National Reconciliation Week
Public schools across the state are participating in Reconciliation Week to celebrate the contributions, cultures and histories of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This week Harbord Public School students have been learning about two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the 1967 Referendum and the High Court Mabo ruling. These opportunities for us to reflect and move forward are an important part of what reconciliation means for us all. A quote attributed to Winston Churchill describes the importance of reconciliation; “The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.”

HALF YEARLY 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 an 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.

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NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION FOR ALL AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS

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.

Craig Davis

From the Deputy Principal

Student Care
The Referral System.
When children exhibit unacceptable behaviour, the first step is to tell them to stop and then explain why the behaviour is not acceptable. If they persist a written warning called a Referral is issued. This states what the child has done and what action has been taken. It is filed and remains active for three months. If the child receives a second referral within three months the parents are contacted to explain what is happening. If the child were to receive a third referral within three months, a parent interview is arranged to discuss what has been happening and to outline the possible consequences of continued poor behaviour. It is at this interview that possible suspension becomes an option. After three months a referral becomes inactive and is removed from the system. Children must be allowed to make mistakes, learn from them and have the episode put behind them.

NSW Premier’s Sport Challenge
Our school has registered to participate in the Premier’s Sport Challenge. Our year K – 6 students will be involved in this initiative to promote healthy, active lifestyles. Information will be distributed to students this week. The program records the weekly activities of students over a 10 week period. Students have individual logbooks to record their activities. Harbord is pleased to support this worthwhile initiative to further promote healthy, active lifestyles for our students.

Stewart House
The envelope drive has raised over $1200 for Stewart House. Our school captains handed over the cheque on Wednesday to a very appreciative Stewart House representative. We were pleased to hear that the Nitz Family, Georgie KJ and Addison 3H won the envelope draw on Friday and the $4000 family holiday prize to a destination of their choice courtesy of JC Travel Professionals. I believe it was Georgie’s envelope that was drawn out. Well done Georgie. A lovely surprise for the Nitz family.
Thank you to the students who supported this fundraiser for Stewart House.

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.

Year 6 Photograph
Year 6 will have a whole grade photograph taken on Thursday 5th June at 9.15am in the environmental area. Students are asked to wear winter school uniform. No tracksuits or joggers please.

Australian Rules
Congratulations to Mr Addicott and the senior AFL boys on placing 4th out of 19 schools at the regional AFL championships held at Moore Park on Monday. It was a long, hot day and the boys won 3 of their 4 matches despite limited AFL experience. Well done boys.
Congratulations to Nathan Gartner on his performance at the State AFL championships last week. Nathan was a member of the Metropolitan North team that placed 3rd overall after 4 days of competition at the SCG. Well done Nathan.

Brian O'Rourke
Curl Curl Chess Tournament
On Friday 23rd May 2014, 20 children from Harbord Public School went to Curl Curl North Public School for the Interschool Chess Challenge with Mrs Iacovitti and Miss Mold.

80 children from 6 schools took part in the tournament. Harbord came 3rd (beating the 4th school by ½ a point). This means our school is through to the finals!

My mum and I gave Mrs Iacovitti and Miss Mold a lift to the school, so we could all walk back together with the other children at the end of the competition. We each played 7 games altogether. I won 2 games, tied 2 games and lost 3 games.

Firstly, we registered for the competition so Mrs Iacovitti and Miss Mold knew we were there. Then we went inside and set up the chess boards with the timers. Then we all sat together on the floor to listen to the competition rules. Next we looked on the whiteboard to see who we were playing in the first round.

We played two games before recess, then 3 more games before lunch, and 2 games after lunch. At the end the trophies were given out to the schools. North Curl Curl school won, Mona Vale came second and our school was third.

It was tricky, but I had a great time because we represented our school and we played well.

By Grace Careless 3K

Spellathon 2014

Our Spell-Off is on this FRIDAY 30th May. The children have been busy practising their words in class, and hopefully at home in readiness. Children in Years 1 – 6 will be tested on the words they were expected to learn. Kindergarten will also complete their word blending activity in class time. All children will receive an iceblock, paid for by the P&C when they complete the Spellathon.

This is one of our major fundraising events for the year. We will be raising money for our school to support technology (including the purchase of additional ipad sets for classes) and ground improvements.

Sponsorship forms and money are due back to school on Friday 6th June 2014 and should be placed in the K-6 box at the office. Additional forms are available at the office counter.

Suellen Dennehy
Fundraisers

Lisa McKenzieK-6
Deputy Principal (Rel)
Spring Fair 2014
Sunday 31st August

Spring Fair is held every 2 years as a MAJOR FUNDRAISER for the school. There are rides/stalls/entertainment etc.

This is a SCHOOL EVENT and we ask that the WHOLE school is involved in helping to make it a HUGE SUCCESS!

We will be sending an email soon requesting donations for prizes, stall items and volunteers to run the stalls.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the staffroom and we would ask that EACH CLASS send at least ONE PARENT to help organise stalls and other jobs.

This a MASSIVE event to organise so please roll your sleeves up, grab your laptop, BBQ tongs, face paints etc (all skills needed!)

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

Please email Suellen on suellend@bigpond.com

P AND C MEETING TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY MAY 28th, 2014. 7.30PM

IN THE STAFFROOM
Canteen News

Volunteer Roster:

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Flexischools online ordering: Online only way you can place an order for your child’s lunch from the canteen. Please register at www.flexischools.com.au

SOUP is back for term 2 & 3 see flexischools for weekly special. Bring your lunch bag from class box to the canteen to collect.

- Spinach & ricotta rolls (great vegetarian alternative to a sausage roll)
- Miso Soup – homemade every Wednesday with chunks of tofu – YUMMYYYY!!!!
- School Hats – now available through flexischools (delivered to your child’s class with name and class written on the label) 2 sizes (small or medium)

PSSA online orders: Please remember hit the PSSA button if your child is year 3 or above and playing sport on Fridays in a PSSA team. Their lunch will then be ready at the canteen for pick up @12.10 ready for the buses. If you forget to press this option your child will be able to pick up their lunch on return to school from PSSA.  

Jan Baldwin Canteen Manager 0400 816 650 or 9939 1651

CLOTHING POOL
HOT OFF THE PRESS
School Caps now online. Log into your flexischools account to order.
Available next day from canteen.
Small 53cm  Medium 57cm
$14.00

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*******
Self-development through drama!
Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Enrolling Now – Ages 5 to 17
Contact 9982 9085
THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Brooks Pharmacy
Proud supporter of Harbord Public School

Freshwater Village Plaza (IGA Complex)
Pharmacist/Owner – Martin Brook
Ph: 9905 3567
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:

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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

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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 $ ..................

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

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(Please print)

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

***** PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, 25th June 2014 *****