

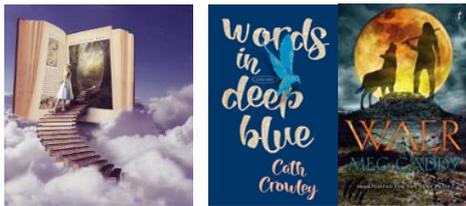


## Harrison School Newsletter 22 August 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our book week edition of the newsletter. Each year across Australia, 'The Children's Book Council of Australia' (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Children's Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature and the power of reading.

<https://cbca.org.au/cbca-childrens-book-week>



The public libraries across the ACT offer many events.

[https://www.library.act.gov.au/learning/whats\\_on](https://www.library.act.gov.au/learning/whats_on)



The theme for this year's book week is 'Escape to Everywhere' and books are the best way to escape into adventurous and exciting worlds. At Harrison School we read and provide time for reading for our students every day. During book week we read even more often. We do have some exciting events within the classroom and across the school planned across the coming week, with the book week assembly and book parade held on Friday being the highlight. Please look out for more information from our fabulous librarian Pamela Gaukroger. Come and visit the library, either before school from 8:30am onwards or straight after school. We have a broad selection of books and you might even find a book you would like to read yourself or a family reading to share in the warmth of your lounge room at the end of a busy day.

## Diary

### Term 3 Week 6 Book Week

#### Wednesday 23

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Equine Assisted Learning Program
- Questacon Incursion Yr. 3/4DF, JC,DW,DB and JS
- ACT 13 yrs. & O Netball Finals

#### Thursday 24

- 12&U North Gungahlin Athletics

#### Friday 25

- **BOOK WEEK PARADE** – 9:10am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- Limelight Technical Rehearsal
- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking Excursion
- Limelight Performance – AIS 7:00pm

### Term 3 Week 7 BOOK CLUB DUE

#### Monday 28

- Yr. 7/8 Camp Departs 7:30am
- Yr. 5/6 Boys Basketball
- Book Week Performance Incursion
- Tennis Clinics kindergarten & Yr. 3/4

#### Tuesday 29

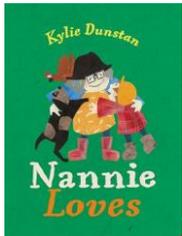
- Exploring the Botanical Gardens Yr. 1/2PG, KR, JH, SA and DN
- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4

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

[2017 Calendar](#)

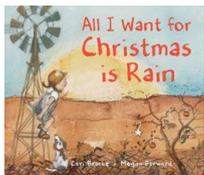


Key Findings from the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research highlights:



The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment. Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.

Reading to them 6 -7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.



Children read to more frequently at age 4-5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 to 9).

We very often get questions from parents on how to best support their children with reading. Attached you will find a parent information sheet about how you best can support your child's reading at home. This information can also be found on our website at the link below: [Home Reading Program](#)

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Gerson S – C	Marissa K	Ahmad T
Luke Y	Asahi B	Jaiden K
Tanisha M	Dennis H	Anisha S
Jaydet B	Emmeline P	Ethan C
William P	Jade B	Matilda G
Danny S	Lorrelle R	Sahasri P
Liam C	Shiven M	Kira S

### Celebrating Our Community

*Congratulations to the following community members:*

*Peter V* who participated in the National Cross Country championships in Hobart last week, winning a gold medal in the 2km 12 years boys para-athlete event and a personal best time in the 1.5km 12 years boys, able bodied relay event with the ACT team.

*Isabella O* and *Amelie P* for their selection and participation in the ACT Primary Concert Choir.

*Ruby A, Ava A, Jada N* and *Talise N* who are participating in the Primary Drama Project developed for the 2017 Step into the Limelight Production.

*Tim Kirsopp* one of our Yr. 5/6 teachers was recently awarded The Silver Wattle Award for outstanding service to Scouts Australia as an adult member in an active leadership role, for a period of around ten to twelve years.

### 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](mailto: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: **Student Name and Excursion details.**

## REMINDER

### 2017 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The 2017 School Satisfaction and Climate Surveys will be conducted from 8 – 28 August 2017.

2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been sent home via email to all families. If you did not receive a School Satisfaction Survey please contact the front office. You will receive one survey per child with a specific access code for each child. The survey is also available in different languages.

The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing well and areas for further development.

The key ACT results from the 2016 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website ([www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2016 School Board Report.



### Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September** or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and

when it's complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at the school or at your local Woolworths-Gungahlin and Franklin stores.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items that are ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and our library.

If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



**Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles & special people in our lives are invited to join us in celebrating Father's Day at Harrison School on Friday 1 September from 8:00am. There will be a selection of fruit, bacon & egg rolls and tea & coffee available for a small cost.**

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Book Week

Happy Book Week! We have started a week of celebrating children's literature. In my opinion the quality of books that Australian authors, illustrators and publishers are producing is the best in the world, and we are so privileged to have access to them. If you would like to see any of the books nominated for the Book of the Year Awards please visit the library and see our display. Some of the activities planned to help promote a love of books and reading are outlined below.

