



Harrison School Newsletter 2 May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 2!

I hope that all families were able to enjoy the magnificent weather that prevailed throughout the recent holiday period. The students have returned to school eager and excited to engage in the new term of learning and to acquaint with their friends again and share holiday happenings.

Whilst the mornings are chilly, it is important for students to dress accordingly and be reminded that hats are still required for outdoor play and outdoor learning activities. The recommended 'Hats Off' period does not commence until later in the school term. The 'Hats Off' period is a Cancer Council recommendation that enables children to be hat and sunscreen free throughout the day when the UV levels are at their lowest. This exposure additionally supports children to acquire their winter vitamin D needs.

Changes to Wednesday morning line up – Junior School (trial arrangement term 2)

Parents of children K-4 will no longer need to assemble at classroom line up areas on Wednesday mornings. For supervision purposes, please ensure that all children are brought to the central courtyard area as they arrive at school each day. There will be no morning announcements on Wednesdays. This will allow all teachers and students the opportunity to walk directly to their classes for roll call in preparation for assembly at 9.15am. Please support staff to supervise your child by ensuring that they are in the central courtyard prior to morning bell each day.

Cross Country – Whole School

Last Friday Harrison School was blessed with warm sunshine and low winds to facilitate the whole school Cross Country event. We acknowledge the combined efforts of staff; particularly Kate Bradley, to ensure the program ran smoothly and to schedule. Additionally we

Diary

Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 3

- ACT 13 Y&O Swimming
- Uke Project 8:15am – Library Music Room
- Year 9/10 AIME Program
- Junior School Assembly

Thursday 4

- Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed Coast Camp Depart 1:10pm
- Year 7 Drumming
- ACT 12U Rugby League

Friday 5

- Yr 9/10 Outdoor Ed Camp return approx. 5:00pm
- Yr 9/10 AIME Program
- Senior School Band Combined Rehearsal UC High School Kaleen

Term 2 Week 3

Monday 8

- Mother's Day Stall
- Book Fair – Library
- Preschool Wiradjuri Echoes Incursion
- Year 6 Combined Band Rehearsal
- Birrigai – Senior Defence students

Tuesday 9

- Mother's Day Stall
- NAPLAN Yrs 3,5,7 and 9
- Book Fair - Library

Wednesday 10

- Book Fair – Library
- NAPLAN Yrs 3,5,7 and 9

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



extend thanks to any volunteers and all staff for their preparation of students for the event.

It was a proud moment for me to watch staff running alongside their students; providing encouragement, praising effort and motivating children to participate and achieve 'personal bests'. Additionally, House Leaders did a great job of congratulating all children as they came across the finish line. Morale amongst the spectators was high and contributed to the success of the community event. Great work Harrison!

Preservice Teachers – Whole School

Harrison School strongly supports the University of Canberra teacher placement program. This week we have welcomed 35 student teachers from the university as they engage in observation and teaching practicum periods. You may notice extra adults in classrooms leading whole class lessons, engaged in small group inquiry, shared teaching episodes or observing quality teaching practice that exists at Harrison. I extend thanks to the staff who have nominated to mentor and supervise a student teacher throughout the placement period and trust that our own student body and broader community will join me in welcoming these visitors to our school.

NAPLAN – Years 3,5,7,9

The NAPLAN testing period will occur May 9-11 2017 for students in Years 3,5,7 and 9. These opportunities enable families and the school to receive standardised data regarding the performance of students in each cohort across the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (inclusive of spelling, grammar, punctuation) and Mathematics. NAPLAN testing is one point of assessment used to determine academic growth and should be considered with reference to school based formative and summative assessment. We wish all students success throughout the testing period next week.

Enjoy the week!

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ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Alice L	Phoenix H	Wil M
Wit C	Remy L	Kiril M
Sam J	Caleb P	Makayla B

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: **Students Name and Excursion details.**

Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to

luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Fair

Our first Book Fair is starting next week! We have sent home a brochure advertising some of the exciting titles that will be available to purchase, and the children are getting very excited. Each class from P-6 has booked in a time to come and visit and complete a wish list; please be aware these are NOT order forms, just a fun way for your children to let you know their favourite books in case they are allowed to buy something from the fair.

When? Tuesday May 9 (week 3) - Friday May 19 (week 4)

8.30am - 4.00pm every day

Thursday May 11 & 18 - open until 6.00pm!

Book Club

Issue 3 brochures have been distributed and orders are due in by THIS FRIDAY, May 5. The short cut-off date is so we don't have a clash with Book Club and Book Fair. To pay and order online please visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or pay by cash by sending the money and order form back to school.

Love Your Sister Big Heart Project



We are collecting 5 cent coins for Connie and Samuel Johnson's Big Heart Project, which is a fundraiser for cancer. Please drop off any 5 cent coins to the Library before Wednesday 10 May, and they will be delivered to the Lyneham Netball Courts where Connie will be creating a gigantic love heart from all the coins.

