



Harrison School Newsletter 17 October 2017

Hi All and Welcome to Week 2!

Whilst last week brought a change to the regular P-4 assembly program, we were met with a beautiful Spring morning (last Wednesday). This enabled us to facilitate an informal program to acknowledge recipients of Harrison Principal Awards and Excellence Awards. Thank you to those parents who joined us at morning line up.

Team Teach Training P-10

Last week staff at Harrison participated in two after school workshops to develop our understanding of Team Teach strategies. The content of the program reflects the latest research findings about the psychology of behaviour management, biomechanics and safe systems of manual handling. The content of this course has enabled us to receive information that supports us to uphold and implement the Safe School Policy.

Attendance and Arrival

To assist us to maintain accurate attendance data it is essential that students arrive at school in readiness for roll call at the commencement of the day – i.e. 9.00am. Important information is shared with students at the commencement of each day that prepares and communicates the daily timetable and any possible changes. Additionally, explicit instructions are delivered that align to aspects of the teaching and learning program. If children are not in class at this point in time and arrive at school beyond 9.10am without an explanation, a partial attendance is recorded and reflected in individual student report data.

Assessment and Ratings Panels – Harrison School

Harrison School is currently facilitating assessment and rating panels which aid system wide recruiting processes of preservice and contract teachers. These interviews enable teachers who are completing their final year of studies or those in contract positions, the opportunity to present their knowledge and demonstrated skill to a panel as a means of

Diary

Term 4 Week 2 Kindergarten PIPS Design Week

Tennis Clinics Yr. 1/2 and Yr. 5/6 Wednesday 18

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yr. 9/10 Drama's in Pyjama's Camp departs 8:00am
- Lip Sync Battle **1:00pm - Gym**
- **P&C Meeting 7:00pm Library**

Friday 20

- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- Yr. 6 Drumming
- Yr. 9/10 Drama's in Pyjama's Camp returns approx. 3:00pm

Term 4 Week 3 Kindergarten PIPS

Tennis Clinics Yr. 1/2 and Yr. 5/6

Monday 23

- Yr. 7/8 ACT Badminton

Tuesday 24

- Preschool Reptiles Incursion PMT-CD, SJ,BZ

Wednesday 25

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yr. 5 Combined Band Excursion

Thursday 26

- Harrison Garden Club Plant Stall 8:15am
- Preschool Reptiles Incursion PTF-CD, SJ, NT

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



achieving a rating that will support employment opportunities for 2018. We extend our appreciation to the staff who volunteered time and energy to facilitate these panels and wish the applicants the best possible outcomes as a result of their engagement in this recruitment process.

Design and Technology Week – 16-22 October

This is the first year that Design and Technology Week is being run across Australia. Mr Bowyer has encouraged participation of our students in this event at both the classroom and community level. This focus enables students to apply the principles of design and technology to experiment, apply, design and make. The Design and Technology website offers some pathways for exploration to those who might like to become involved.

PIPS – Kindergarten

Children in kindergarten will be completing the final stage of PIPS testing over the next two weeks. Mrs Davis, Ms McTaggart and Mrs Fattah will be conducting the assessments with the children and the classroom teachers will continue facilitating the regular classroom program during this time. Individual reports will be distributed to families later this term. These reports summarise the growth made in the areas of literacy and numeracy with reference to the first and last assessments. PIPS testing is only one aspect of assessment and in-class assessment and school based reports should be additionally considered when viewing progress and achievement to date.

Floriade Performance

Congratulations to Harrison School choirs who performed at Floriade on Saturday. The children have eagerly looked forward to this public performance and have been rehearsing diligently with their choir teachers in preparation. Whilst the weather was a little cold and chilly, their spirits were high and their voices strong.

NARA Sister Visit – Week 3

Students from Nara University High School will be visiting Harrison School next week. We look forward to welcoming them to our school and thank our

billeting families for supporting these students during this time.

Lip Sync Battle – Wednesday 1.00pm- 1.50pm

Lip Sync Battle will take place in the Gymnasium for students at 1.00pm on Wednesday. Many thanks to Lisa Oreo and the Year 10 Tech support students who helped out on the day. Congratulations to all students who participated. Funds raised for this event will be donated to Head Space.

