



## Harrison School Newsletter 20 June 2017

Hello Harrison Community,

**Celebrating Students:** Well done to Mayurica J. who was an outstanding Harrison representative last night at the Rostrum finals. Her confident and engaging speech has progressed her to the next round. We wish her all the best! Congratulations additionally to Talon C.D. who won his age group in the Enticer triathlon, an international event in Fiji last week!

**Exhibitions of Learning:** Welcome to Week 9! A big congratulation goes out to our Years 5-10 students for their preparation for Exhibitions of Learning happening this afternoon starting at 5:00pm. If you are unable to attend the exhibition, I encourage you to log on with your child at home and complete it there. Remember to fill out the evaluation form as we use your feedback to shape our future sharing of learning: <http://bit.ly/EOLreflections>

**Future of Education Conversation:** A reminder that you can still take part in the conversation about the changes you would suggest to ensure we have the best possible school system for all children. More information is available at: [http://www.education.act.gov.au/school\\_education/the-future-of-education](http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/the-future-of-education)

**Teachers are Reflective:** As mentioned in last week's newsletter, school reports are coming home shortly. Teachers have been collating information about your child's progress and it's been a good opportunity for us to reflect on the impact we have had on each child's learning. As we write student reports, support students in preparing for exhibitions of learning and analyse our student achievement data, we are asking ourselves the following questions: What are my learners learning? What evidence is informing my answer? How will I respond to what I discover? From this information we will begin the process of planning learning content and designing lesson structures to challenge the development of each of our students in Term 3. Remember that if you have any further

### Diary

#### Term 2 Week 9

##### Tuesday 20

- Yrs. 5 – 10 Exhibition of Learning  
5:00- 7:00pm

##### Wednesday 21

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr.5-10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- ACT 12&U Football
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

##### Thursday 22

- Yr. 7 Drumming
- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Ed Hiking Camp  
departs 9:00am

##### Friday 23

- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Ed Hiking Camp  
returns approx. 4:00pm

#### Term 2 Week 10

#### NAIDOC WEEK

##### Tuesday 27

- Performing Arts Showcase 6:00 –  
7:00pm Senior PATS Bldg.

##### Wednesday 28

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

##### Thursday 29

- Family and Friends Ukulele Concert

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



questions about the education of your child, please contact your child's teacher or year group executive teacher via email or by telephoning the front office.

Have a great week and keep being kind,

Allison

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Bradley P	Inara A	Erin W
Lucas D	Zak Z	Krithika B
Jaidi B	Morgan R	Aayra S
Eloise J	Tejaswi K	Lorrelle R
Jessica M	Mia M	

### 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.**

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three at the North Gungahlin 12&U and North ACT 13&O Cross Country

Competitions:

- Riley R – 1<sup>st</sup> place 8 year Boys
- Tarquin S – 1<sup>st</sup> place 9 year Boys
- Peter V – 2<sup>nd</sup> place 12 year Boys
- Ariana S – 3<sup>rd</sup> place 15 year Girls

#### ACT School Sport Teams

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in ACT School Sport teams to

compete at either the Pacific School Games or Nationals later this year:

- Sarah T – ACT Swimming
- Tiahna N – ACT 15&U AFL
- Grace L – ACT 12&U Touch
- Thomas P – ACT 12&U Rugby League
- Peter V – ACT Cross Country
- Thomas C – ACT Cross Country

### HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND 2017



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

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible.** 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 or sent to school with your child.

Please see the link: [Library Fund](#)

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

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Early Reading Program

We are inviting parents and carers to bring your little ones (0-5) to the library for story time every day next term. We will read a story just after 8.30am and then encourage you to stay

and read to/with your child until bell time.

Children are never too young to read, and research has found that daily reading to young children improves schooling outcomes regardless of family background and home environment. Mem Fox advocates that children need to listen to 1000 books read aloud before they can read for themselves. We want to encourage daily reading by sharing some of our wonderful books with you.

So come to our warm library with your babies and toddlers (and teddies and snuggly rugs if you like!), cuddle up with them and enjoy story time. We will be on hand after story time to chat to parents and provide more information if requested.

#### Other Languages Collection

Attached to the newsletter is a letter explaining a new collection of books we are about to develop. We would love for you to read this letter to see how you can help, especially as we know many families are heading overseas for school holidays or have friends and families living in other countries.

#### Holiday Photos

In preparation for Book Week (coming up in August) we are asking students to take a photo of themselves reading a book in the most interesting location they can think of. More information on what we will do with the photos will be given in term 3 (hint: the Book Week theme is *Escape to Everywhere...*).

#### Lost Property

Please remember to check our lost property area in the library before the end of term, when everything will be recycled, donated or thrown out.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi  
Teacher Librarians

## **YEARS 5 -10 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING**

### **TONIGHT: Tuesday 20 June**

Please have a look at this short clip about our [Exhibition of Learning](#)

**When:** 5:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 20 June (Term 2 Week 9)

**Where:** Harrison School – Years 5 & 6:  
Classrooms, Years 7 & 8: Downstairs in the Mulligan Building (H4) Years 9 & 10: Upstairs in the Mulligan Building

**What:** An evening for your child to exhibit their learning to you.

Students will explain where they are up to in their learning, how they got there and what they need to do next.

