



Harrison School Newsletter 14 March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you goes to MSP photographers, office staff, teachers, families and student leaders who supported the smooth running of our big week of school photos last week. What a mammoth task to have so many photos taken across the school. Photos are all about capturing the best moments and my favourite moment to watch last week was all our school student leaders coming together to smile for the camera. Our group was so much bigger than previous years and it was a chance to reflect on the amazing people our students are- we have a lot to be excited by! We had:

- 16 committed and caring sports captains from Year 4, 6 and 9/10.
- 4 humble and hardworking Year 4 prefects
- 6 energetic and enthusiastic Year 6 student leaders
- 6 confident and capable Year 8 prefects
- 4 inspiring and incredible Year 10 Vice Captains and Captains

Already our student leaders have been working together with teacher mentors, (including Ms Zarac, Mr Holmes, Ms Ford and myself, Ms O'Brien and Mr Dickson) to set their goals for the year. They have been looking for ways to make their team more visible and accessible to hear student feedback. They have supported assemblies, welcomed special guests (for example, the Raiders) and have shared important messages that will help make our school a better place. They bring a highly capable skill set to the role and we very much look forward to watching them grow in their leadership over the year.

Earlier this month our high school student leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the AIS with Ms O'Brien. The conference was a great way for the students to gain a deeper understanding of leadership roles in a school around this year's theme of 'Responsibility'. They all participated in each workshop by asking questions and listening to the thoughts of others. Workshops involved, amongst other things,

Diary

Term 1 Week 7

Kindergarten – Yr. 6 Cricket Clinics Wednesday 15

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly – 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Aspire Program Alan Tongue
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Christian Education K- Yr. 6
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm - Library

Thursday 16

- Yr. 7 Drumming

Friday 17

• BOOK CLUB DUE

- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Ed Bike Trip
- Yr. 5-10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:30pm

Term 1 Week 8

Kindergarten – Yr. 6 Cricket Clinics Monday 20

- Kindergarten to Yr. 6 AFL Clinics
- 12U North Gungahlin Swimming

Tuesday 21

- North ACT 13Y&O Girls Basketball

Wednesday 22 - HARMONY DAY

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Harmony Day Assembly – 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Aspire Program Alan Tongue
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



discussions around making assemblies amazing, key expectations of responsibility and turning ideas into action. Three of our students were even keen enough to get on stage! Students attended from all over Australia- Canberra Schools all the way to Perth! Ms O'Brien reported that it was great to see our students connect with others, engage with the content and show what exceptional students they are. She is looking forward to taking our Year 4-6 leaders later in the month.

A reminder that our school fair is only a couple of weeks away. If you haven't been before you are in for a treat so please come along. Volunteering for an hour or two is not only a great way to make a contribution to the school- it's a good opportunity to make connections with the amazing people in our community. Please see the P&C information at end of this newsletter to find out how you can be involved.

Speaking of the fair, I know there are many families keen to see what we have been working on in the music room this year and are looking forward to seeing their child perform. Please see below for the fair performance schedule:

3:30	Year 6 Band
3:45	Advanced Uke
4:00	7-10 Band
4:15	To Be Confirmed
4:30	ELITE DANCE
4:45	ELITE DANCE
5:00	Aspire Choir
5:15	Junior Choir
5:30	Steel Drums
5:45	Michael and the Richards (Year 9/10 ensemble)
6:00	Teacher's Blackboard
6:15	Teacher's Blackboard
6:30	END

Have a great week and keep being kinder than necessary.

Allison Edmonds

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Chloe L	Brianna J	Eden Y
Maira K	Callum M	Lea R
Amelie P	Nandan K	

Congratulations to our Award Recipients:

Aarush K	Dylan D	Om K
Wil M	Makayla B	Wit C
Bailey B	Mia D	Molly M
Charlotte E	Ryan P	Lachlan M
Ayla K	Alice D	Mishka K
Ranveer G	Zara M	William P
Chan-Ha L	Jaidi B	Jade D
Tarun T	Pierce B	Rameena Q
Alex H	Blake R	Adam H

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

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 on

Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au

Please include the students name and class.

EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: Students Name and Excursion details.

