



## Harrison School Newsletter 4 April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great wrap up to the term we've had! Apart from the excellent learning that has been happening in classrooms, we've had (and will have) some awesome events to bring our community together and provide students with opportunities to support their learning and wellbeing. Here's a snapshot of week 9 and 10 events:

• 3/4 Birrigai Camps	• Anytime Fitness Kinder boot camp	• Year 2 Aqua Safe Program
• Uke Project	• Indigenous Tennis Come and Try Day	• P&C Community Morning Tea
• 7/8 Outdoor Ed camp to Tathra	• Year 10 Life Choices program	• 7/8 Elevate study skills program
• Youth Week Expo	• Primary GRIP student Leadership Conference	• Harrison Twilight Fair
• Year 7 Immunisations	• Preschool Nutrition Magician Incursion	• ANZAC Day assembly

There has been a change of day for this week's mufti day and it will now be held on Thursday rather than Friday. This is so students will be in their school uniform for our ANZAC assembly on Friday. While we're on calendar events, please remember that Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26 April rather than Monday 24 April.

### Twilight Fair

Wow! What a 'cracker' of a day we had for our Fair & what a massive community event it was. It was terrific to see our community come together to sample wares, enjoy rides, try their luck on the sideshow alley and hopefully win one of the great raffle prizes that were on offer. It was

## Diary

### Term 1 Week 10

Kindergarten – Yr. 6 Cricket Clinics  
 Yr. 2 Aqua Safe Program

#### Wednesday 5

- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai Camp - Group 2: 3/4 LM, LW, TWI, MP & DFI Departs 7:30am
- Uke Project 8:15am – Library Music Room
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Alan Tongue Aspire Program
- Yr. 10 Life Choices Program

#### Thursday 6

- **MUFTI DAY** – Gold Coin Donation- Kids Helpline
- Preschool Nutrition Magician Incursion
- Yr. 1/2 Franklin Ponds Excursion ½ SA, JH, DN, KR, & PG

#### Friday 7

- ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY 9:15am –Gym
- Kindergarten AFL Clinics
- Yr. 9 NAPLAN Talk by Gungahlin College

### Term 2 Week 1

#### Wednesday 26 April

- **DAY 1 of TERM 2**
- Uke Project 8:15am – Library Music Room
- Yr. 5 -10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- AFL Canberra K – Yr. 4
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

#### Thursday 27

- ACT 12U Tennis
- ACT 13yrs. & O Basketball Finals

#### Friday 28

- **Harrison School Cross Country**

**REMINDER:** For **ALL** events in the Gym please wear flat-soled shoes **ONLY**

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terrific to see a great turn out for the event as a culmination of the planning and huge commitment of time by our P&C. Thank you to all parents, students, staff and other community members who volunteered their time before and during the day to make it a success. A very special thank you goes to Jackie Floro and Olivia Wenzholz for their amazing work in organising and coordinating the Fair. Both ladies (and their families) gave countless hours to approaching sponsors, working with numerous community members and marketing the event. The school is very appreciative of their time and efforts along with the volunteers on the day. A very big thank you also goes out to the many sponsors of the Fair who generously donated time, money and/or goods to contribute to the success of the day.

### **Family Statements**

Recently you should have received a family statement from the school outlining years 7-10 elective course costs and asking you to make a voluntary contribution to the school. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as they assist the school in providing high quality learning opportunities and projects for your children. Voluntary contributions are used to purchase a range of resources across the school to support the provision of challenging, interesting and personalised learning. Subject contributions received from families are used to purchase resources and consumables such as decorative timbers, 3D printing materials, specific art supplies and recipe ingredients that allow students to go beyond basic project work to produce materials that are high quality, allow personalisation and often provide additional challenge. If you have any questions about the family statements please contact me on the school's general number.

### **Board appointments**

The School Board plays a critical role in helping to shape the strategic direction of the school and having representation from parents, students, staff and community members is essential to ensuring a range of perspectives and voices contribute to this. We recently held School Board elections for a

parent representative and two student representatives and it gives me great pleasure to welcome Harrison Davis, Alana Jenkins (student reps) and Adele Smith (parent rep) to the Board. I look forward to working with them and the contributions they will make to the school through their appointments.

