NO PARKING
For the safety and amenity of everyone it is important that drivers obey these signs. There is absolutely NO PARKING between these signs from 8.30am up until 9.30am each school day. Please consider others by adhering to the signs!

STAFF CARPARK
It goes without saying that schools zones become congested at particular times throughout the day. Can we please ask that only authorised personnel access the onsite parking. The carparks are not drop-off or pick up zones and the more traffic we have in or out the more risks are posed, particularly at the end of the day. Already this month we have had a couple of cars damaged but at least these can be repaired. Cars are particularly unsighted on leaving the school parking area and can pose a risk to pedestrians.

SCHOOL REPORTS
Staff are busy reviewing their assessments and preparing our half yearly student progress reports. Progress reports should provide a snapshot of what the students are able to do and indicate areas that may require further attention. Our teachers will make professional judgements about student achievement at key points in the learning cycle to report on the levels of knowledge, understanding and skill demonstrated by students.

It is important to note that the learning cycle for each stage covers a two year span. For example, a student in Stage 3 of the learning cycle could be in either Year 5 or Year 6. In Stage 3 the students would be exposed to the same learning outcomes but the expectations for their learning would be different. In this case a child may have achieved a “SOUND” grading in Year 5 for an aspect of learning but be assessed as “BASIC” in Year 6 on the same outcome the following year due to the increased complexity.

ACHIEVEMENT SCALES IN PROGRESS REPORTS
Some schools use and A to E scale and other schools choose to use a different five point scale. Harbord Public School uses the following scale:

LIMITED

BASIC

SOUND

HIGH

OUTSTANDING

The purpose of these grading descriptions is to provide a common language for reporting a student’s progress. It is important to remember that the vast majority of students will be assessed as being able to demonstrate SOUND progress. This is a good thing! A smaller majority of students may be able to demonstrate a high level of competence or even an outstanding level of competence but the majority of students will be judged as to having successfully achieved the outcome and assessed as being sound.

It is important to remember that students developed at different rates and at different times. What one student achieves in one year another may take two or three. A student report should reflect their progress towards achieving a particular goal.

Bank with us and everybody benefits

Proudly supported by: Freshwater Community Bank® Branch
20 Albert Street, Freshwater
Phone 9939 6744
Harbord Public School is once again participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. The data collection will not involve your child in any testing process. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete a form that can be collected from the office or that will be available on the school website, or sent as an email attachment. The exclusion request should be returned it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014.

**School Security:** 1300 880021
You can assist in reducing the enormous cost of vandalism by ringing SCHOOL SECURITY 24hrs on 1300 88 00 21 if you see anything suspicious.

Craig Davis

**From the Deputy Principal**

**Student Care**
"If Someone is Annoying You…"
From time to time we have children who annoy other children with their behaviour. This can range from hitting and pushing, asking for food or money, pushing in at canteen lines, telling people they can’t join in games or just following someone around. There are a thousand and one behaviours that are unacceptable.
The only way to stop these behaviours from happening is to GO AND TELL. This strategy empowers children and allows them to deal with situations. It is also a warning to those exhibiting unacceptable behaviour.
Every child in this school is continually reminded, 'If someone is annoying you GO AND TELL". They are encouraged to tell the class teacher, the teacher on duty or the Principal. It is NOT dobbing. Those who say it is are trying to avoid the issue. The behaviour is unacceptable. It has to stop. We need to know who is causing problems.
Children will some times say the teachers did nothing, but teachers will. We don't believe in public humiliation. We are here to teach. A quiet word is usually enough to correct the problem. If the behaviour does not stop, referrals follow.

**District Cross Country Carnival**
Harbord placed 2nd at today’s district cross country carnival. The children represented Harbord outstandingly well and a number of students qualified for the upcoming Regional Carnival at Gosford Racecourse on Thursday June12. Mr Holmes, the carnival organiser, conducted an outstanding carnival to ensure all participants enjoyed the day. The outstanding weather ensured a good roll up of parents and supporters at the carnival.

**Stewart House**
The envelope drive has raised over $1200 for Stewart House. Well done boys and girls. I will take our school captains to Stewart House this week to present the cheque. We are still happy to accept donation envelopes this week if your child has not returned their envelope as yet.

