



Harrison School Newsletter 1 August 2017

Dear Harrison Families,

Digital Literacy Project: Congratulations to Ms Jess Cooper and our Year 5-10 technology students who presented at the North Canberra Schools Digital Literacies Project last Thursday (at Harrison). Ms Cooper shared the process implemented by the school to increase opportunities for students in Preschool to Year 6 to enhance learning through the use of technology. This process has involved the resourcing of chrome books, iPads, applications for learning and the establishment of Digital Portfolios. Teachers across the school are supporting students to use Google Drive to design opportunities for investigation and collaborate in learning groups to research and present learning.

Louis P, Samson E, Jacob H, Aiden L, Liam G, Oakelani E and Edwin C were confident presenters who shared technology projects they have been working on to support their learning; making connections between Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM). By incorporating animation, coding opportunities, 3D printing and feedback from Gungahlin College, our students have built their expert understanding. The Robotics program offers a chance for students to develop coding skills and collaborate in teams to work towards a common goal. The Robotics Club students are teaching and sharing their knowledge with other students. It has been a buzz to see them building their own skills and thinking about ways to engage younger students (Year 1/2) in order to develop a love of robotics across the school!

Celebrating Significant Achievements: You may notice a new section in our newsletter this week titled '*Celebrating Our Community*'. We have many talented students, staff and Harrison who are recognised for significant achievements outside the school setting. We are thinking that this might become a regular newsletter feature. If you would like to acknowledge and celebrate your child's significant achievement, please email school.information@harrison.act.edu.au We will monitor the

Diary

Term 3 Week 3

Wednesday 2

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Preschool – Yr.4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yr. 6 Combined Band Practice
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Equine Assisted Learning Program

Thursday 3

- Preschool Learning Journeys Thur/Fri Groups 8:30- 9:00am
- Kindergarten League Clinics
- Yr.10 Careers Expo Excursion
- Harrison Hoppers Tour
- Yr. 3/4 Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 4:30pm and 5:00-6:00pm

Friday 4

BOOK CLUB DUE

- Preschool Learning Journeys Thur/Fri Groups 8:30- 9:00am
- Kindergarten League Clinics
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Project
- Yr. 6 Drumming
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 7

- Kindergarten League Clinics

Tuesday 8

- Kindergarten League Clinics

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



number of referred celebrations and if we are overwhelmed with demand, will consider an alternate system.

Step in to the Limelight: We have a number of students performing at *Limelight-ACT Public Schools showcase events for The Arts*. Notes for participating students will come home by the end of this week. Tickets for the evening event on **Friday 25 August 2017** go on sale today: <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?s=h=LIMELIGH17> . Groups performing are:

- Harrison Ukulele Project (as pre-show entertainment from 6-7pm in the foyer, no need to get a ticket if you don't intend to stay for the show)
- Years 3-6 Aspire Choir (as part of the combined schools choir during the showcase starting at 7pm)
- Yrs. 7-10 Steel drums (as part of a music and dance number- they are not dancing just playing!)

Amendments to Uniform Policy: We have an expectation at Harrison that all students wear the Harrison School Uniform as a common identity in belonging to our wonderful school community. The School Board met last week and made some adjustments to our current policy. It is now identified that students can layer blue/white long sleeves under their white shirts for warmth and girls can also wear navy blue fleece pants. I remind you that when the weather is cold students are also able to wear a navy parker. We thank you for your support in reinforcing uniform expectations with your child: [Uniform Policy](#)

2018 Year 7 Information Session: You may be aware that other schools are currently running information sessions for prospective 2018 Year 7 students. We will run our information session early in Term 4.

Exhibitions of Learning (EOLs): Thank you for the enthusiasm at last week's Exhibitions of Learning in the K-2 area of the school. It was so great to see the excitement of our students to share what they have

been learning. Our Year 3/4 EOLs are happening this week and students are looking forward to sharing information about: what they are learning; how they are going to learn it; what attitude they will endeavour to have and how they will reflect on what they have learnt. Teachers will also be taking up opportunities to share the priorities they are setting in their classroom learning programs based on each child's achievement in English and Maths.

Have a great week and keep being kind to one another.

Allison Edmonds

Celebrating Our Community

Congratulations to the following community members:

Abby McB - Year 8 who was accepted into the ACT elite netball program: 2017 *Develop a Diamond Academy Program*

Grace L - Year 6 who represented ACT and competed in the National Indoor Cricket Championship

Clare Warwick- Year 7-10 teacher – Silver medal World Softball Championship!