### **Student Achievement and Progress**

This week parents of students in Years 5 - 10 will receive a mid-semester report. This is a progress report to give you and your child an indication of their achievements in learning so far in Term 1. There is an allocation of a rating for academic achievement and application to learning. It is worth remembering that the mid semester report is a snapshot of student performance and is not necessarily a prediction of overall student performance for the semester. Teachers may request an interview to discuss a student's progress and if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's mid semester report please contact the relevant class teacher(s). For our students in Preschool - Year 4, class teachers will continue their communication with students and parents about learning progress instead of sending home a mid-semester report.

### **Changes to Priority Enrolment Area**

For those of you who have visited the school recently and ventured into the senior area of the school you may have noticed the building project occurring. This new building is to support the school's growth and is on schedule to be in use at the start of Semester 2 of this year. I was recently informed that the new suburb of Throsby will be in our priority enrolment area. It is expected that we will be welcoming families from Throsby to our community from late this year.

### **Morning Supervision**

I have been noticing a number of students arriving at school early in the mornings and I wanted to remind you that playground supervision doesn't start until 8:30 and ask that

you do not drop students off or send them to school before this time. The morning playground supervision is limited to the main quad where P-4 morning line up occurs, the library and Middle Square.

### **Youth Expo**

Harrison School welcomed students from a number of schools last Friday for Youth Expo as part of Youth Week. Our gym was transformed to a dynamic hub of information, activities and performances to showcase opportunities that exist for the youth of Canberra. There was a great 'vibe' to the event and feedback from students and stall providers was extremely positive. It was great to see Minister Berry attend to support the event and a very big thank you goes to Shaun Hodson, our Youth Support Worker, for his organisation of the event.

### **Let Kids be Kids Campaign**

On 28 February 2017, Minister Berry jointly released the Let Kids be Kids campaign. The campaign is a national initiative focused on letting kids play and enjoy sport without extra pressure from the sidelines, the grandstands or at home. The campaign also sends messages direct from children to their parents, reminding them that kids want to play sport because they love playing with friends, trying their hardest and being active outside. Information about the campaign and the toolkit can be downloaded from [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au).

### **E-safety**

As part of my learning recently I participated in a series of three webinars hosted by the Office of the Children's E-safety Commissioner. The information provided was excellent and one aspect that I want to share with you is the [Parent's Guide to Online Safety](#). It is a very informative publication that is available for download in a number of languages and that provides helpful advice on how to keep kids safe online and support them to do this.

I hope you all have a safe and restful break and I

look forward to seeing you and your lovely children back here in Term 2.

Jason Holmes

### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients: Gabriela C

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child/ren are absent for any reason from school could you please call the school on 61422200, or email the school at [Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au)  
Please include the students name and class.

### **FRONT OFFICE HOURS**

Harrison School Front Office hours are:  
**Monday – Friday**  
**8:30am – 3:30pm**

### **EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS**

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: **Students Name and Excursion details.**

### **Yr. 7 – 10 MID- SEMESTER REPORTS**

Yr. 7 – 10 Mid-Semester reports have been sent home today.



### **MUFTI DAY**

### **Gold Coin Donation**

We are having a Mufti Day (out of school uniform) on Thursday 6 April to raise money for the Kids Helpline.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The brand NEW 2017-2018 Entertainment Memberships are HERE! Click on the link below to order a book or digital membership. For \$60 you get over \$19,000 in savings for fine dining, restaurants, cafes, entertainment, shopping, services, accommodation... the list goes on.

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Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

### **HARRISON SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY CARNIVAL FRIDAY 28 APRIL, 2017**

Our Junior (K-4) and Senior (5-10) cross-country carnivals will both be held on Friday 28 April (Week 1 Term 2) on the Harrison Playing Fields located just behind the school. Every student has been preparing for the event in their classes over the past couple of weeks. We highly encourage and expect all students on the day to participate. Classes will resume as normal on completion of the carnivals.

#### **Please ensure your child:**

- Has a drink bottle and hat.
- Brings jumper/jacket in case the weather is cold and or windy.
- Dresses appropriately to run long distances and is in their house colours or PE uniform.

