



Harrison School Newsletter 28 March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 9!

What a big week this one will be; culminating with the Harrison Twilight Fair on Saturday 1 April. We do hope that you and your family will be able to join in what promises to be a spectacular community event between 3.00pm-7.00pm. We extend our thanks to the great team of organisers who have worked industriously to ensure that this year's event will be a fantastic family occasion. Thank you to all community members who have volunteered time to facilitate stalls or help with the administration that aligns to the marketing and planning of this calendar event. Let's be thankful the weather is kind to us on the day!

Year 2 Aqua Safe Program:

Year 2 students have commenced Aqua Safe swim program this week. The concept of the program has been developed as a joint initiative between Royal Life Saving ACT and the ACT Government Education and Training Directorate. Participation for the program is partially funded by the ACT Government. This funding increases accessibility and affordability of the program for all students. AquaSafe is different from traditional learn to swim programs in that it focusses specifically on water safety skills and knowledge that can be applied to a range of aquatic environments. AquaSafe complements existing learn to swim programs and supports children to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to avoid danger and prevent death in and around water. Non swimming Year 2 students and Year 1 students will remain at school to continue with an alternate learning program during the time of daily scheduled swimming lessons.

Charity Fundraiser—Leukaemia Foundation

Year 7-10 school teacher Jennifer McInnes donated her locks and funds raised to charity last week in an effort to raise community awareness of the importance of cancer research.

Diary

Term 1 Week 9

National Youth Week

Kindergarten – Yr. 6 Cricket Clinics

Yr. 2 Aqua Safe Program

Wednesday 29

- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai CAMP - Group 1: 3/4FE, CM, MPO & TW Departs 7:30am
- Yr. 5-10 Assembly – 9:15am Gym
- Indigenous Tennis Come and Try Day Yr. 1 – 6

Thursday 30

- Primary GRIP Student Leadership Conference
- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Coast Camp Departs 1:00pm

Friday 31

- Youth Week Expo 10:00am – 4:00pm – Gym
- Yr. 7/8 Elevate Study Skills Program
- Year 7/8 AIME Program
- Kindergarten Kenny Koala Visit
- Yr. 5-10 Games Club

Saturday 1 April

HARRISON SCHOOL FAIR 3:00- 7:00pm

Term 1 Week 10

Kindergarten – Yr. 6 Cricket Clinics

Yr. 2 Aqua Safe Program

Monday 3

- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai Camp - Group 2: 3/4 JC, DW, DB, DF & JS Departs 7:30am
- Preschool Nutrition Magician Incursion

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



Thanks to all staff and students who participated and supported Jennifer on the day. This was a great opportunity for us to actively demonstrate our pride in a collaborative display of the Harrison values.

Mufti Day Proposal—Last day of term

The Student Leadership Team have proposed a Mufti Day/ Uniform Free Day to occur on the final day of the school term in an effort to raise funds for their chosen charity; Kids Help Line. The student leaders have requested that students donate a gold coin to support the cause.

Whilst we encourage all students to support the student leadership in their successful implementation of this school based initiative, it is important that all student understand their commitment to appropriate attire and a commitment to the Harrison School values so that the day can be enjoyed by all.

Restorative Conversations – What and Why?

Restorative Practices build community and can help 'set things right' when the integrity of the community is challenged by aspects of behaviour.

At Harrison, we aim to build and sustain a positive classroom and community profile through our explicit teaching of and reference to the core values. These values are utilised to engage students in respectful discussions where they are provided with opportunity to be heard and supported towards resolution. Strategies for improved pathways are articulated and discussed and teachers guide and facilitate conversation in an attempt to help students achieve effective resolution.

Restorative practices cultivate a culture in which everyone feels a sense of belonging. They build a particular sense of community in which every member--students, teacher, parent volunteers, and assistants feel that they are *seen, heard, and respected*.

Students at Harrison are recognised for their commitment to the Harrison School values and can

attain a Harrison School Values Award which recognises an individual's effort in displaying these. Classroom discussions and lessons linked to social skills support children to understand expectations and appropriate actions aligned to the positive display of Harrison School values.

