



Harrison School Newsletter 23 May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through Term 2! As always, there are lots of great things to complement the terrific learning that is happening in classes. You can keep up to date with events that are happening through the online Harrison School Daily News at <https://harrisonschoolnews.com/> and our online calendar at <https://harrisonschoolnews.com/harrison-school-calendar/>.

New Staff and Roles

There have been a few changes to staffing at Harrison over the last few weeks. A very big thank you to Jayde Condon, who has made a huge contribution as the acting 5/6 team leader. Juliet Moody has also been in an acting team leader role (7/8) and she will take on the 5/6 team leader role as Jayde returns to spend more time in the classroom. A very big thank you also goes to Laura Simsen, who has been acting 9/10 team leader. While Laura recently won the permanent team leader position, she has accepted an opportunity to develop her knowledge and skills as part of the Network Student Engagement Team until the end of this year. We welcome Amy Lambert from Gold Creek School to a permanent 7/8 team leader role and Stephen Crabb from Campbell High School as a 9/10 team leader until the end of the year. Another short term leadership change will occur in weeks 8-10 of this term when I take some leave to look after my 2 young sons. I will let you know who will act as principal in my absence. While these leadership changes have, and will continue to happen, I have been very impressed by the capacity of staff who have taken on leadership roles and it has reinforced for me the high quality of the staff we are fortunate enough to have at Harrison.

Harrison School Board

A school's board is responsible for the school's strategic direction and is a formal mechanism for parents, carers, staff and students to participate in school decision-making. School boards are composed of a number of

Diary

Term 2 Week 5

Wednesday 24

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9 Boys Stop Think Incursion
- Yr. 3/4 Questacon Incursion MP, TWI, DFI, LM, MPO, FE, TW & CM

Thursday 25

- Harrison Hoppers ACT Tour
- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Ed Orienteering Day
- Yr. 5/6 AFL Boys Gala Day

Friday 26

- Harrison School Yr. 7 – 10 Athletics Carnival
- Preschool Questacon Incursion
- Preschool – Yr. 6 Disco

Term 2 Week 6

Reconciliation Week

Monday 29

- Track to Reconciliation Excursion
- 13Y&O Northside Boys Volleyball

Wednesday 31

- Uke Project 8:15am
- P – 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 3/4 Sullivan Shield Rugby League
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

Thursday 1 June

- Yr. 5 Band Combined Practice

Friday 2

- Crazy Hair Day

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



elected members and the principal. Our new board members officially started in April and we have met once since then. Our board members are:

Kylie Stewart (Chair)	Jason Holmes (Principal)
Leanne Honeyball (Parent rep)	Adele Smith (Parent rep)
Alana Jenkins (Student rep)	Harrison Davis (Student rep)
Rachel Kane (Staff rep)	Kelly Dunstan (Staff rep)

Student Safety

I've received information from some concerned parents who have observed, and in some instances had narrow misses, with students who are not riding bikes and/or crossing streets safely. Another safety concern that has been raised by some parents is about students who are choosing to not wear helmets when riding their bikes or scooters. Can you please be sure to remind your children about the importance of safety on and around the streets and of making good decisions when travelling to and from school. Another critical contributing factor to student safety are the actions and behaviours of parents in our car park and the streets around the school. The P&C did significant work (and invested significant time) during Term 1 of this year to improve safety in our car park. Please be sure you are doing no more than 10 km/h, only parking in designated spaces and not parking in the drop off/pick up zones - you should only stop in these when you can see your children and they are ready for you to collect them.

Public Education Week

This week is Public Education Week. I encourage you, as I have with staff, to share the terrific things you know are happening across Harrison School. For those of you who tweet, feel free to send a few out with #PublicEducationWeek and @ACTEducation in the message.

You may have recently seen in the media the launch of the Future of Education Community Conversation. The ACT Government is committed to providing the best possible education for every child and young person, regardless of their background or circumstances. This is an impressive venture being undertaken by Minister Berry and the Education Directorate which shows a real commitment to broad consultation from all stakeholders to help shape education in the ACT. I encourage you to have your say and we will be engaging with our school community to capture your thoughts on what is important for your children in the realm of education. We are looking to have things like ideas boxes, a Google form and postcards with questions on them to collect input from you. If you'd like to know more visit www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/the-future-of-education and if you want to have a say outside what we do through the school you can send an email to futureofeducation@act.gov.au or remember to tag #EducationforthenextGeneration if you prefer to have your say using social media.

Nara University High visit - hosts

Students from Nara University High School have been hosted by various ACT Schools to participate in the Canberra Nara Candle Festival since 2005. This year Nara University HS will be bringing 71 students. As we did last year, we have an opportunity to host some amazing Japanese students for their stay in Canberra from the evening of 25 October until 28 October. If you're able to help out by hosting 1 or 2 students for up to 3 nights, please contact Amy McLeod at amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au by the end of week 6 (02/06).

Construction

The builders have done an amazing job in keeping the construction of our new building on schedule and finishing touches will occur in the next two weeks. In keeping with the names of our existing buildings, using the names of the

early settlers of Well Station on which the school is built, the name of the new building will be the Burton Building. James Burton was one of the early settlers of Well Station in the 1800's. During the latter weeks of this term we will be able to move students into the Burton Building. The movement will allow us to have some learning communities that have been spread out in much closer proximity to each other. For the remainder of this year, the Burton Building will house years 5/6 classes currently in the Joseland Building on the top floor and years 7/8 on the ground floor. This will enable the years 3/4 classes currently in the library into the Joseland Building.