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: **Student Name and Excursion details.**

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB DUE

Friday 4 August

Overdue Notes/Emails: We will be running an 'Overdue Books' report on Wednesday 2 August. Kinder to Year 4 will receive printed notes and Years 5 – 10 will have notes emailed to their school email accounts. There are close to 1000 overdue items, so we ask all students to return anything you have finished with BEFORE Wednesday.

YR 3/4 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING

REMINDER

The Yr 3/4 Exhibitions of Learning are being held today Tuesday 1 August and again on Thursday 3 August from 2:30 – 4:30pm and 5:00-6:00pm.

Please come and join the students as they share information about their learning with you.



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September** or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at the school or at your local Woolworths-Gungahlin and Franklin stores.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items that are ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English,

Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and our library.

If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

During Term 2, Geography students in Years 7 to 10 tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2017 National Geography Competition.

Over 70 000 students from 743 high schools entered the competition this year so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are performing in certain aspects of geography.

Our students performed very well with 9 out of 30 students achieving a certificate of Credit, Distinction or High Distinction. One student Michaela T in Yr. 8 achieved results which placed her in the top 1% for her year level in Australia. All students received a participation certificate and encouragement to participate in the 2018 competition.

"The national competition aims to encourage student interest in geography and to reward student excellence and participation. Geography is an important subject which develops a student's understanding of the spatial interrelationships between people, and place. It helps students to appreciate the complex nature of local, regional and global social, economic, and environmental interactions" Bernard Fitzpatrick
National Coordinator

Congratulations to all students who have participated in the competition.

Yr. 7
Leo F
Peter V
Yr. 8
Michaela T (top 1% in Australia)
Ken T
Jayda R
Ermina A
Breanna T

Yr. 9
Flynn K
Luzian B

Ms Heather Ferguson and Ms Juliette Walto (LAL HaSS)

Macbeth at the Opera House

We have a fantastic opportunity for 20 of our Year 9/10 students to attend a performance at the Opera House in Sydney to watch Bell Shakespeare perform *Macbeth*. All Year 10 English classes are studying *Macbeth* and will be offered places on the excursion first before opening up the excursion to Year 9 students. If your child is in Year 9 or 10 and would like to attend, please return the permission note ASAP as all places have not been filled. The performance has been designed for students and is a unique experience that will aid students' enjoyment and understanding of Shakespeare.

Date: Friday 11 August

Depart: 7:00 am

Return: 7:30 pm

Cost: \$71

Contact: rebecca.sadler@ed.act.esu.au

Permission note: Collect from Senior Office or print from here:

http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/403624/Yera_10_MacBeth_Excursion_11_August_2017.pdf



DEFENCE NEWS

Last week we were fortunate to be able to display the War at Sea Exhibition from the Maritime Museum in our school library. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about the Navy's involvement in World War 1.

This week we have a few things scheduled for some of our Defence children. Tomorrow some of our Kinder children will meet Tyler the Turtle and learn some strategies for coping with anxiety. On Friday our Year 5/6 Children will be listening to a guest speaker talk about Deployments and how they can impact on families.

As posting orders are starting to come out, please advise us of new movement for the future so that we are able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU etc.) could you also let us know, as it is important we have accurate and up to date information.

Coming Up:

- Tyler the Turtle (Kinder) Wednesday 2 August
- 5/6 Deployment Talk Friday 4 August
- ADFA Open Day Saturday 26 August
- Defence Families Dinner at Thai Herb Thursday 7 September

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri. Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School have started again this week! The K-4 Children enjoyed drawing about their Holidays. 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 – Year 2 (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 2:30pm, this volunteer group is open to all community members and new faces are always welcomed. 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.

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. All you need

to do is 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](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

P & C NEWS

HARRISON FAIR 2018

This year's fair was well attended and highlighted the amazing community not only at Harrison School, but the wider community in general. As well as a day that had our children praised for their behaviour and manners; it was also a day that made people laugh, smile, enjoy great rides, food, and time with friends. Harrison School also raised in excess of \$21,000. Every cent raised goes straight back to Harrison School to benefit the students.

Harrison School P&C would like to start planning next year's Fair. In order for the Fair to go ahead, we need a team of people to start preparations now. The Fair Coordinators need volunteers to head up specific tasks. Volunteers will be guided through what is needed based on the success and challenges in managing this year's Fair. Volunteers need to be able to work independently, whilst feeding back to the Fair coordinators. Support will always be on hand. Some roles requiring cover are:

Volunteer Recruitment and Ticketing

Marketing and Promotions

Sponsorship Coordinator

Monster Raffle Coordinator

Market Stall Coordinator

Food Stall Coordinator (x2)

Music/Performances

White Elephant and Book Stall

Plant Stall

Cake Stall

The Fair will not go ahead next year without parents/carers volunteering a little time and support. If you feel you can offer time and support please contact Fair@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au