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HARRISON NEWS

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Harrison School Newsletter 26 August 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

BOOK WEEK PARADE. A huge roll up of many characters saw the Gym come alive with colour and excitement. Thank you to Miss Jennings and her team for organising the event. I would like to congratulate our student body on their spirit of participation and the staff for their enthusiasm and motivating the students.

SISTER SCHOOL VISIT. Last week we had our sister school in Beijing visit over 4 days. The visiting teachers spent time in classes observing and interacting with students. They commented on how welcoming our students were towards them. They were very impressed with our facilities and the quality of teaching and learning. Oscar and Sophie gave a special Harrison welcome in Mandarin. Thank you to our staff and students for making them feel welcome.

Diary

Term 3 Week 6

Wednesday 27
Secondary School Assembly
2nd Hand Uniform Shop opens 8:30am – 9:30am
Literacy and Numeracy Week Family Evening 5:30pm -7:30pm in library
Yr.9/10 Zone Soccer
Yr.7/8 Camp – Sydney –Leave
Harrison School P&C meeting 7:30pm – Library.

Thursday 28
Pre-School Kenny Koala visit
SUPA Club

Friday 29
Harrison Jump rope for Heart Day
Yr.7/8 Camp – Sydney –Return

Term 3 Week 7

All Week Yr.1/2 Swimming @AIS
Tuesday 2 September
Parent Coffee Club – Multipurpose Room – Hall – 9:00 am
12+ under T20 Cricket

REMINDER: For **ALL** events in the Gym please wear flat-soled shoes **ONLY**
2014 Term 3 Calendar
Updated 01/07/14

SCIENCE WEEK. Thank you to the science team for the great activities organised during the week. The library was abuzz with excitement and interest in the displays and experiments.

SCHOOL BUS CHANGES. A reminder that the new bus timetables come into effect next week. The morning school bus run will not be available. Students will need to catch the regular bus if required. The afternoon bus will continue, but will leave our school 10 minutes later than it currently does. If you require more information please ring the ACTION school bus hotline on: 6205 5033 (Monday to Friday, 8am - 5pm) until Friday 12 September 2014.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY. We are encouraging parents to complete the survey and provide feedback on the great things happening at Harrison School and also feedback on areas for further work. If you need assistance with completing the survey online, we have a computer at the front office for parent use. We can also asset with translation if needed. Survey results are compared with other schools and published on our website as part of the Annual School Board Report. The survey closes Friday 29 August. Information has been sent home, however if you did not receive a letter please contact the front office.

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION. Last week at assembly, Ms Nadine Sharpe present a cheque to the school to thank the Ukulele Choir for performing at the AMA's National Conference opening ceremony. Oakelani E and Gemma H accepted the generous donation on behalf of the group. The money will go towards purchasing music stand banners.

CONGRATULATIONS to our staff members who have given birth over the last few weeks. Ms Gaukroger - baby Jack, Ms McTaggart - baby Oliver, Ms Donnelly - baby Lola, Ms Frewin - baby Lachlan, Ms Keighran - baby Ryder and Ms Oreo - baby Elliott. We farewelled Ms Darcy last Friday, she will take up a position with U-CAN Read. We sincerely thank Ms Darcy for her contribution to Harrison School. Ms Radia Fattah will take over 1/2SD for the rest of the year.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS. Congratulations to our students who participated in the 12 and under zone athletics carnival last Thursday. We will have final results in next week's newsletter. Congratulations to Katy L who was selected to perform with the ACT Primary Concert Choir. SaYa M has been selected to perform with the Senior Concert Band.

SPRING IS CLOSE! We have reports of magpies becoming active and swooping in the Nullarbor Street area. Please remind students about the possibility and to be alert.

HOUSE COLOUR TOPS. We have 4 school houses and each has a colour. Katoomba – Blue, Wimmera – Green, Mapleton - Yellow and Nullarbor - Red. Parents may purchase colour tops for students to wear for sports days and school house activities. We understand and accept that the colour polo available from shops may not be exactly the same as displayed at school.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART.

A busy week, I hope to see lots of parents at the Literacy and Numeracy night on Wednesday. Please stay for the P&C meeting at 7.30pm
Dennis Yarrington

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principal's Award Recipients:
Week 5 - Term 3

Jackson S	Chaerin H	Kye C
Olivia G	Alex W	Elliot K
Priyanka R	Nathanial K	Bailey F
Liam C	Thomas F	Joyce J
Harrison D	Chole L	Rory B
Sivamsh D	Dennis H	Alex W

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK EVENING EVENT

The Literacy and Numeracy Week Evening Event is taking place 5.30 – 7pm Wednesday 27 August in the Harrison School Library. Please come along and enjoy some fun games and activities with your family. There will be a sausage sizzle available for purchase.