#### Dress up Day

We will be holding our annual Book Character Parade in our school gym at 9.15am on Friday 25 August. All students are encouraged to think of a favourite book character they can dress up as, so we can finish our week of celebrating with some

fun and frivolity. If you attend please remember to wear flat shoes.

### Super Duper Performance

We have a performance on 28 August, booked for our Kindergarten classes and Monday/Tuesday preschool classes. Super Duper is a drama production based on some of the shortlisted books, the book week theme and will also fit in beautifully with our school values. If you have misplaced the permission note please see your class teacher.

### Stephen Michael King

Our Year 1/2 students are incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to meet this much loved author. We have many of Stephen's books in our library, many of which have won various awards over the years. Notes for this exciting event were distributed last week. If you didn't receive one for your child please see your class teacher.

### Meerkat Performance

This is the last of our bookings to help celebrate Book Week. It will be on 7 September for all our year 3/4 classes and some of the 5/6 classes (some will be away on camp). It will be based on two of the shortlisted books and will be a wonderful way to help develop a love of books and reading.

### Early Reading Program

Bring your young children to the library anytime between 8.30am - 8.50am this week to hear special guests reading award-winning books! It is the perfect time for you to show your children you love reading, which will in turn encourage their love of reading!

### Photo competition

We have extended the deadline for our photo competition – promoted to Year 7-10 but open for anybody. Take a photo of yourself and photoshop it into a picture of where you could escape to while reading a book. Winning entry will receive a voucher for Book Face.

### Book Club Issue 6

What better way to celebrate book week than to buy a book for your child! All orders earn points for our school to spend on new resources. Orders are due in

by **Friday 1 September** and can be paid for in cash (in a labelled envelope returned to our school) or online via [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Pamela Gaukroger

Teacher Librarian

## **ART SPEAKS JAPANESE COMES ALIVE!**

**2017**

### **STUDENT ART CONTEST**

The Japan Foundation is running their annual Japanese Art Competition for School aged students. If you would like to enter please visit the following website for more information and ideas on how to be creative and make your own Japanese artwork. Junior school students will also be able to come to Japan Club on Thursdays and Fridays for the next two weeks for help with their artwork. The Japan Club will be run in the art room of the Blue Building (West End) (Thursdays and Fridays). Please contact White Sensei for more information or listen at morning line up for more announcements.

Entries Close 30 August 2017

<https://jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/contests/art-speaks-japanese/>

### **STEP INTO THE LIMELIGHT**

**Step into the Limelight:** A reminder that we have a number of students performing at *Limelight-ACT Public Schools showcase events for The Arts*. Notes for participating students have been sent home. Tickets for the evening event on **Friday 25 August 2017** are available through: <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=LIMELIGH17> . Groups performing are:

- There is a Raiders football match at the GIO Stadium on Friday night with a 6pm kick-off. Much of the parking is designated for football patrons and will be staffed by a security firm complete with a \$7 charge to park.
- Please see the attached document for parking at the event outlined in red at the bottom of the map.

### Christian Education Week 7 Term 3

Christian Education will be held on Wednesday 30 August for Kindergarten to Yr. 6 students.

They will teach the children about Jesus being the Good Shepherd using songs, story, and a game. They may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities.



#### DEFENCE NEWS

Last week we were fortunate to have Anna Stewart come from DCO to facilitate the Tyler Turtle Program for some of our kinder students. I know firsthand that they all had a great time with Tyler and learning some simple strategies to help with their worries.

On Thursday 7 September we will be having our Term 3 Defence Dinner at Thai Herb in Harrison, I would love to see as many of you there as possible and hope to be able to introduce our new DTM!

**POSTINGS:** As posting orders are starting to come out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition? Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU etc.) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

#### Coming Up:

- ADFA Open Day Saturday 26 August
- Battle for Australia Commemoration (AWM) Wednesday 6 September
- Defence Families Dinner at Thai Herb Thursday 7 September

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri. [Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)



#### DEFENCE KIDS

This week in activity groups for K – 4 we have been doing some activities related to book 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 – Year 2 (Mon lunch); Yrs. 3 and 4 (Tues lunch). The Senior Chill out session for Yrs. 5 -10 is Thursday lunchtime in Room H4/G26 (Mulligans Building).

#### OPERATION LAUNDRY BAG

**Operation Laundry Bag** is also still running this term if any students from years 5 to 10 are interested and can sew. Please meet Mrs Browne in the Textiles room Wednesday lunchtimes. Our aim is to get 8 laundry bags completed which can then be sent to Defence force members on operational deployments.



#### HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi-Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30pm 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.

#### 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. All you need to do is 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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