Jason Holmes

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Patrick T	Ibrahim H	Saranya C
Ranveer G	Annabelle C	Hajaratta 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

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.**

2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just a reminder that Preschool enrolments for 2018 are now open. Due to the high demand within the school priority enrolment area we advise that you complete the online application as soon as possible.

COLLEGE ENROLMENT

Year 10 students have been provided with information on the enrolment process for college and we have been working closely with our feeder college Gungahlin College to build and sustain a partnership that will benefit our students. It is important to note that the closing date for college enrolments is **Monday May 29** at 9:00am. Enrolments are completed online and when completing the application students must:

- Indicate if a parent agrees with their college preference
- Provide a sound reason if applying for an 'out of area' college
- Provide their current residential address, which matches that held by the high school
- Indicate general subject preferences

Further information about college enrolments and access to the online enrolment process can be found at <http://www.det.act.gov.au/>

LIBRARY NEWS

National Simultaneous Storytime



Wednesday May 24 is the NSS - a time when schools and libraries all over Australia all stop at the same time to read the same story. This year's story is *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood. It is perfect timing for us since our whole school will be in an assembly at the exact right time, so if you too would like to enjoy listening to a fantastic Aussie picture book, please come along to the assembly.

Book Fair

Thank you for your support during our recent Book Fair. It has been a very successful fundraiser for our library. There were lots of

wonderful entries in our Book Design competition to win vouchers to spend at the fair!



Entertainment Books

Harrison School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

Your 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Membership is expiring on 1 June 2017. Please continue to support our School by buying the NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership from us today. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

BUY FROM US NOW.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Student Leaders and House Captains photos order forms are available from the front office. Orders for these photos are to be sent to MSP Photography by no later than **Friday 8 June**. The photos are available for viewing at the main front office.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to your school photo order please contact MSP Photography on: 62559208.

DEFENCE STUDENTS BIRRIGAI TRIP

Two weeks ago, a group of our Year 8 Defence students joined other Defence students from the ACT region for a day of activities and challenges at Birrigai. We had great weather and a great group and the Harrison students did the school proud!

Students were challenged physically, mentally and emotionally with three different activities; the Giant

Swing, the Flying Fox and Team Rescue. These activities involved a 'challenge by choice' component and many individuals pushed themselves further than they thought they could. More than a few students noted how high and exposed the climbing pole for the Flying Fox was but they climbed it anyway.

Team rescue was an activity in teamwork; not something that is easy when you have just met your team members for the first time! However, everyone took an active role and learnt the importance of listening to each other, gathering input from all and then moving forward as a group. It was a great learning activity.

The day gave our students opportunities to work and socialise with students from other schools as well as have a day full of fun! Defence students in Year 7, keep an eye out next year for your turn!

HARRISON SCHOOL LIP SYNC BATTLE

Friday 18 August 1:10 – 1:50pm

This year the Lip Sync Battle encourages the students and families of Harrison to be creative and use technology to record their entry, using the Musically or iMovie apps. If your child is unable to do this, then some senior students will assist them with their recording, towards the end of Term 2 or at the beginning of Term 3. Please ensure your child has their first and last name, song choice and artist listed with their teacher on the Lip Sync Battle sign on sheet which is available from your child's class teacher. When your video is ready, please contact Lisa Oreo for drop box link to upload your clip - lisa.oreo@ed.act.edu.au

If you would like to sponsor the Lip Sync Battle this year and support our worthy charity "HEADSPACE" or donate some prizes then please contact lisa.oreo@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE NEWS

On Friday 2 June we will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day to celebrate the beginning of Hats off month and to raise money for Soldier On. Soldier On has provided assistance to families in the Harrison school community during difficult periods and have also provided us with resources to teach our junior students about Anzac Day. As such, we asking for students to come with Crazy Hair and bring a gold coin to go to Soldier On.

As it is that time of the year when decisions are starting to be made about career progression/postings we would ask that you kindly keep us informed of any changes to your circumstances and remember that we provide extra support to your children when mum/dad is absent from home for Defence related reasons so please keep us informed of courses, exercises etc.

REMINDER: There will be **NO HARRISON HEARTS ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY** due to DSTA/DTM training. We will be back on Wednesday 31 May!

Coming Up: Crazy Hair Day – Friday 2 June (Gold coin donations to Soldier On)
Defence Dinner – Friday 2 June 7pm at Frankies at Forde

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

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DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week have involved a Puzzles Challenge for the K- 2s and a games challenge for the 3-4s! Please remind your children of the days that their year level has activity groups and that they can bring with them as many of their friends as they like. Kinder – Year2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch). The Senior Chill out session for Years 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 2:30pm, 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. **Please note that due to DSTA/DTM training, there will be NO HARRISON HEARTS on Wednesday 24 May.**

P & C NEWS



School Disco Preschool – Yr. 6

Harrison School P&C are pleased to sponsor a FREE Disco on Friday 26 May. Entrance is free with students/families able to purchase sausage sizzle with juice for \$5, and glow sticks from \$1. Session times are:

Preschool & Kindergarten: 5:15- 6:00pm

Yr.1-4: 6:15- 7:15pm

Yr.5-6: 7:30- 8:30pm

As always these events can't happen without volunteers. If you are able to help supervise please

email disco@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Facebook

Did you know Harrison School P&C has its own Facebook Page? Join our community and keep up to date with events happening with the P&C as well as within school.

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPanc/>

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 find attached an updated Canteen Menu.

Please see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

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