**Harbord Achievers**
Congratulations to the following students on their recent successes.
Nathan Gartner has achieved the distinction of being selected in regional teams in the following sports- Rugby Union, Rugby League and Australian Rules Football. This is an amazing achievement by Nathan to excel in 3 sports at this level of competition.
Emily Hicks was selected as a reserve for the Manly Zone Netball team. Emily is in year 5 and impressed against the majority of year 6 triallists.
Mitchell Steer will be representing NSW at Baseball at the Little League National Championships on the Gold Coast in early June. Well done Mitchell.

**Summer PSSA Team Photographs**
An album of team photographs is on display at the school office. Order envelopes are available from the office ladies. The house captains and vice captains photograph is also on display.

Brian O'Rourke
BAND CAMP

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May
Arrive at HPS 12.40pm

Permission notes to be returned to band box by 19th May
Please help us to plan a great weekend for your children by returning your notes promptly.

Stewart House

On Friday 9th May a group of Year 6 students and the some of the Senior Choir went to Stewart House for their Annual Presentation assembly. The Choir sang the National Anthem and one song while the Year 6 students were tour guides. We visited the week before so that we knew all about Stewart House and where things were. Stewart House is at South Curl Curl and it is only a 5 minute walk from Harbord School. Each fortnight, 90 students from schools across NSW and the ACT come to Stewart House. During their stay, they sleep in dormitories and eat their breakfast and lunch in the dining room. There is a school where they have lessons, playgrounds and the beach across the road and they also have lots of excursions so that they visit many of the tourist sites while they are in Sydney. While they are there, they also have health, dental and eye screening and treatment if they need it.

At Stewart House they have a brand new entertainment theatre and for some children this is the first time they have been to the movies. There is also a games room. As Stewart House is on a steep sloping site there is an inclinator, to ride up and down from the school at the bottom to the dining room and entertainment rooms at the top. Driving the inclinator was a very popular job for the tour guides. We also got to have afternoon tea before we came back to school.

The message below was sent to the school following our visit.

Thank you for your efforts in organising the choir and ushers to assist with our presentation last Friday. The event went off without a hitch due, in part, to the welcome your students gave to our guests at the front door and in song!

Please pass on my gratitude and congratulations on a job well done to all involved from Harbord Public School.

Graeme Philpotts
Chief Executive, Stewart House

How can you help Stewart House?
Stewart House relies on money raised by the teachers and students of NSW schools. You can help Stewart House by returning the clothing bags and by making a gold coin donation in the envelope that has been sent home recently.

Ms McKenzie and Charlotte Currie and Lily Ransfield (Yr 6 ushers)
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS - YEARS 3 – 6

Students from Years 3-6 are invited to take part in the UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). The competition dates are as follows:

- English Competition: Tuesday 29th July $8.00 per entry
- Maths Competition: Tuesday 12th August $8.00 per entry

The closing date for applications is **WEDNESDAY 25th June 2014**
* No entries will be accepted after this date.

Additional information for parents is available at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au). Follow the link labelled “prepare” for some practice tests.

The UNSW International Competitions and Assessment for School (ICAS) is a respected and valued competition. It is a great challenge and it is excellent preparation and a valuable indicator for OC or Selective High School placement.

If you wish your child to participate in one OR both of these competitions, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office.

Brian O’Rourke
UNSW Coordinator

Bronwyn Howard
Competitions Organiser

---

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS - YEARS 3 – 6

Child’s Name ................................................................. Class ............................................

Please tick the competition/s you wish your child to participate in and **enclose $8.00** for each competition entry (a total of $16.00 if entering both competitions).

**ENGLISH:** [ ] **MATHS:** [ ]

**PAYMENT OPTION** (please tick one)

{ } I enclose cash / cheque payment of $ .................

{ } I enclose credit card authorisation of $ .................

**Credit Card Authorisation:** Bankcard / MasterCard / Visa (please circle)

Card Number: .... ..... .... / .... .... .... / .... .... .... / .... .... ....

Expiry date: ................./............... 

Cardholder’s name ........................................ Signature ........................................

(Please print)

Daytime Telephone No: ........................................... Amount $.........................

***** PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, 25th June 2014 *****
FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND NEWS

Spring Fair 2014
Sunday 31st August

We will be having a meeting at night soon to organise stalls and other jobs and would like at least one parent from each class to attend.

We are also looking for volunteers for the “SPRING FAIR 2014 COMMITTEE”

Please email Suellen on suellend@bigpond.com

Year 4 Cake Stall
Thurs 29th May
From 2.45pm

All money raised goes to Year 4

All cakes and goodies are to be taken to class rooms in the morning, please do not bring anything that needs to be kept cold.