The exhibition is student led. Teachers will help students to prepare and be available for support during the evening as needed. All students from 5-10 will go through the process of exhibiting and reflecting on their learning.

The Exhibition of Learning evening is intended as a learning celebration to occur at school. It can alternately be completed from home. If the exhibition of learning and reflection is done from home, please make sure it is completed during Week 9 (19-23 June) as there will be an opportunity for students who have not done so, to share their learning and reflect on their work with a member of our school community in Week 10.

The link to the google reflection form can be found in the link below and will open on 19 June.  
<http://bit.ly/EOLreflections>

*We do not learn from experience ... we learn from reflecting on experience.* - John Dewey

The assessment and reporting process is an important part of your child's education and includes more than just the paper report that comes home at the end of the semester. Students at Harrison are assessed continuously in many different ways and this information is

shared in a variety of formats.

Our Exhibition of Learning evening provides students with the opportunity to share their digital portfolio, showcasing their personal reflections of their learning with teachers, parents and carers at school. We believe this to be an extremely important and valuable part of the teaching and learning process.

## **NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH VISIT FAMILY HOSTS**

Students from Nara University High School have been hosted by various ACT Schools to participate in the Canberra Nara Candle Festival since 2005. This year Nara University HS will be bringing 71 students. We have an opportunity to host some amazing Japanese students for their stay in Canberra from the evening of 25 October until 28 October 2017. If you are able to help out by hosting 1 or 2 students for up to 3 nights, please contact Amy McLeod at [amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au)

## **CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS ROUTE**

From **Wednesday 14 June 2017**, the crossover of Flemington Road at Mapleton Avenue will be closed for **up to 2 weeks**.

**School route 580 will be temporarily diverted through this time**, please refer to the attached map showing this diversion.

## **CHANGES TO TRAFFIC – FLEMINGTON RD**

Maps of the diversion for the below dedicated school services are also available on the [Transport Canberra website](#). For more information please call 13 17 10.

Please be advised that intersection construction works at Mapleton Ave and Flemington Road will be occurring this Wednesday 14 June until 5 July.

Northbound and Southbound traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and it will not be possible to turn right into Mapleton Ave. From 8pm - 6am only all northbound traffic will be diverted onto Manning Clark Crescent - no access onto Flemington Rd. Detours and traffic management will be in place.

Pedestrian access across Flemington Rd will be affected, please see map and all details here: <http://www.canberra-metro.com.au/news/light-rail-out-hours-notice-junejuly-2017-mapleton-avenue-intersection-flemington-road>

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS UKULELE CONCERT**

Thursday 29 June

5:15 Sausage Sizzle

Hosted by Year 10 students fundraising for the Yr. 10 Formal

**Concert 6:00- 7:00pm Senior PATS**

**Building.**

Please RSVP to [Allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au)



## **DEFENCE NEWS**

At this time of the year, we sadly farewell some of our lovely Defence families, and wish you all the best on your new adventures. For those who are moving, have you checked out the Defence Community Hub? <https://www.defencecommunityhub.org.au/>

We congratulate our Defence Students that took part in the ACT Cross Country last Wednesday. We are very proud of your efforts!

As postings will start to become available, we would ask that you kindly keep us informed of any changes to your circumstances. Remember that we provide extra support to your children when mum/dad is absent from home for Defence related reasons, so please keep us informed of courses, exercises etc.

### **Coming Up:**

- DCO Canberra Absence From Home Event – Saturday 24 June
- DCO's Doin' Dinner - Thursday 29 June
- Kookaburra Kids Activity Day – Tuesday 4 July
- ADFA Open Day – Saturday 26 August

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## DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week involved Lego, games and Puzzles for the K-2s and a game of Bingo for the 3-4s. 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 – Year2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch).

This week, the **Senior Chill out session** for Yrs 5 -10 is back in the Mulligans Building Room G29 (Opposite the youth workers office) @ Thursday lunchtime. It would be lovely to see some new faces, as well as the old. Yoga last week was great – thank you Mr Jens Light (Year 5/6) for taking us.

**Operation Laundry Bag** is well underway. Senior students (Yrs.5-10) who can use a sewing machine are welcome to attend the textiles room on Tues lunchtimes to assist with the making of laundry bags for deployed Defence members. Any adults who may wish to help are welcome to attend too – just sign in at the office prior to joining us.



## 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 and other areas of the school such as the library. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office.

## P & C NEWS

Harrison School P&C are holding their monthly general meeting this **Wednesday June 21** at 7:00pm in the school Library. Come along and hear about what's happening in and around Harrison School from the Principal, and keep up to date with the P&C's agenda. All parents are welcome and

encouraged to attend, light refreshments are provided. For more information email: [secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au).

Please see the link below for the agenda for this meeting. [Harrison School P & C](#)

## 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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