Teaching staff work consistently to ensure that high levels of integrity are aligned to Harrison School values and work alongside students to grow their understanding of this importance.

As we approach the conclusion of a busy yet productive term, we continue to apply our high expectations in regard to the application and demonstration of the Harrison School values through courteous, respectful and safe conduct within and beyond the classroom.

When we work together to attain achievable and common goals, the space that we collaboratively create is positive and enjoyable for all that occupy it.

We thank our students, staff and broader community for working with us to maintain and sustain a community we belong to and can feel proud of.

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IMPORTANT

YEAR 3/4 BIRRIGAI CAMP INFORMATION

Students in 3/4FE, CM, MPO & TW need to meet their teachers in the Hall at 7:30am tomorrow morning - Wednesday 29 March.

STUDENT ELECTIVE INVOICES

Student elective invoices for Semester One will be sent out to parents this week.

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.

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.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Lost Property

With the weather we have enjoyed in Term 1, our lost property box now has more drink bottles than jumpers. If you are missing one please come and check out our collection. With the weather we expect soon, PLEASE ensure ALL items of clothing are carefully labelled.

Entertainment Books

The brand NEW 2017-2018 Entertainment Memberships are almost here and we only have a handful of Early Bird Offers left - order your new Entertainment Book **before 29 March 2017** and you'll receive six printed Early Bird Offers or order an Entertainment Digital Membership and your Early Bird Offers will be loaded straight to your phone that you can use right away!

ORDER NOW

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2d6190> .



Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi



HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday 22 March, Harrison School came together to celebrate Harmony Day with a special assembly which showcased the diversity of our school community. At this event we celebrated with a wonderful array of cultural performances, including students from the Deadly Mob, an Irish dancer, a Karate demonstration, Harrison School Drums and students involved in reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in a number of different languages.

We would like to thank all of the people who participated in the assembly, with a particular mention to The Reece Cummings Karate Dojo and Chelsea from Liz Gregory Irish Dancing Academy who gave up their time to perform on the day.

Thank you also to the students and parents who added to the significance of the day by wearing traditional dress. The students looked amazing when classes came together for a parade of costumes. Throughout the remainder of the day, students were immersed in cultural activities, sports and games from around the world.



National Youth Week is an annual, week-long celebration of young people (aged 12–25) throughout Australia.

It is a joint initiative of the Australian, State, Territory and Local Governments. It gives you an opportunity to express Youth ideas and views, and act on issues that affect your lives. It also lets you have a lot of fun.

Each year, all over Australia, events are planned and organised to celebrate and recognise the contribution of young people.

Harrison school will be holding a Youth Expo on **Friday 31 March** with ACT Youth services showing off what they do for Young People in the ACT and the type of programs they run. We will also have other events during the day. Please see the attached flyer for further details

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION YEARS 7 – 10

Are you interested in Geography? Do you want to go places? Then participate in the National Geography Competition.

It is run by The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Inc and the Australian Geography Teachers' Association Ltd and sponsored by the University of Queensland.

Students compete for great prizes – overseas trips to the International Geography Olympiad in Quebec City Canada, trips to Kangaroo Island, SA, books, medals and certificates.

Practice time is being held in the Study Centre, Wednesdays at lunch time, where students will be given support and practice questions.

If you are interested in having a look at what type of questions will be asked, past competition questions can be found at:

<http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/content/downloads>

To be held Friday 28 April, period 3 during PL Time: 35 Minutes.

Cost: Nil!!! (Gotta' love a freebie) – 30 spots are available.

All keen and budding geographers, scientists and mathematicians are encouraged to participate.

See Ms Juliette Walto or Ms Heather Ferguson for further details.

Which has the higher IQ, latitude or longitude?Longitude; it's got 360 degrees!