STUDENT ELECTIVE INVOICES

Student elective invoices for Semester One will be sent out to parents in the next few weeks.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club is Due Friday 17 March.

FLEMINGTON ROAD CHANGES

Due to the construction of the Light Rail we have been advised of traffic changes to Flemington Road from March – December 2017. Please see the attached flyer.

HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND



Harrison School has established a special **LIBRARY FUND** to continue to build the school's library and information resources.

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible if paid within the 2017/2018 financial year.** Under our tax laws all donations to public libraries qualify as a tax deduction - our library being in a public school meets this criterion.

This fund gives our school the chance to build a quality reading and reference facility and provide selected electronic information services for our students.

All donations, no matter the amount, are invaluable. The important thing is that they will be used to support your child's education.

If you wish to donate, or if you have a business which may like to consider a gift, we would welcome any contributions.

Donations to the Library Fund can be left at the school office, sent to school with your child or by Direct Debit. If paying by direct debit please ensure that you enter details of students name and a description of the payment.

Please complete the attached form or the form can be found on the school website at the link below: [Library Fund](#)

On behalf of all the students at Harrison School, we thank you for your donation.

LET KIDS BE KIDS CAMPAIGN

On 28 February 2017, Minister Berry jointly released the Let Kids be Kids campaign. The campaign is a national initiative focused on letting kids play and enjoy sport without extra pressure from the sidelines, the grandstands or at home. The campaign also sends messages direct from children to their parents, reminding them that kids want to play sport because they love playing with friends, trying their hardest and being active outside. Information about the campaign and the toolkit can be downloaded from www.playbytherules.net.au



HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017

Harmony Day is a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is that **'Everyone Belongs'**, which means that all Australians are a welcome part of our country regardless of their background. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia such a great place to live.

Harrison School will come together to celebrate Harmony Day with a Whole School Assembly, commencing at 9.15am on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

Students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or something orange to school on the day.

It is our hope that many parents and families attend our special assembly to participate in the day's celebrations. Parents are invited to return to their child's class to share their cultural stories, games, songs and traditions with the students after the assembly.

Harmony Day celebrations will continue during March and throughout the year, within classrooms. We encourage any parents who would like to share their traditions and culture to contact classroom teachers.



DEFENCE NEWS

This week we welcome Samantha Murray to the team as our new DTM, we wish her all the best in her new role. Mrs Murray will be working predominantly with our students from years 5 to 10. When Samantha is up and running with computer access, we will add her information to

the newsletter and she will introduce herself.

I would also like to thank Jake Provan for his assistance over the last 7 weeks and wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

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.

Coming Up: Dinner Date – Thursday 23 March @ Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club. If you are interested in attending, please let us know. More info will follow shortly.

ANZAC Day Service – Friday 7 April 9.15am in the gym.

Sarah McGavin and Jake Provan

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DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups this week involved colouring in. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the Year 3 and 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 – Year 2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch). The Senior Chill out session for (Yrs 5 -10) is back to Thursday at lunchtime in Room H4/G26 (Mulligans Building).



HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30. This volunteer group is open to all community members- all 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.

P & C NEWS

General Meeting

P&C General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March at 7pm in the school library. Feel free to join us!

Car Park

Thank you once again for your patience with the car park changes. We have had positive feedback from parents and staff regarding how much smoother pick up and drop off times are. Can we please remind you that the speed limit is **10k per hour**.

TWILIGHT FAIR

Less than 3 weeks to go! The flier attached to this newsletter gives full information about the Fair; buying tickets; donations needed; sponsors who are helping make the Fair happen and much more. We would like to highlight two things:

- ❖ Volunteers...the Fair cannot happen without parents, carers, students and staff offering an hour or two of your time. There are two ways you can sign up to volunteer.
- ❖ 1 - sign up for a designated spot at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aa5af23a7fb6-2017>.
- ❖ 2 - email harrisonfair@hotmail.com with the times you can volunteer, and a task will be designated to you.
- ❖ -Tickets - you can preorder your unlimited ride wristbands, Carnival Cards and raffle tickets at www.flexischools.com.au. Full information in the attached flier.

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 2017 Canteen Menu. [2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

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