Nada
Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Term 3 L J Hooker Award

Congratulations to our L J Hooker Award

Recipients for Term 3:

Saragnya C Bettina G

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Term 3 Week 10

Lojane A	Heath B	Zali F
Suhani S	Ezekiel Y	April S
Jayden S	Patrick T	Dylan D
Ryan G	Tanish B	Madeline McP
Imogen M	Lucy P	Veer G
Ruby R	Ava M	

Term 4 Week 1

Ella H	Grace W	Finn B
Neeha Y	Calais I	Ashton R
Blake R	Sai Shreyansh G	

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.**

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.

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.

STUDENTS ON HOLIDAY LEAVE

If your family is on an extended holiday and will not be back at school before the beginning of Term 1, 2018 Tuesday 6 February could you please complete the form on this link [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office ASAP.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2018

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2018 could you please complete the form on this link [Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#) and return it to the front office to assist us in organising classes for 2018.

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/>

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 October 2017. The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board. hsbparentrep@outlook.com

LIBRARY NEWS

Dates to remember for term 4:

Week 3 - Book Club Issue 7 due on Friday October 27

Weeks 4 & 5 - Book Fair - more details next week

Week 6 - Book Club Issue 8 brochures distributed, due date TBA

Week 7 - last week for borrowing

Week 8 - ALL books due back by Friday November 30

Weeks 9 & 10 - library closed for stocktake

Overdue Books

We will be giving students lots of reminders to look for and return overdue library books this term. Notes and emails will be sent home during weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8. Please contact us as soon as possible if there are any concerns or queries with overdue books.

Pamela Gaukroger

Teacher Librarian

YEARBOOKS 2017

It's time to order and pay for your Yearbook. This is a high quality, full colour book, full of photos showing class activities, special events and programs held during the year. It will be a great memento of the school year at Harrison. Order forms and payment envelopes available at front offices or from the link below:

[2017 Yearbook Order Form](#)

Orders and payment **MUST** be received by **FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017**

LIP SYNC BATTLE 2017



If you would like to come along and watch the Lip Sync Battle this year, it will be presented on

Wednesday,
18 October 2017,
1.10pm – 1.50pm in the
Harrison School Gym

Students are encouraged to bring along a gold coin donation to support the organisation, “Head Space”.

The Lip Sync Battle has been sponsored by The Canberra Centre, Better Music and Snedden, Hall and Gallop Lawyers and prizes include a \$100 Canberra Centre Voucher and 2 Ukuleles from Better Music.

GARDEN STALL



The Harrison Garden Club will be running a plant stall on Thursday the 26 October (week 3). We will be selling some vegetables that we have grown plus a variety of plant seedlings that would be great in your Spring Garden!

We will be outside the hall from 8:15am onwards. Hope to see you there.

2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year’s entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student’s on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. **Note;** not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known, a pass is not issued).

For Further Enquiries please contact:
Student@transport.nsw.gov.au



DEFENCE NEWS

Kookaburra Kids has some exciting activities coming up for children who have or are living with a parent who has experienced extreme stress or mental illness due to the impacts of Military service. There is no requirement for the parent to be the serving parent and this program is for serving and ex-serving families. Further information can be obtained from: www.kookaburrakids.org.au So far we have heard lots of positive feedback about their camps and activities.

Also congratulations to the Mums from Harrison school who performed recently at the Australian War Memorial as part of the Australian Military Wives Choir!

Deployments: Is your family currently enduring Deployment, or will be shortly? Be sure to let your child's teacher and the DSTA/DTM (as appropriate) know so that we may support you and your family during this time. Often families believe that their children will not be affected during this period of long term absence but it can be a big adjustment, so if we can all work together, the journey may be easier.

Coming Up:

Defence Christmas Dinner @ The District in Crace – Friday 3 November

Remembrance Day Service – Friday 10 November 9.15 (Gym)

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri.

Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

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

Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

This week in activity groups we have been playing games and making bracelets etc using loom bands. Next week we will be doing Halloween craft! 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 is also still running this term if any students from years 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 1:30 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.

P & C NEWS

Monthly Meeting

Harrison School P&C are holding their monthly general meeting this **Wednesday 18 October**, 7:00pm in the Library. Items on the Agenda include:

- Car Park
- Fundraising
- Canteen
- Coding from Ozcode Academy
- Improving Communications between home and school

- Franklin Early Childhood School – Zoning Issues
- Update from Principal Jason Holmes

Laura Jean \$20 Family Portrait

Fundraiser

12 November 2017

For a \$20 donation you will receive a 10"x13" family portrait and keyring; a 15 minute photography session with a professional photographer; 4 pose portrait sitting with the option to purchase additional portrait packages at inexpensive prices.

To book visit the following link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.trybooking.com/SNNI>

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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