



Education and Training

HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 29 July 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 3. We are only one week into Term 3 and we've already had some exciting events.

On Wednesday 23 July Miss Hajazi and her team **launched the new Harrison School Values** during the Junior School Assembly. The values were well received and students, staff and families particularly appreciated the movie made by Fatima and Mikaeli, awesome job! Have a read of our new values on the Harrison School website: http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our_school/school_vision_and_purpose_statement

On Friday 25 July we celebrated **Crazy sock day** in memory of Brianna Sowden, 'The breezy room was officially opened and it was fantastic to see so many students and staff wear their crazy socks. Thank you to Jess Jennings, Kyrie Douch and Trish Coghlan for organising this event and to Daniel C. for making the beautiful signs.

When reflecting on Brianna and her life, I thought of one of our new values – Endeavour. Brianna had a strong mind and endeavoured to do her best in many areas, especially reading.

Endeavour - Try hard to do or achieve something – Oxford Dictionaries

Defined by the Harrison School community as:

We try our best and know that it is better than not trying at all

We set goals, we achieve those goals, and we always aspire to succeed

We self-reflect and take responsibility of our own learning

We always persevere when things get tough, to achieve our personal best.

There are a few examples across history where famous people have shown endeavour for prolonged time and their persistence brought them the desired outcome.

For instance, the Beatles were once told they had no chance of success. For years, they played several shows for almost no money at clubs in Germany and they were rejected by almost every record company. These setbacks did not deter them and they would later go

Diary

Term 3 Week 2

Wednesday 30

Secondary School Assembly - 9:15am – Gym

2nd Hand uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am

Harrison Hearts - 1:30-2:30pm - multipurpose room in the Library.

Harrison P&C Meeting 7:00pm - Library

Thursday 31

Yr 10 Careers Expo

Harrison Hoppers Demo@Sutton School

Film Festival @Harrison – 6:00pm

SUPA Club

Preschool ACT Fire & Rescue Incursion

Friday 1 August

Yrs 3-6 Japanese Excursion - Cowra

Kindergarten 100 Days celebration

Monday 4 August

Pre-school Learning Journeys

Tuesday 5 August

Parent Coffee Club- 9:00am

Multipurpose Room –Hall

Pre-school Learning journeys

Kindergarten Health Checks

Harrison School Board Meeting-5:30pm

Student Led Conferences will be held in Weeks 1, 2 3 & 4

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

[2014 Term 3 Calendar](#)

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on to become a runaway success.

And while Bob Dylan wasn't very successful in his academic pursuit, he is a musical success and was awarded an honorary Pulitzer Prize in 2008.

Even basketball star Michael Jordan was dropped from his high school basketball team. Indeed, he once said: "I have failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."

"You never fail until you stop trying" Albert Einstein.

Please encourage your children to **endeavour** to do their best, to reflect on and take responsibility for their own learning. This could be at school during Maths and English or outside school when participating in sports, music classes or any other activities that motivate them to learn.

Setting goals during **student led conferences** is a great opportunity for your child to aspire to succeed in their personal quest. I am looking forward to hearing about your child's goals and their journey to achieve them.

Nicole Zimmer

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Zoe K

Congratulation to our Award Recipients:

Rayan S	Delilah S	Tarquin S
Abby H	Jackson S	Aarna A
Tyler L	Nathaniel S	Isla H
Darias P	Evan L	Pepper C
Benjamin S	Amani W	William B
Owen D	Baily F	Sam J
Stefanjia D		

2015 ENROLMENTS SCHOOL AGE CARE

The enrolment period for School Age Care into Before and After School Care for 2015 has opened for all families.

A reminder that current families need to re-enrol as well as new families.

Enrolment forms for School Age Care for 2015 are now available on the Communities at Work website: www.commsatwork.org

Please be advised that all of our programs have capped numbers. Enrolments will be processed in

the order in which they are received; enrolments received after capacity is reached will be placed on a waiting list.

Enrolments are not confirmed until an email has been received from the enrolments team, if you would like to check on the progress of your application please call 1300 212 273 or email enrolments@commsatwork.org

TIME TO TALK - YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS

Parent engagement in learning and education is all about how families and schools talk to each other, how to bring together learning at home and learning at school, and how families and schools can work together to help our children be the best they can be.

There is very strong evidence that children do better and learn more when families and schools work together as partners.

The ACT Government has partnered with the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) to research parent engagement in the ACT and develop a strategy to strengthen parent engagement into the future. An important aspect of this research is talking with families about what parent engagement means to them.

ARACY would like to hear from parents about what they think makes for a good partnership with their child's school and the things they do to help their children learn.