#### **Junior Carnival (K-4) 9:20am-11:00am**

Kindy Boys 1km	09:30
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Kindy Girls 1km	09:35
9 year old Boys 2km	09:45
9 year old Girls 2km	09:50
Year 1 Boys 1km	10:00
Year 1 Girls 1km	10:05
7 year old Boys 1km (Year 2 students only)	10:15
7 year old Girls 1km (Year 2 students only)	10:20
10 year old Boys 2km	10:30
10 year old Girls 2km	10:35
8 year old Boys 1km	10:40
8 year old girls 1km	10:45

#### **Senior Carnival (5-10) 11:20am- 1:10pm**

16 year old Boys 6km	11:40
11 years old Boys 3km	11:45
11 year old Girls 3km	11:50
14 year old Boys 4km	12:00
14 year old Girls 4km	12:05
12 year old Boys 3km	12:15
12 year old Girls 3km	12:20
15 year old Boys 4km	12:30
15 +16 year old Girls 4km	12:35
13 year old Boys 3km	12:45
13 year old Girls 3km	12:50

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us, your classroom teacher or any member of the PE staff.

Allan Lansdowne and Kate Bradley  
Cross-Country Co-ordinators



## NAPLAN ONLINE YRS, 7 & 9

As you are aware, NAPLAN is coming up in Term 2 and students will be completing the tests between May 9 and May 19 (Term 2 Week 3-4). Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online from 2017 – over a two-to-three year period. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. In the ACT, the writing test for Year 3 will be on paper and all other tests for Year 3/5/9 will be done online.

Our Year 7 and 9 students will be using their own devices for the tests with a locked down browser that needs to be installed at home (see link below) that will ensure test conditions. We are working hard to ensure all of our students are prepared for the changes and will be running some trial tests to ensure the browsers have been installed, are working correctly and students are familiar with the process of logging onto the test.

There are a few things you can do from home to support us in making sure the process runs smoothly for our students:

- Learn more about NAPLAN online by clicking <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>.
- Visit the public demonstration site by clicking <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>.
- This site will allow you to see examples of what the online tests will look like and students can navigate the online tests from this site to practise the new test format.
- Use this link <https://www.assessform.edu.au/Layouts/Technology/LockedDownBrowser.aspx> to install the locked down browser suitable for your child's device. This is an important step and we require all student devices to have the locked down browser installed by the beginning of Term 2 so

we can run trial tests in Week 1.

- Ensure your child has **headphones** that they can use as there are audio components to the tests.

Thank you so much for your support, and please contact me if you have any questions or issues.

Rebecca Sadler NAPLAN Coordinator

## SCHOOL SPORT ACT – TEAM TRIALS INFORMATION

School Sport ACT now has an updated website with information regarding all regional sporting events as well as trial information and dates for ACT teams. The website can be accessed at [www.schoolsportact.com.au](http://www.schoolsportact.com.au)

### Registration Process for trials

School Sport ACT now collects all registration information online – this is to prevent the movement to and fro of a paper note and have all information readily available to officials prior to the trial. As this process incurs a fee for data storage, system maintenance and admin a small \$3 fee payment via credit card will be required.

1. Go to the School Sport ACT website – [www.schoolsportact.asn.au](http://www.schoolsportact.asn.au)
2. Click Register (top right corner of homepage) for an Account – enter details and password
3. A confirmation email will be sent to your chosen email that will contain a link that you must click on to verify the email account.
4. Click Log In (top right hand corner of home page) enter password then click on top tab My Profile
5. You will see a 'dashboard' of your information, click green box to Add Student – enter student and medical details and save.
6. Go to the Sports Tab – choose your specific sport, click on Trial Information box then click on the Register to Trial link.
7. Select your child's name from the dropdown box and then enter the optional fields for Playing History, Preferred Position (if applicable) and Representative Experience.
8. Make the \$3 credit card payment then click

to register.

9. An automated email will then be sent to your Principal/School Approver for their approval to trial (no need to take anything to school for the Principal to sign).

10. You will be able to see the process has been complete back in My Profile – once your Principal/School Approver has completed the approval process your child's information will be collated onto a list for the Team Manager and Coach prior to trial.

11. Note the registration process closes two days before the first trial date to allow sufficient time for approval and sharing of collated information.

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION YEARS 7 – 10**

Are you interested in Geography? Do you want to go places? Then participate in the National Geography Competition.

It is run by The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Inc and the Australian Geography Teachers' Association Ltd and sponsored by the University of Queensland.

Students compete for great prizes – overseas trips to the International Geography Olympiad in Quebec City Canada, trips to Kangaroo Island, SA, books, medals and certificates.

