



## Harrison School Newsletter 5 September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Footy Colours Father's Day Breakfast

It was so amazing to see so many members of the community turn up in their footy colours to help us celebrate Father's Day. Our students loved having you in the learning spaces and it was lovely to see so many dads visiting classrooms and seeing the learning in action once they had their bacon and egg roll.

Thank you for helping us celebrate in this way and thanks to all the staff for making such a great community event occur with such a relaxed feel.

### Camps

We had an extremely successful Year 7/8 camp to Berry last week. The students and staff had an amazing time and our students should be exceptionally proud of how they conducted themselves. It was great to hear so many stories post camp and how much fun was had by all.

Our Year 5/6 students are currently on camp at Broken Bay. Half of the cohort arrived safely on Monday night. The second group of campers are meeting at school at 5:30am on Wednesday morning. We are sure they will have a great experience.

Our 9/10 students are off to Melbourne next week. The final touches and pieces of organisation are being finalised this week. A number of meetings have been held this week to keep students informed of all arrangements. If any parents wish to clarify details please get in touch with the 9/10 team leaders.

### Electives

We have commenced the electives choices process for 2018 for our current year 6 to 9 students. All students will have received instructions and the link to the program on Friday last week. As this is a new program we will also be holding information sessions at school for our students to support them through this process. It is important students make informed decisions about what they wish to study so we encourage all

## Diary

### Term 3 Week 8

#### **Wednesday 6**

- Yr.5/6 Camp 2 Departs 6:00am
- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr.5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4
- Yr. 1/2 Author Visit
- Yr. 5/6 Camp 1 returns approx. 5:00pm

#### **Thursday 7**

- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4
- North ACT Yr. 9/10 Football
- Meerkat Productions - Book Week Performance Yr. 3-6 Incursion

#### **Friday 8**

- **MUFTI and Cupcake Stall Day**
- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4
- Yr. 5/6 Camp 2 returns approx. 5:00pm

### Term 3 Week 9

#### **HARRISON SCHOOL ART SHOW**

#### **Monday 11**

- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4

#### **Tuesday 12**

- Yr. 9/10 Camp departs 5:00am
- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr.3/4
- ACT 12U Girls Cricket
- Preschool Botanic Gardens Excursion Mon/ Tues Group

#### **Wednesday 13**

- **HARRISON ART SHOW** begins
- Uke Project 8:15am
- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4

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

### [2017 Calendar](#)



students to read the elective booklets, speak with specialist staff and discuss their decisions with their parents. It would be great if all families could be discussing their students electives choices with them at this time. If you require any further assistance or clarification please speak with your child's Team Leaders.

Cheers,  
Jacqui Ford

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Xavier A	Jemma M	Brady H
Om K	Adrian K	Harry W
Victoria P	Timothy T	Elmore W
Aiden L	Teona D	Eric T
Aarushi C	Natasha H	

### 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.

#### REMINDER

**ALL** students **MUST** be signed in and out of the school by a parent or carer.

Preschool – Yr. 4 students must be signed out from the main administration office and receive a green slip before collecting students from their class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office. Parents must receive an electronic slip before collecting students from 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.**

### HARRISON SCHOOL DAILY NEWS

Just a reminder, that if you wish to subscribe to the Harrison School Daily News you will receive notifications and updates regarding school events. You can also access the school calendar from this site. Please see the link below:

<https://harrisonschoolnews.com/>

### FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family Statements will be sent out over the coming week. Please keep an eye out for it in your child's bag.



### 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)

## HARRISON SCHOOL ART SHOW

The school Art Show is on next week in the Performing Arts Theatre. The Harrison School community is invited to view a range of paintings, drawings and photographic works created by students of all year levels. Thanks to the work of our Japanese teacher, Ms Thomson, the exhibition also includes a selection of artworks sent from our sister school in Japan, Tomio Daisan School. Some teachers have also submitted works to the exhibition. Light refreshments will be provided on Thursday evening. Please come along for a look at some of the fine creative work our students have been making.

### Dates Week 9:

**Thursday 14 September, 5.00pm – 7.30pm**

**Friday 15 September 3.30pm - 5.00pm**

**Opening and prizes: Thursday 14 about 6.00 pm**

**Venue: Harrison School Senior PAT building**

**Admission is free**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Super Duper Performance

Our kinder and pre-school children enjoyed the superhero and villain in our Book Week performance.



### Stephen Michael King and Meerkat Performances

Please ensure you have returned your permission slip and money if you don't want your child to miss these great opportunities (author visit on

Wednesday for Year 1/2 students; Meerkat on Thursday for all Year 3/4 and all 5/6 not at camp).

### Lost Property

As we near the end of term we encourage all parents to come and look for missing items in our lost property area. At the end of term we will donate all unnamed school clothing to the uniform shop and take all non-uniform items to a clothing bin.

