



# HARRISON NEWS



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## Harrison School Newsletter 21 June 2016

Dear Parents,

As Term 2 draws to a close I am amazed at the energy levels of staff and students. Last week saw highly successful discos run for students across the whole school. It was great to see students turn out, dance, socialise with each other and have such a great time! I thank all the staff for their time, organisation and unique dance moves and parents for facilitating your child's attendance. I would like to make particular mention of the students from the Learn RITE class who ran the senior areas of the schools events. This was an authentic learning opportunity for them and they rose to the challenge and exceeded expectations.

It was also fabulous to see so many parents take the opportunity to visit the library on the night for the information walkthrough. It was great chatting with you and hearing the questions you had about how we support and facilitate growth in learning for ALL students. I will also take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff and parents who provided their time and shared their expertise and knowledge with parents throughout the night.

In what was a busy week the 'Cake and Shake' and mufti day fundraiser for the Year 10 Formal was a winner. It was really exciting to see the whole school community come together and support the Formal Committee in their efforts. The formal committee along with their support teachers Rachel Kane and Rebecca Lee promoted, organised and ran a well-executed event. I was really proud of the team and those Year 9 and 10 students who saw how busy the committee was on the day and jumped into assist – what a great representation of the Harrison School values in action.

This week we are pleased to be supporting students in years 5-10 in the culmination of their semesters learning. Students have worked hard on their digital portfolios and it will be a meaningful experience

### Diary

#### 2016 Calendar

##### Term 2 Week 9

###### **Tuesday 21**

- Yr. 5/6 Smart Rugby Coaching
- **Yrs. 5 – 10 Exhibitions of Learning 5:00 – 7:00pm**

###### **Wednesday 22**

- Senior Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Learn RITE Excursion
- Yr. 9/10 Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) Program
- Yr. 5/6 Smart Rugby Coaching
- Gungahlin College Community Forum -Yrs.11/12 2017

###### **Thursday 23**

- ACT 13+ Years Swimming Championships
- Yr. 5/6 Smart Rugby Coaching
- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed - Rockclimbing

###### **Friday 24**

- ACT 12 yrs. & under Swimming Championships
- Senior School Games Club

#### Term 2 Week 10

###### **Tuesday 28**

- RMC Rock Band performance and workshops
- Performing Arts Showcase

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



for them to reflect on their learning and set goals for the coming semester with a significant adult in their lives. We are keen to welcome you into the school for our Exhibition of Learning night this Tuesday – it will be great to see as many students as possible present their learning on this evening. We do recognise that it is not possible for all parents to free themselves up at this time. If you cannot attend the evening please make sure you put aside sometime this week 20 – 24 June to sit down with your child at home, have them take you through their digital portfolio and complete the reflection via the google form provided to students. As a school community we will ensure that any student who has not had the opportunity to complete a reflection with a parent gets the opportunity in Week 10 to do this with a member of our school community. Reflection and goal setting are an integral and important part of the learning process. Our students are keen to share their learning with you.

Staff are currently completing semester reports for all students. Please be on the look out for these next week.

Finally I would like to recognise Harrison School's recipient of the Pierre De Coubertin Award Aimee Green. The ceremony was held on Friday and it was a proud moment for Jason Holmes to watch Aimee receive her award. The award recognises Aimee's demonstration of values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through her participation in sporting activities. Congratulations Aimee!

Kind Regards, Jacqui Ford

## ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Ella McG	Shahar B-T	Josh S
Cody M	Pierre S	Zaima I
Sophie O'N	Ruby B-S	Divyesh J
Finley McK	Dennis H	

Congratulations to our Award Recipients:

Sophie P	Shiven M	Melinda S
India C	Olivia B	Mia-Rose C
Jakob T	Jack M	Abdul K

Kobe F	Ayang L	Zenia I
Gerson S	Abby P	Lochi F
Sohum P	Emily S	Serena B
Justine T	Leon T	Aleczander H
Inara A	Rebecca C	Saifan M
Kingston K	Jacob V	

## SCHOOL CAR PARKING- REMINDER

Just a reminder to be patient and mindful of all carpark users during the cooler wet weather to ensure the safety of our students, families and staff.

School car parking and explanation of the various coloured zones/areas.

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

**WHITE** coloured zones are for parking

**YELLOW** coloured zones are for Disabled parking

**RED** coloured zones are **NO PARKING AREAS**

Thank you for your support in following the car park zones.

If parents are concerned about car parking issues please email:

[parking.operations@act.gov.au](mailto:parking.operations@act.gov.au) with a photo to report a car illegally parked around the school.

Please include the date, time and any other relevant information such as parked in a no parking area.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Overdue books

Please help your child return their overdue library books before the holidays so they will be able to borrow different books for holiday reading. There are currently almost 700 overdue books. This number has decreased in the last few weeks - thank you for helping! We really need ALL overdue books to be returned as soon as possible.

### Book Club

Our Book Club ordering system will be changing with the next issue. Parents will be able to do their own ordering online which means there will be no need to send book club brochures back to school (unless paying with cash). Further

information will be sent home at the beginning of term 3.



