature of our 2015-2017 school plan. The logo on the right incorporates the globe - showing the multi-cultural nature of our school. The idea is to have a logo that is fresh and instantly recognisable -as opposed to the current logo which, to me, is a very traditional school logo that could belong to any school without standing out as being Harcourt. We are looking at the logo because we are also looking at starting a uniform shop (to make things cheaper and more convenient for you). Before we order new uniforms we need to look at the logo and how the new uniforms will appear. So far the feedback has been divided - at best. Most people prefer to stay with our traditional logo. Without majority support we won’t change anything - so don’t be concerned.
P&C - and Nominations for the 2015 Annual General Meeting

Our P&C meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 9.30 in the school staff room. The next P&C (March 16th) is our Annual General Meeting. Calls for nominations have gone out to fill all positions for 2015 (President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer). These nominations will close at 3.15 on the Friday before the meeting – March 13th. You MUST be a financial member to nominate yourself or others. You can become financial by paying the annual P&C fee to one of the current P&C executive (Mrs Khazma or Mrs Nakic are often around to talk about this). Nominations can be given to Mr Rieger (the school Principal), the school office - or placed in the suggestion box in the school foyer.

Harcourt Public School Lunar New Year Celebrations

On Thursday 19th of February 2015 it was Chinese New Year. There were many students in beautiful traditional clothing. There were many beautiful Chinese decorations in the school hall. In the morning there was a barbecue under the COLA (covered outdoor learning area) and in the canteen.

First we had a beautiful dragon dance and the students who were in the dragon costume were Danny and Bryce. After that 5/6W performed an amazing play about the Chinese Sepia Race. It was really funny.

After that Ms Chen’s year 3 singing and dancing group performed a dance/song. They were excellent and amazing. When they finished Ms Hu and Ms Chen’s dance group performed a dance named the Apple Dance. They were great dancers. It was also funny when a little girl who was in the audience was copying them. She was really cute.

Three teachers and three students from Wangee Park School also came to our assembly. It was an awesome day for all students, teachers and parents. They all had fun.

Story written by Nooran Hamdi 6H
**Flexischools - On-Line Canteen 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](http://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 paper bags 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!
PS - Flexischools has been having trouble getting Harcourt classes into order this year. We are aware of the problem and working on resolving the issues.

**How to Register for Flexischools**
Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click on “Register”
Enter the school name “Harcourt”. Enter your details - and your registration will be complete.

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

**For Enquiries 0412 117 302**

**FREE Uniform for New Members!**
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".

Q1. What card game should you never play with a crocodile?
Q2. What’s small, furry and a dark shade of blue?
Q3. What do you call a boomerang that doesn’t come back?

Answers.
1. Snap
2. A koala holding its breath
3. A stick

School Swimming Scheme

Each year Harcourt participates 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.
Dear Parents/Carers,

The Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 16th March at 9.30 in the school staffroom.

Positions open for nominations are:
- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice-President (2)

Nominations for these positions can (and must) be made on the nomination form below. Nominations will close on Friday 13th March at 3.15 pm. NO LATE NOMINATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED. Nominations should be left in the Suggestion Box in the school foyer or emailed to harcourt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Please note that nominations MUST be signed and accepted by the person being nominated for the position as well as being signed by you the nominator.

You must be a financial member to nominate yourself or someone else for these positions – and you must be a financial member of the Harcourt P&C to vote at the AGM on Monday.

AGM P&C Committee 2015-2016 Nomination Form

I, the undersigned, nominate the following person to fill the position indicated below on the 2015-2016 Harcourt P&C Committee.

I would like to nominate (name) ............................................................... for the position of:

- President □
- Secretary □
- Treasurer □
- Vice-President □

Nominators name: .................................................................

Nominees acceptance signature (signature of person being nominated for the position):

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