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SCHOOL SPORT ACT – TEAM TRIALS INFORMATION

School Sport ACT now has an updated website with information regarding all regional sporting events as well as trial information and dates for ACT teams. The website can be accessed at www.schoolsportact.com.au

Registration Process for trials

School Sport ACT now collects all registration information online – this is to prevent the movement to and fro of a paper note and have all information readily available to officials prior to the trial. As this process incurs a fee for data storage, system maintenance and admin a small \$3 fee payment via credit card will be required.

1. Go to the School Sport ACT website – www.schoolsportact.asn.au
2. Click Register (top right corner of homepage) for an Account – enter details and password
3. A confirmation email will be sent to your chosen email that will contain a link that you must click on to verify the email account.
4. Click Log In (top right hand corner of home page) enter password then click on top tab My Profile
5. You will see a 'dashboard' of your information, click green box to Add Student – enter student

and medical details and save.

6. Go to the Sports Tab – choose your specific sport, click on Trial Information box then click on the Register to Trial link.

7. Select your child's name from the dropdown box and then enter the optional fields for Playing History, Preferred Position (if applicable) and Representative Experience.

8. Make the \$3 credit card payment then click to register.

9. An automated email will then be sent to your Principal/School Approver for their approval to trial (no need to take anything to school for the Principal to sign).

10. You will be able to see the process has been complete back in My Profile – once your Principal/School Approver has completed the approval process your child's information will be collated onto a list for the Team Manager and Coach prior to trial.

11. Note the registration process closes two days before the first trial date to allow sufficient time for approval and sharing of collated information.



DEFENCE NEWS

I am excited to be here at Harrison as the new DTM and thank you to those who have welcomed me so warmly. As a past serving member as well as a Defence spouse, I have had my fair share of experience with removals, moves and deployments and many of the issues that go along with them. I hope to use this experience whilst working with you and your children as extra support. During the next few weeks I hope to meet all of the Defence children in Years 5-10 and hopefully be in touch with many of you personally. Should you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to email me, or your children are more than welcome to pop in and see me in H4-G28 during school hours Mon – Thu. Cheers, Samantha.

We have had some Defence members return from deployment this term. Welcome back! We know your families are excited to have you home and we hope

your transition back is going smoothly.

It was so great to see so many of you at the Defence Dinner last Thu night at Gungahlin Lakes. This is a great way of meeting other Defence parents from the school community.

“What Does Anzac Mean to You?” we would appreciate the students to put into words or pictures what Anzac Day means to them so that we may display this in the multipurpose room during the morning tea following our Anzac Day Service.

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

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au or

Samantha.murray@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups this week involved Easter craft activities. 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 2:30, 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.



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COMMUNITIES@WORK

Harrison Out of School Hours Care

Communities@Work provides Out of School Hours Care at Harrison School between 7:30-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm Monday to Friday during school terms, as well as a Holiday Program during school holiday periods.

We are pleased to announce we have been approved for more places, therefore openings are now available. Currently those families already enrolled on our waiting list will be offered places initially, and will be given first priority.

New enrolments will be available to start from Wed 26 April 2017, Term 2

P & C NEWS



TWILIGHT FAIR

The Fair is on this Saturday! 1 April from 3:00-7:00pm

- ❖ HOUSE POINTS for volunteering. Students who volunteer will earn points for your House. Give it a go - it's fun!
- ❖ SIGN UP to help out on a stall. We still have 140 volunteer slots to fill. The Fair can't happen without your help.
- ❖ BUSKERS welcome. Bring your instrument, put out a hat, have a play!
- ❖ COLLECT your pre-ordered fair tickets (unlimited ride wristbands, carnival cards and raffle tickets) on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 8:30 – 9:30am and 2:30 – 5:00pm** at the Ticket Desk in the breezeway between the canteen and the Hall. (You can also collect them on Fair Day from the Ticket Booth in the front carpark)
- ❖ BUY unlimited ride wristbands, carnival cards and raffle tickets this week at

the Ticket Desk. Week 9 prices are \$5 less than on Fair Day. (Carnival Cards will NOT be available on Fair Day.)

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](#)

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