### Covering

This term we had a huge amount of new resources to be covered, and it would have taken us weeks and weeks to get through it if it wasn't for the kind volunteers who generously donated their time to help us. You are greatly appreciated!

### Overdue Books

We are sending notes and emails to students next **Wednesday, September 13**. Please remind your child to bring back any overdue items before then.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi  
Teacher Librarians

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING TONIGHT

### Say NO to Family Violence flyer

Harrison Senior School will be conducting a Parent Information Evening. *Please see attached flyer.*

The topic will be "Say 'NO' to Family Violence". This program has been presented to our year 9 and 10 student over the past 3 years.

One of the key messages to the students is "It Stops with you" and as our next generation why should it stop with them? Can't it stop as a community as well?

The Presentation will be conducted by Alan Tongue 2016/17 ACT Australian of the year and Formal Canberra Raiders Captain.

**When – Tuesday 5 September**

**Time – 6.30 -7.30pm**

**Venue – Harrison school Senior PATS building**

Please email expression of interest to –  
[shaun.hodson@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:shaun.hodson@ed.act.edu.au)

Shaun Hodson

Youth Support Worker

## **CUPCAKE SALE and MUFTI DAY**



On **Friday 8 September** we will be selling cupcakes. They will be \$2.50 each. They will be for sale at both the Junior Canteen area and senior canteen areas. This is a whole school event and will be for sale at lunch time only.

On this same day, it is also an out of uniform day for a gold coin donation.

All proceeds are going towards the year 10 Formal, Graduation and end of year celebration.

Thank you for your support.



## **DEFENCE NEWS**

Tomorrow we have the pleasure of taking some of our senior school defence students to the Australian War Memorial for the Battle of Australia Commemoration ceremony. The Battle for Australia covers the period from the Malayan campaign and the fall of Rabaul, Singapore and Indonesia in early 1942 through to the Japanese invasion of Papua and New Guinea, air and submarine raids on Australian towns, battles of the Coral sea, Midway, Milne Bay, the Kokoda Track. We also remember those who contributed to the war effort on the home front. 2017 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kokoda Campaign.

**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:**

- 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)

Emma Marrinan (DTM) available school hours Mon, Tues, Thurs and Wed mornings.

[Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au)



## **DEFENCE KIDS**

This week in activity groups K - 2 have been busy colouring in and playing games and our 3 – 4's had a team challenge! 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).

## **OPERATION LAUNDRY BAG**

**Operation Laundry Bag** is also still running this term if any students from Yrs. 5 to 10 are interested and can sew. Please meet Mrs Brown 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.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to all students who received their rewards or banking certificates, what a fabulous effort for your regular savings. Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward. I encourage you to order your rewards this week, **(week 8)** so that they can be back before the holidays. Don't forget to send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card please so they can be ordered.

Remember if you would like to participate in the School Banking Program, you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack  
School Banking Coordinators

## **P & C NEWS**

### **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](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

### **FATHER'S DAY**

Huge thanks to the parent/carer volunteers who gave their time to the Father's Day Stall. The Stall doesn't make a significant amount of money for the school or P&C but is a great school community building event, and the excitement on the children's faces buying a gift for the special person in their life is joyful. Some children came without money for various reasons; no child left without something, gifts were available for all. So once again thanks to the people that gave their time to make this happen.

## **HARRISON SCHOOL P&C CONSTITUTION CHANGE**

This year's Treasurer realised that Harrison School P&C's constitution had an entry which was not realistic. As the constitution currently stands we should be paying a registered auditor to audit the P&C accounts. Registered Auditors cost thousands of dollars and is above and beyond what the legislation requires. The constitution entry was taken from ACT P&C Council draft constitution and when they were questioned they realised their error and changed the wording. As a result Harrison School P&C are proposing a change in wording to the constitution as follows.

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(2) In any year when the association has a membership of 1000 or more the accounts must be audited by a REGISTERED auditor who is a member of either:

- the Institute of Chartered Accounts;
- the National Institute of Accounts; or
- the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

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- the National Institute of Accounts; or
- the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

Full copies of the constitution will be made available on request via email to

[Jackie@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:Jackie@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au) and will be made available soon on the school website.

Voting on proposed change will takes place at the Special Resolution Meeting held on 20th September at 6.30pm.



## **CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORT CANBERRA BUS NETWORK, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2017.**

On Saturday 7 October 2017, Transport Canberra will be introducing a revised network and timetable. This change is the first of a series of improvements towards an integrated public transport system in 2018 with the introduction of light rail to the nation's capital.

Some dedicated school services have also changed. We ask all parents and students to check their school route timings and maps for changes. This information is available at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

This information including new timetables and maps are now available for parents and students to view on the Transport Canberra website – [schools page](#). You can choose to search by *Route Number* or *School Name*.

We would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to students and parents using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices to start planning travel from Monday 9 October 2017.

Should you have any queries regarding your school service please call 13 17 10.