We also need Year 4 parents to help on the stall, in the afternoon

*******NO NUTS*******
Harbord Parents & Citizens
Come and join our next meeting – an opportunity to listen to our principal speak on issues affecting our school and children

Wednesday 28 May 2014, 7.30pm
School staffroom (enter via front door)

New Members Welcome
Refreshments after meeting

If you cannot attend, you are welcome to email any questions or suggestions to jenbourg@bigpond.net.au or drop a note into the box in the office foyer by the end of this week

TERM DATES – 2014

TERM 2  Tuesday, April 29th  to  Friday, June 27th
TERM 3  Tuesday, July 15th  to  Friday, September 19th
TERM 4  Tuesday, October 7th  to  Wednesday, December 17th

WANTED WANTED
HARBORD DEVILS RUGBY LEAGUE IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF PLAYERS FOR THEIR U9’S
UNDER 8 ACCEPTED AS WELL
PLEASE CONTACT CLAIRE 0410630989
Self-development through drama!
Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Enrolling Now – Ages 5 to 17
Contact 9982 9085

Little Tigers Tae Kwon Do
Our programs are designed to get your kids fit while having fun. With TKD we are committed to instilling the qualities to enhance confidence, self-esteem & respect to peers.
Ph: 1300 853 468
Enrol your child now!
(5-11yrs) Tues, Thurs & Fridays 4-5pm
FREE UNIFORM ON ENROLMENT

TAE KWON DO
Self Defence for Children and Adults
- Stop Bullying
- Improve Self Discipline
- Improve Self Confidence
- Improve Concentration (inc. ADD ADHT)
- Improvement in 1 term

Try Tae Kwon Do!!
Instructor: Master Jay Seo (Past International Champion)
0418 463 709 / 9400 9676

Learn a Foreign Language
for Little Linguists
The Fun way to become bilingual!
French and Mandarin Clubs
- French and Mandarin Breakfast Clubs at Harbord Ps Wednesdays 8am
- Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games
- Experienced and enthusiastic teachers
- Supported by fantastic fun activities online at Babylone - visit our website for a FREE TRIAL

Book now: 99072470
Julia.higgins@letclubs.com.au
Brooks Pharmacy

Proud supporter of Harbord Public School

Ph: 9905 3567
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE
BOX OFFICE BOOKING INFORMATION

Adults $40, Concession/ Students $33

Ticket Sales for the Festival of Choral Music open over 4 days, from Monday 16 June to Thursday 19 June 2014 from 9am each day and are only available for purchase from Sydney Opera House Box Office. The Arts Unit will not handle bookings.

The Sydney Opera House Contact Centre is open 9.00am – 8.30pm Monday to Saturday and 10:00am to 6.00pm on Sundays.

The Sydney Opera House Onsite Venue Box Office is open from 9:00am – 8:30pm Monday to Saturday and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Sundays.

Online bookings are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

HOW TO BOOK
Online: www.sydneyoperahouse.com (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
Telephone: 02 9250 7777 Open Mon - Sat 9.00am-8.30pm & Sun 10.00am-6.00pm
In Person: Main Box Office, Sydney Opera House - open Mon - Sat 9.00am-8.30pm and Sun 9.00am-5.00pm

PAYMENT
Payment is accepted by cash, cheque, money order and Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, Diners Club & American Express) and by EFTPOS at the Box Office counter.

TRANSACTION FEE
A fee of $8.50 (GST inclusive) per transaction is charged to the customer (irrespective of the number of tickets purchased) for all telephone, mail, fax, email and online bookings. A $5.00 fee applies when paying in person at the counter.

EXCHANGE FEE
Exchanges are subject to availability and attract a fee of $5.00 (GST inclusive) per ticket. Once an order is complete, there are no refunds or cancellations.

Schools distribute to parents:

OUR CONCERT IS: The “Endeavour” Concert

CONCERT DATE: Thursday 7 August 2014

BOOKINGS OPEN: Thursday 19 June 2014

WHEN BOOKING TICKETS PLEASE NOTE -
• Last year these concerts sold out very quickly.
• To avoid disappointment, be prepared to book on the date that bookings open for your concert and be certain of the concert name, date and time.
• Please note that if your child is performing on the day, they will either be on stage or backstage during the performance. They will NOT require a ticket.