You can practise for the competition in the Study Centre, Wednesdays at lunch time, where students will be given support and practise questions.

If you are interested in having a look at what type of questions will be asked, past competition questions can be found at:

<http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/content/downloads>

**To be held Friday 28 April, period 3 during PL  
Time: 35 Minutes.**

**Cost: Nil!!! (Gotta' love a freebie) – 30 spots are available.**

All keen and budding geographers, scientists and mathematicians are encouraged to participate.

See Ms Juliette Walto or Ms Heather Ferguson for further details.

Which has the higher IQ, latitude or longitude? .....Longitude; it's got 360 degrees! ☺



## **DEFENCE NEWS**

Our main focus this week is preparing for our ANZAC Day Service which will be held this Friday, 7 April at 9.15am in the gym. Please join us for this special service and then afterwards for morning tea. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you to those in our Defence Community who are assisting with the Service.

We know many of us in Defence circles have friends and family in Queensland. Our thoughts are with those who have been affected by Cyclone Debbie and subsequent flooding in the south east we wish them all the best in the clean up and recovery effort.

The latest DCO Canberra newsletter has just come out if you haven't received it and would like to please contact: [dco.canberra@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.canberra@defence.gov.au) to have yourself added to their mailing list. This month's newsletter is jam packed with holiday happenings!

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of Term 1. We wish you all safe holidays and look forward to seeing you in Term 2!

**Coming Up:** ANZAC Day Service – Friday 7 April 9.15am in the gym.

Year 8 Defence Student Day at Birrigai – 8 May (numbers are limited)

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

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[Samantha.murray@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Samantha.murray@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups this week was Easter craft activities. Please remind your children of the days that their year level has activity groups and that they can bring as many of their friends as they like. Kinder – Year2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch). The Senior Chill out session for Yrs. 5 -10 is Thursday lunchtime in Room H4/G26 (Mulligans Building).



## HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi-Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30, this volunteer group is open to all community members and new faces are always welcome. We would love to have you join us for a cuppa, a chat and to create some resources for the classrooms. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office.

## COMMUNITIES@WORK

### Harrison Out of School Hours Care

Communities@Work provides Out of School Hours Care at Harrison School between 7:30-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm Monday to Friday during school terms, as well as a Holiday Program during school holiday periods.

We are pleased to announce we have been approved for more places, therefore openings are now available. Currently those families already enrolled on our waiting list will be offered places initially, and will be given first priority.

**New enrolments will be available to start from Wed 26 April 2017, Term 2**

## SCHOOL BANKING



We have a large number of students on our School Banking system and I would like to get everyone's banking wallets up to date. Some of you have tokens missing or books and wallets that are damaged or simply have not done banking for a while. So I need your help please - I would like to collect everyone's banking wallets tomorrow please – including those of you haven't banked for some time. I will keep these over the holidays to replace damaged books and wallets and make sure all your tokens are up to date, I will return all books back to school on the first Monday of next term, so that you can bank on Wednesday. I hope you understand that the holidays are the perfect time to do this as we have such a large group of students on our system. So can you please send in your school banking wallets tomorrow and any tokens that you may have. We also hope you have a fabulous holiday and look forward to more great savings next term.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop  
School Banking Coordinator

## P & C NEWS

What an amazing conclusion to months of hard work by Fair Coordinators Jackie Floro and Olivia Wenholz, and the many volunteers who helped make Harrison Fair a huge success. Children and families from the school and community made the most of a beautiful sunny day to enjoy rides, good food, stalls, and games and much much more. The day ran smoothly and fun was had by all (although did Mr Holmes really enjoy getting dunked in the dunny??). There were two aims of the Fair - community spirit building and fundraising. We certainly achieved the community spirit - the smiles, laughs and crowds

of people having fun proved this along with the positive feedback from many of the people in attendance. And fundraising - early indicators show a significant profit of \$20,000 plus - every dollar of this goes straight back into the school for all of our students.

Finally, we wanted to share feedback from the ride operators. They said that the children using the rides were some of the most well behaved and polite children they've had at the many school fairs they've worked at. Well done to all of our children for showing Harrison values.

Have a great break and we'll see you all in Term Two when we'll be running a Junior Disco as well as Mother's Day Stall.

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

The friendly canteen staff are always looking for volunteers. If you have a spare hour or two your help would be greatly appreciated, just drop into the canteen and say hello.

Please see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

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