ARACY has developed a short online survey to gather parental views, beliefs and understandings about parental engagement in schools. The survey will be available on the ACT Government Time to Talk website from 21 July 2014 to 26 September 2014. www.timetotalk.act.gov.au

SCHOOL CAR PARKING

School car parking advice in regard to the various coloured zones/areas:

BLUE coloured zones are **DROP** and **GO** and **COLLECT** and **GO ONLY- NOT PARKING** (cars not to be left unattended by driver).

WHITE coloured zone are for parking

YELLOW coloured zones are for Disabled parking

RED coloured zones are **NO PARKING AREAS**

Car park reminder: Do NOT stop or park at areas marked with a red curb.



NATIONAL TREE DAY



National Tree Day was on Friday 25 July. This year we were fortunate to have Bunnings Belconnen donate some beautiful fruit trees to our school. Students from The Earth Rangers group and the Gardening Club planted pear, nectarine and apple trees in the school garden and a mulberry tree in the Preschool. Hopefully they will produce some lovely fruit in the future! Thanks again to Bunnings Belconnen. Fiona Vogt, Catherine Fellows and The Earth Rangers and Gardeners.



DEFENCE NEWS

We welcome any new families to Harrison this term. Remember we are here! The DSTA/DTMs will be available Mon – Thurs only, during school hours. Should you have any concerns or queries outside business hours, please contact the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608. As always, we are available via email: jennifer.welsh@ed.act.edu.au holly.mattison@ed.act.edu.au

This week we are highlighting the most updated FamilySMART work books which are available on the DCO website for online or printed use <http://www.defence.gov.au/dco/OnlineWorkshops.htm> you will find FamilySMART Resilience which is a self-paced learning tool that Defence family members can use at any time, and, like the face-to-face workshops, will help you to:

- develop effective methods of managing stress and anxiety,
- improve family and social connectedness,
- learn the meaning of psychological resilience and explore your own resilience,
- develop greater self-awareness and coping strategies, and
- consider how thinking patterns affect your ability to manage change, uncertainty and adversity.

Holly and Jenny



DEFENCE KIDS

We will be playing games and puzzles for weeks 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 -for all age groups. There will be craft activities weeks 3 and 6. Monday lunchtimes for Kinder –Yr2 and Tuesday lunchtimes for Yr3 +



HARRISON HEARTS

We would love for you to join us in the multipurpose room (Library) at 1:30-2:30pm Wednesdays. Last week we helped laminate and cut signs for Food Tech, created books for Mrs S Brown, cut resources for the DSTAs art week and covered books for the Library. Younger children are most welcome. See you there!

HARRISON SCHOOL - WELL STATION RESTORATION

Harrison School is proudly immersed in this community project centred on the restoration and development of the historical Well Station. Well Station has been a working station since it was built in 1851, and has significant historical value to the community and region. It is the oldest habitable house in Canberra, was once home to the poet David Campbell, is surrounded by Indigenous Archaeological sites and was a schoolhouse in the late 19th century.

Harrison School is at the centre of a long term plan to redeveloped and restore the shearing shed and groomsman quarters as an historical site, and as a community asset.



FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS (FLO) FOR STUDENTS

We are very excited to announce that The ACT Department of Education & Training has provided Harrison School with a unique learning opportunity for our students. Harrison School, in conjunction with Amaroo School was awarded a grant of \$15, 000 to provide flexible learning opportunities for students. Students from the two schools will be involved in the Well Station restoration and development in semester 2 this year. Capital Training Institute (CTI) has been brought on board to provide students with the opportunity to gain a Certificate 1 in Education and Training. The cost of this course (\$1000 per student) is fully subsidised through this grant.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT HARRISON SCHOOL WELL STATION RESTORATION

We are currently looking for support for this project in a variety of forms. Specifically we are looking community members with trade skills and tools in areas such as concreting and plumbing who may be able to volunteer their time and experience. If you would like to know more about the project or think you maybe be able to support, please contact James Malone at Harrison School via email at James.malone@ed.act.edu.au

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

There will be a parent information evening on Thursday 31 July from 5.00-5.45pm in the school library at Harrison School. Anyone within the school community who would like to know more is welcome to attend.



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***** INCORRECT DATE –**

SCHOOL FAIR SAVE THE DATE FLYERS ***

Some of you may have received flyers from the School which contain an incorrect date for the Fair.

Please note that the correct date is definitely **Saturday 15 November**. Please spread the word.....

For more details and how to volunteer visit www.facebook.com/harrisonschooltwilghtfair

www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4ea5aa2f4-harrison

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR FAMILY PORTRAIT BOOKINGS!

This term we have a dedicated portrait photographer coming to the school for family sittings on Saturday 9th August. Cost is just \$20 for sitting AND a 10" x 13" colour portrait with additional prints available at great rates. Go to www.laurajean.com.au for samples and email hscafundraising@hotmail.com to book your spot or ask any questions. All bookings and funds must be received by Friday 1st August to the front office. All portraits will be available three weeks after the sitting. Get in quick as the spaces are limited and the morning session is already completely booked out.