Hope to see you there.
Literacy and Numeracy Week Organising Committee

FOOTY COLOURS DAD'S BREAKFAST

I hope you are all excited about Harrison's annual Footy Colours Day Dad's Breakfast on next Friday September 5! Don't forget to dress in your favourite footy team colours – it doesn't matter which code.
For $2, you can enjoy a bacon and egg sandwich cooked by our amazing staff and generous members of the Gungahlin Aurora Rotary Club from 7:45am. The Harrison School Senior Rock Band will be performing and for a gold coin donation, there will be a longest punt competition (run by members of the Greater Western Sydney Giants) and a pass the ball competition (with a Canberra Raiders supporters pack as the main prize). Please stay after the entertainment to participate in reading activities within classrooms.

JUMP FOR ROPE FOR HEART

Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program on Friday 28 August.
You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online and fundraising. It's easy, safe and secure.
Not only will your child be raising money for a good cause, there are exciting prizes up for grabs too.
Also on the day, students will participate in skipping activities and watch the Harrison Hoppers Skipping team demonstrate some impressive skipping skills.
www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart

HARRISON SCHOOL WELL STATION PROJECT

This year, some of the 9/10 students are undertaking a Certificate 1 in Building Construction in partnership with the Directorate and Capital Training Institute.
As part of the Certificate we are building a worker's toilet on the Well Station site. I am calling for assistance from a plumber to assist Mr John Bowyer by providing advice for installing a wheel chair accessible toilet into the structure. It would involve the requirements for drainage to the edge of a slab at this stage, and then later for the installation of the sink and toilet.
You can contact John Bowyer on john.bowyer@ed.act.edu.au or by calling the school on 61422200.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education sessions will be running on Wednesday 3 September.
11.30am (K-2) and 12.15pm (Years 3-5).
We will teach the children that Jesus is King from the book of John. We will use songs, stories, and a game to teach the children from the Bible. We may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities.

ICAS - Writing

Congratulations to the students listed below for their achievements in ICAS writing.

DISTINCTION
Alex H
Duong N
CREDIT
Jack B
Maheen M
Danielle H
Kushal K
Kye M
Rakshanda A
Saanvi B
Nishita C
Leo F
Sofia O
Priyanshu K

MERIT
Sankeertan B
Arsh C

DEFENCE NEWS

We would like to welcome new families to Harrison this term. Please let us know you are out there (even if you don't require our help) as it helps run the DSTA/DTM program efficiently. If you would like to contact us, please email us or call the front office. We are available Monday to Thursday during school hours.

Deployment or long absences. As mentioned last week, we have quite large numbers of Defence students at Harrison School. If your home life has changed - we can help - or at the very least, point you in the right direction! We are only an email or phone call away.

Holly and Jenny
holly.mattison@ed.act.edu.au
jennifer.welsh@ed.act.edu.au

DEFENCE KIDS

We are creating some amazing masterpieces this week. There will be some serious finger puppet making as well as a surprise for Dad. See you there!

Mrs Welsh and Mrs Mattison

HARRISON HEARTS

We were very excited to welcome a new volunteer last week. Everyone is welcome. We provide activities for younger children. Last week, we laminated resources for Food Tech, the 3/4 team, and Mrs Cooper. Please join us 1:30 - 2:30pm Wednesdays in the multipurpose room (Library).

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM - HARRISON SCHOOL

Congratulations to Katelynne L who performed in the ACT Instrumental Music Program's first Primary Concert Choir performance on Thursday 21 August at the Wattle Day Citizenship Ceremonies for the ACT.

HSPCA NEWS

HSCA FACEBOOK PAGE
Harrison School P & C Facebook page

FATHER'S DAY STALL

This Father's Day, look after the old fella! It's just around the corner, so why not leave it to the kids to pick up a great gift for him at the Harrison School P&C Father's Day Stall? In the first week of September each child at Harrison School will be able to purchase one small gift for Dad, or Grandad, ranging from $1 to $5.

Gifts will be on display in the Library and in the Main Office over the next week, so the kids (or you) can see what will be available. Of course, each gift is limited in numbers for each class. Our usual crazy 'Fire Sale' will happen after school on Friday 5 September.

We'd love to hear from any Mums, Dads, Grandparents or Carers who have an hour to spare and can help out with the stall. It's a great way to have some fun with the kids and meet other parents. If you are interested please email the Fundraising Committee at HSCAfundraising@hotmail.com or call Lisa on 0404 836 378. Days the stall will be open are Tuesday 2, Thursday 4 and Friday 5 September.