Book Launch

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton are launching their new 91-Storey Treehouse book in August. Please see the link below for details on how you can attend the launch.

<https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/show/91-storey-treehouse/>

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 12 May



Please join us for a bacon and egg sandwich, fresh fruit, tea and coffee at Harrison School's annual Mother's Day breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8.15am on Friday 12 May at the junior netball courts (near the library). Don't forget to wear **pink** and bring a \$2 coin for breakfast per person. All money raised goes towards the Breast Cancer Foundation.

After breakfast, mums are warmly invited to visit their children's classrooms for some maths activities.

NAPLAN CHANGES

Our school had been planning to move to online testing for NAPLAN this year.

Unfortunately we have been advised that there

are technical issues with the testing system that cannot be adequately resolved before the May NAPLAN test dates. Therefore no schools in the ACT will use online testing this year.

For 2017, this means that NAPLAN tests will be done with pencil and paper as our school has done in previous years.

The ACT is committed to moving to online testing by 2019, however there needs to be complete confidence in the testing system for this to happen. The preparation that we have done so far will stand us in good stead for moving online in the future.

NAPLAN testing provides a snapshot of your child's progress at a point in time and is one of many tools that our teachers used to assess and further our students' learning.

If you have any further questions, please contact us.

The NAPLAN Team

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International Competition for Australian Schools 2017 (ICAS TEST for Years 3 - 10)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please give consideration towards having your child/children participate in ICAS testing this year. We are offering opportunities for students to participate in English and Mathematics competitions. The tests provide an opportunity for all Year 3 – 10 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results on English, Mathematics and Science. The competition is run by The University of NSW with certificates given for High Distinctions (top 1%), Distinctions (next 10%), Credits (next 25%), Merit (next 10%) and Participation for all other students. A university medal is given for the top candidate in the whole competition.

The **closing date** for participation and payment is

Friday 19 May 2017. Cost for participation is outlined below as well as sitting dates.

English – Tuesday 1 August 2017 \$9.00

Mathematics – Tuesday 15 August 2017 \$9.00

All of the tests - \$18.00

Please be aware that students who are away for the ICAS sitting date will miss out as they need to be posted back the day after sitting.

Please note that Science will only be offered in alternate years and therefore will be offered again in 2018.

There is a note attached to this newsletter inviting students to participate in the International Competition for Australian Schools. Alternatively, you may obtain one from the front office.

Thank you,

Jayde Condon

ICAS Coordinator

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DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome back to term 2 and thank you to those who attended or were involved in our ANZAC Day Service. It is a special event for not just our Defence community but for our whole school community and we appreciate the efforts of our assembly leaders Ms Conway, Mr McGibbon, 5/6KC, 5/6DM, our Navy, Army and Air Force cadets, all of our special guests and those that contributed towards our morning tea afterwards.

Coming Up: Year 8 Defence Student Day at Birrigai – 8 May
Defence Dinner – Friday 2 June at Frankies at Forde.

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

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Samantha.murray@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School have started again this week! 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 – Year2 (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 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.

SCHOOL BANKING



Welcome back to school for another exciting term, we hope you all had a great holiday and are ready to keep saving your money. School Banking will recommence **this Wednesday**, so don't forget to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher. We have some really exciting new rewards this term: a 3DChalk Set and a Tablet Case, the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers from term 1 are also still available. Last week many of you received letters advising you of the number of tokens you have earned, we encourage you to please order your rewards.

Remember, if you would like to be part of the School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

We look forward to some great savings this term.

P & C NEWS

Fundraising - where do you want the money to go?

Each year, Harrison School P&C provides a sum of money to the school to purchase items which will directly benefit our students. This year we want your help to determine where the funds can be spent. Harrison P&C asked staff at the school for some ideas of where the money could be best utilised and we want you and your children to vote for your preference following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ba1GhLu857xdSXprMjpvLCCxYOBdCT7A3Ijivcuk4/viewform?edit_requested=true

Mothers Day Stall

Mother's Day is approaching on Sunday 14 May and Harrison School P&C is once again proud to operate the Mother's Day Stall - a chance for your child to purchase a low cost high quality gift for their mother or special person in their life.

Stalls will run on the 8/9/11 and 12 May, and each class from Pre-school-6 will have a window of time to come and view/buy gifts. Look out for fliers coming home with the day your child's class will be participating or check out our Face Book Page.

Students in years 7-10 will be able to purchase gifts, if they wish, during recess on any day the stall will be open.

We also need volunteers to help run the stall on these days from 9-11, or 11-1pm. If you can help please email

yvonne@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Facebook

Did you know Harrison School P&C has it's own Facebook Page? Join our community and keep up to date with events happening with the P&C as well as within school.

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC/>

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 find attached an updated Canteen Menu.

Please see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

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