### Entertainment Books

Looking for some holiday activity ideas?

- Flip out - \$28 for 2 children
- National Zoo & Aquarium \$110 for a family
- Questacon \$35 for 2 children

Without an Entertainment Book this would cost \$173 OR you could use vouchers and save yourself \$59! Imagine how much money you could save over an entire year on food, activities, travel and shopping. Click the picture below to buy either a book or a digital membership for \$60.



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### **SPORTING NEWS**



Congratulations to Ryan L who represented the ACT's Canberra Cavalry Little League team in the recent Australian Little League Baseball Championships in Lismore between 8 to 13 June. Ryan performed well against difficult opponents to assist the team to achieve their highest ever ranking in the Australian Championships.

The team started the competition brilliantly with a strong win against new participants, the Geelong Baycats 10-4. Ryan played a variety of positions

throughout the tournament including pitching in a number of games. Other opponents during the tournament included teams from Perth, Adelaide, Gold Coast, and Swan Hill. He led the team in the on-base percentage only getting out on two occasions. He hit a number of RBIs through the tournament and got home several times himself.



### **DEFENCE NEWS**

Last week we touched on VVCS. This week we wanted to mention a service that is associated with VVCS – AT EASE. There is a lot of information for Defence members and their families who may be having some difficulties. It can help you recognise signs, action you can take, how to help your family and a library with resources. There is Apps available to download for Free as well. For more information go to <http://at-ease.dva.gov.au/> The AT EASE website also have a link to a number of Helpline contacts should urgent help be needed. Is your family currently enduring Deployment, or will be shortly? Be sure to let your child's teacher and the DSTA/DTM (as appropriate) know so that we may support you and your family during this time. Often families believe that their children will not be affected during this period of long term absence but it can be a big adjustment, so if we can all work together, the journey may be easier.

Jenny Welsh and Jo Wurth available Mon-Thurs, school hours.

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### **DEFENCE KIDS**

This week we had fun with games, lego and colouring in whilst keeping nice and warm. If you haven't visited us for a while why don't you bring a friend with you and join us next week.

Activity Groups are held in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Junior Hall. Defence Friendship group, for students enduring long term absence of a parent (Mon recess); Kinder – Year2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch); Years 5 – 10 Chill Out Session (Thurs Lunch) in **H4 building downstairs room G26 near the open class area**. If you have a child in the senior area please let them know – they are welcome to bring a friend with them too. We play games, chat, colour in and draw whilst listening to music and have done some dancing. Everyone is welcome. Over these last two weeks of term we will be introducing a new person to the DSTA role. We will need everyone's help to make them feel very welcome as they get to know all of you and find out how all of the groups run. We know that you will be very supportive and helpful during this time, as you all remember what it is like to be new to Harrison School.



### **HARRISON HEARTS**

Held every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30 in the Hall MP Room, this volunteer group is open to all community members. We would love to have you join us in our now nice warm room with comfy cushions 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 and that you will need to have or apply for a Working with Vulnerable People Card should you wish to join us. Younger siblings are also most welcome. To our loyal regulars, Thank you so much, your work is very much appreciated by us and all of the teachers we have supported!

### **SCHOOL BANKING**



Just a quick note to let everyone know that the supplies of the Mud Splat Handball reward are quite

low and are expected to run out in the next few days. We are still able to get some of last year's rewards and they include the Galaxy Glider Frisbee, the Intergalactic Rocket, the ET DVD and the Outer Space Money Box. If you have already collected 10 tokens and would like to order a handball, can you please put these orders in next week and also include a second choice – in case the supply of handballs has run out. Please see the cut out at the bottom of this newsletter.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL BANKING**

We have a large number of students that are 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 that are damaged or simply you have not done banking for a while. So I need your help please, during Week 10, I would like to collect everyone's banking wallets please – including those of you who have not banked for some time. I will keep these over the holidays and return all books back to school on the first Monday of next term.

I hope you understand that the holidays are a 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 and any tokens that you may have at home.

### **P & C NEWS**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Coming up next is the **Election Day Cake Stall on Sat 2 July** as our school will be a polling place.

That's the first day of the school holidays, and we'll need lots of helpers to bake up sweet treats, and help to man the stall from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

This is a great opportunity:

- for us to reach out to other parts of the Gungahlin community with our fundraising (rather than reaching into the pockets of the school families)
- for you to meet some other school parents at

what is always a very fun day.

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## 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 2016 Canteen Menu.

[2016 CANTEEN MENU.](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

[NEW FLEXI SCHOOLS LINK IN STUDENT ID CARD YR. 7 – 10](#)

## SCHOOL BANKING

### School Banking Rewards Program

**There is limited stock available of some of the 2015 rewards!**



Galaxy



Outer Space Savers  
Money Box



Intergalactic Rocket



ET DVD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to redeem 10 tokens for a:

- Galaxy Glider
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Intergalactic Rocket
- ET DVD