



Harrison School Newsletter 6 December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week!

I was so happy to see the full house for all four concert performances. The students and teachers put a lot of time and effort into practising their items and I was most impressed with the quality, excitement, enthusiasm and commitment of all involved. What a great event!!

Our 2016 Year 10 cohort was farewelled in style. The year 10's enjoyed being served breakfast by the year 10 home room teachers on Friday morning followed by an whole school assembly where Mr Holmes streamed in from Melbourne, teachers danced, students sang, speeches were made and the highlight was seeing the comparison photos of the year 10 first year at Harrison photo to this year's photo – some changed a LOT; some seemingly not at all.

The Graduation and Formal held at Old Parliament House were such a pleasure to attend. The students looked amazing and conducted themselves as the mature young adults we have watched them grow into. A highlight of this night for me was the speeches made by Aimee Green and Chloe Waskiw the outgoing school captains. They were inspirational – not just to the Year 10 students but to all present.

For a number of families your association with Harrison School is coming to a close and we wish you every success in the future. To those returning next year we look forward to another successful year in 2017

This week we have the ACE awards. It is where we celebrate the Achievement, Citizenship and Endeavour of our students. It promises to be a special night.

In closing want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday over the festive season

Jacqui Ford

Diary

2016 Calendar

TERM 4 WEEK 9

LIBRARY CLOSED except for Returns

Wednesday 7

- Junior School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- ACE Awards Presentation Evening – 5:30pm – Gym

Thursday 8

- Yr. 7 Immunisations
- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Namadgi Camp depart Harrison School @ 1:00pm
- Yr. 9 Alan Tongue Aspire Program

Friday 9

- 2017 Yr. 7 Transition Day
- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Namadgi Camp return @ approx. 4:00pm

TERM 4 WEEK 10

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Monday 12

- Kindergarten Reptile Visit

Tuesday 13

- Yr. 3/4 Aqua Fun Day
- Kindergarten Franklin Park Excursion

Wednesday 14

- Whole School Assembly - **CANCELLED**
- Yr. 5/6 End of Year Celebration
- Reports Home

Thursday 15

- Junior Aqua Fun Day K – Yr. 2

Friday 16

- Canteen **CLOSED**
- **Last Day of Term 4**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Don't Forget to ORDER

HARRISON SCHOOL 2017 STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LISTS



The 2017 Stationery Packs Lists are now available online for ordering.

2017 STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LIST ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

Ordering is fast, secure and convenient, just visit officemaxschools.com.au and follow these easy steps:

1. Search for your school Harrison School, Harrison, ACT and enter your school **Access Key: 28JA6T**
2. Complete the student details and select your child's 2017 year level.
3. Review your requirements list and make changes (if required).

Please note: some list items have been denoted by your school as a requisite for the subject or year.

4. If you need additional items, top up from our Back to School special range, and checkout.

Please note: For home deliveries only, if you have more than one student at the same school repeat above steps.

Once completed, an order confirmation will be sent to your email address.

ORDER DEADLINES and DELIVERY INFORMATION

School Collection Day:

Orders placed:

- On or before **18 December 2016** will not incur a delivery charge for collection on Wednesday 1 February 2017.
- Orders placed after 18 December will be delivered

to a nominated address as per home delivery option below.

Home Delivery:

Orders placed:

- On or before **18 December** will not incur a deliver fee and be delivered before 25 January 2017.
- After 18 December, and on or before 31 December 2016, will incur a delivery fee of \$9.95 and be delivered before 25 January 2017; and
- After 31 December will incur a delivery fee of \$9.95 with all efforts to deliver prior to the beginning of Term 1, 2017.

Note: Any orders placed after 18 December are subject to variance in stock levels.

Australia Post - Orders are delivered via Australia Post's eParcel service. As soon as your order is dispatched an email will be sent to let you know the Australia Post tracking ID Number. Your order can be tracked at auspost.com.au.

Note: PO Box addresses are not accepted by Australia Post.

HAVE A QUESTION?

If you need help placing your order, returns or refunds, delivery information or have a general enquiry, please visit

officemaxschools.com.au/help

STUDENTS ON HOLIDAY LEAVE

If your family is on an extended holiday and will not be back at school before the beginning of Term 1, 2017 Tuesday 31 January could you please complete the form on this link [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office ASAP.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2017 could you please complete the form on this link [Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#) and return it to the front office to assist us in organising classes for 20

DATES FOR TERM 1 2017

Monday 30 January 2017

First Day for new students to Harrison School including Preschool and Kindergarten 2017.

Community Drop in – Canteen area 9:15 -11:00am for new parents

Tuesday 31 January 2017.

ALL students return to school.

P & C Community Morning Tea 9:00 – 10:30am All parents welcome.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday 1 February

Kindergarten 2017 Information Session will at 5:00 – 5:45pm.

Tuesday 7 February

Yr.1/2 Information Session 5:45 – 6:30pm

Yr. 3/4 Information Session 6:30 – 7:15pm

Yr. 3/4 Camp Information Session 7:15 – 7:45pm

Thursday 9 February

Yr. 5/6 Information Session 5:30 – 6:30pm

Yr. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30 – 7:30pm

2017 Aquatic Carnivals - Save the date

Carnivals are always early in the beginning of the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Harrison Swimming Carnival** – Monday 13 February, Gungahlin Pool

For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers.

Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 20 February, Big Splash Macquarie

All classes Yr 5 -10, aquatic activities all day

LOST PROPERTY



We have a large number of drink bottles and lunch

boxes in lost property as you can see by the photo. If you recognise any of the items above please claim them from the Library before the end of the year.

We also have a large amount of lost property which if not claimed will be given to the Second-hand Uniform shop or to a charity.



DEFENCE NEWS

Wow we are sooooo close to the end of the year that I can hear Christmas bells ringing. Many of you will be doing the mad clean out and packing of boxes before the convoy of trucks hit Canberra. If you are one of those families, Please make sure you have filled out your 'Checklist For Students' Leaving Form (like a post out form) and return it back to school. If you don't have one please get one from the Front Office. The DCO newsletters are full of local information and events. You truly are missing out if you are not receiving their emails! If you are not on their mailing list contact them at dco.canberra@defence.gov.au.

This is my last working week here at Harrison School before we too have a truck pull up at our house. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Harrison, meeting and getting to know our large Defence community. I will no doubt shed some tears over the next couple of days as I say goodbye to the kids – you all have amazing children. I want to thank you all for the support you have given me, the stories and memories shared, the laughter and occasional tear shared. I will carry these memories with me forever. Thank you again - Jo

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CANTEEN NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE END OF THE YEAR

The canteen will be slowly decreasing their stock and are requesting from **Monday 28 November** that if you are placing a lunch order for your child, you add a second choice to the order please.

REMINDER: The Junior and Senior canteens will be **CLOSED** on **Friday 16 December**

SCHOOL BANKING



Congratulations to all students who recently received their rewards and certificates, what a great effort with your savings!

Just a reminder that if you wish to order a reward, you need to return your note or rewards card along with your 10 tokens **this Wednesday**, so that I can order the rewards for you. Please remember, no more orders for rewards will be placed after tomorrow **Wednesday 30th November (that's this week – week 8)**, as they will not be processed. If you have collected 10 tokens and don't wish to order a reward at this time, that's fine – we will have a brand new set of exciting rewards. I'm not sure yet of next year's theme but will let you know as soon as I find out!

Don't forget we will still be processing your **School Banking in weeks 9 and 10.**

Thank you

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators