



## Harrison School Newsletter 1 November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is flying by and it's hard to believe we're in Week 4 already! To further reinforce our school Values we have used them as focal points during the 4 terms of this year. For this term our focus is on Integrity and Resilience. These values will be highlighted through awards and messages throughout the term.

### Uniform

Thanks to the parents and students who responded to the message in my article from Week 1 about students wearing the school uniform everyday. Our students look great, and while there are still a few pockets of students to continue our work with, I have noticed a difference. If you're not sure about the uniform requirements, here is a [link](#) to the Harrison School Uniform Policy and requirements

### World Teachers Day

Last Friday was World Teacher's day. As part of the recognition of this day, I asked staff to take time to reflect on the very important work we do as teachers and to celebrate their achievements in relation to their professional growth, challenges and success they've seen with their students. I hope you can take some time to think on this too and if you feel your child's teacher is making a positive difference, drop them a line to let them know - it will make their day! I am very proud of the quality of learning and care for students Harrison teachers provide. I happily tell anyone who will listen how lucky Harrison students are to have such dedicated teachers who are passionate about all students developing and achieving their potential.

### Executive Conference

On Sunday and Monday the Harrison School executive team had our annual executive conference. It was a great opportunity for us to get together and dedicate time to thinking about our school in the context of continual improvement. This year we focused on Innovation in

## Diary

### [2016 Calendar](#)

#### Term 4 Week 4

#### BOOK FAIR

#### Music Count Us In

#### Ride Safe to School Week

#### Wednesday 2

#### BOOK FAIR

- **2017 Preschool Information Session**
- Senior School Assembly 9:15am – Gym

#### Thursday 3

- Kindergarten to Yr. 10 Orientation Day for 2017
- ACT 13+ years Athletics Championships
- Music Count Us In
- SUPA CLUB
- Alan Tongue Aspire Program Yr. 9 Students

#### Term 4 Week 5

#### BOOK FAIR

#### Tuesday 8

- Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Session 1 Monday/Tuesday classes

#### Wednesday 9

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Whole School Transition Day 10:00-11:00am

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



Education, our executive structure and how we continue to work effectively as one school, strengthening the links across the school. We worked hard for the 2 days and I think a number of us felt quite exhausted by Monday afternoon. We certainly appreciated the opportunity to do this and I'm very grateful that I'm in a position where I can take the executive team out for a school day and know that the school will run brilliantly and terrific learning will continue to happen. Many thanks go to the teachers who were back at school and ensured this was the case.

### Awards

I'm off to the ACT Public Education Excellence Awards on Thursday to cheer on a number of our staff who have been nominated. I'll let you know how they went in my next article in Week 7 and I know you'll join with me in wishing them the best of luck.

Staff have also been busy nominating students for our annual ACE Awards where we celebrate the achievements, citizenship and endeavour of our students. The ACE Awards ceremony is in Week 9 and invitations will be sent out shortly to parents of students receiving awards.

### Visitors

Last week we had a number of visitors from Nara University High School. The students enjoyed the homestays immensely and were made to feel very welcome by the families who hosted them. At school they had 'rockstar' status and Harrison students enjoyed interacting with them. Many thanks to the families who opened their homes and hearts to our visitors. It was a great display of community and our school Values of Inclusion, Teamwork and Respect. A huge thank you also to Amy McLeod, who did an amazing job of organising and coordinating the homestays and visit to Harrison School for the students and a number of their staff.

### A Bit of Light Reading

We often celebrate achievement and success and highlight this. I came across this [article](#) on the

weekend and thought I'd share it with you to highlight the importance of failure in the learning process. While the idea of celebrating failure may seem somewhat foreign, if you consider it through the lens presented in the article it has value. This is especially when you persevere and see for the learning it provides- you have found a way that didn't work, so you need to try something different next.

Jason.

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Zak Z	Amelie S	Haram U
Yousef Z	Chrystal B	Delaney P
Lalith P	Ashley P	Ben A
Jordan C	Brady H	

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Recipients:

Levi J	Shrihaan T	Ava B
Lauren W	Morgan R	Lily B
Riley O'S	Indigo N	Kai S
Charlotte L	Madin W	Mansari B
Naru H	Alessandra L	Lalith P
Laasya S	Miguel O	Andy P
Syra S	Lauren Y	Santiago G
Jessie W	Stanley D	Jack H
Makayla B	Claire B	Towlawee N
Nina M	Brady D	Harrison G
Alex L	Aarushi C	Vishaal V
Benson M	Zakanya Z	Jade B
Narah G	Romeo T	Shivani R

### MUSIC COUNT US IN



This year we are celebrating "Music Count Us In" over two weeks to showcase the wealth of talent we have at Harrison. There will be a variety of student performance and interesting workshops that students and parents can attend. Please look at the attached timetable to see what performances are happening each day and if you are available you are welcome to come and

listen.

On Thursday lunch time during Week 4 we have a Singer Songwriter's tribute session held in the SAS Music Room. It is for musicians (beginner to brilliant) to come and perform a song that is written by an artist who inspires them. Anyone is welcome to perform. It is not a big concert- more of a workshop session where you can perform to other like-minded people. As an example of the great acts we will have, Mr P. from 3/4 will be sharing a song written by his dad who is a folk singer and song writer and has performed internationally! If you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Edmonds. Allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au

## LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC

## BOOK FAIRS

### Wednesday 2nd November - Friday 11th November

Our Scholastic Book Fair is starting on Wednesday. This will be a great opportunity to look at a range of quality books suitable for toddlers to teens. It is lovely to see the children getting so enthusiastic about books and reading at the fair, and it is also a fabulous fundraiser for our library.

Each class up to year 6 will be visiting the fair to write a "wish list". No doubt you will see this wish list when it comes home; it is a good way for students to communicate their favourite books to you, and it can also be used as a payment form. Please know that we emphasise to children that it is NOT an order form until they have discussed it with you. Year 7-10 students are very welcome to come to the fair too as there will be fabulous titles for teenagers.

The fair is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm daily in the library, with a special **Family Evening time on both Thursdays: November 3 and 10 from 3.00pm - 6.00pm.** You are also welcome to come with your child's class; the timetable for class visits can be found on our webpage via this link. We accept cash and will have EFTPOS available.

[BOOK FAIR TIME TABLE](#)

Pamela Gaukroger Teacher Librarian

## 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, 2017 Tuesday 31 January 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

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2017 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 2017.

## 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.

## CIT MUSIC COMPETITION

Congratulations to Aimee G from Yr. 10 who participated in the recent CIT Music Competition and won the People's Choice award.

Well done Aimee.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

As we all know Remembrance Day is approaching and the 9/10 team is organising our school service. As a part of the service we are creating a slideshow and would like to incorporate images submitted from members of our school community. If you have images of a family member who has participated in active duty in war zones or peacekeeping operations both past and present (examples include World War One and Two, Vietnam, East Timor, Solomon Islands etc.) that we could use, please email them to the email address below. Please make sure images are emailed by the **28/10/16**.

Thanks for your support!

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## HARRISON SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION



Harrison School presents the smash-hit musical comedy **MAN OF STEEL**. Faster than a speeding bullet train, this is a superhero adventure like no other. Join our hero on his quest to save the world and his heart from everlasting destruction. Presented by 9/10 Drama, it's a hilarious adventure you won't want to miss!

When: Tues 22 and Wed 23 Nov, 7:00pm, Senior PATS building

All Tickets: \$7-

Bookings online only via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/NMYE> (please note, tickets **cannot** be purchased via the front office)

Juliet Moody

Drama Teacher

## END OF YEAR CONCERT



**HEADS UP for THE END OF YEAR CONCERT:** If you are filling your calendar with end of

year events now is the time to 'save the date' for our brilliant end of year concert. The End of Year Concert is a big school event that is really valued by our school community. We love for everyone to be involved in some way and it's a great opportunity for us to showcase our P-10 school. The concerts run over two nights and two matinees with different items on each day. They happen at the same time as the learning exhibitions so you have the opportunity to see all that our community has done this year. **Class performance nights will be finalised and advertised in Week 6. Dates for the concerts are:**

### TUES. 29 November

EOY Concert and Exhibitions of Learning

Matinee: 11am

Evening Gala: 6:30pm

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## ICAS RESULTS AND CERTIFICATES

The ICAS results have now arrived for all three tests. Parents and carers of students who received a Distinction or High Distinction in one or more test have been informed and invited to the whole school assembly on 9 November. All other participants will receive their certificates and results after this assembly and no later than Friday 11 November. If you have any questions about this please contact Jayde Condon ([jayde.condon@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jayde.condon@ed.act.edu.au)).



## DEFENCE NEWS

Don't forget if you would like to join us for our final Dinner Date for this year to RSVP. Please join us next week for Remembrance Day on Friday the 11 November at 9:15am in the gym. A request

has gone out in the newsletter from Ms Sadler for images of family member/s who have participated in active duty in war zones or peacekeeping operations both past and present to be part of a slideshow. If you have any photos you would like to share with our school community please email them to

[rebecca.sadler@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.sadler@ed.act.edu.au). Poppies will be available to purchase for a Gold Coin donation next week for Remembrance – all money will go to the Gungahlin RSL. Poppies will be sold before school, recess and lunch. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Dates to Remember:

Dinner Date – George Harcourt – Friday 4 November  
7:00pm RSVP - 1 November 2016

Poppies: Week 5 Monday 7 November to Friday 11  
November Gold Coin Donation

Remembrance Day Assembly: Friday 11 November,  
9:15am in the Gym

Sarah McGavin available Mon – Wed and Fri school  
hours.

[sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)

Jo Wurth available Mon-Thurs, school hours.

[joanne.wurth@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:joanne.wurth@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE KIDS

This week we made some gorgeous masks for Melbourne Cup Day – they were very creative. Please remind you children about our lunch groups - they are held in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Junior Hall. Defence Friendship group, for students enduring long term absence of a parent (Mon recess); Kinder – Year 2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch). Remember, if you haven't popped in to see us yet, grab a buddy and come on in! Please remind your child if they are in Years 5 – 10 about the Seniors Chill Out Session Thurs lunch in the H4 building downstairs room G26 near the open class area.



## HARRISON HEARTS

Every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30 in the Hall MP Room, this volunteer group is open to all community members. We would love to have you join us in our now nice warm room with comfy cushions 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 and that you will need to have or apply for a Working with Vulnerable People Card should you wish to join us. Again Thank you so much to all of our loyal regulars, your work is very much appreciated by all of the teachers we have supported!



## SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to all students who received their latest certificates yesterday – what a great effort with your savings. Thank you to all students who have sent in their latest reward requests, we have ordered these rewards and they will be sent out to you when they arrive.

Don't forget we have two new rewards this term, the Wriggly Glow Worm (slinky) and the Bush Fly Fan. Can you please remember that the final week for reward orders this term will be **week 8**, so please send in your tokens and rewards card as soon as you have 10 tokens.

If you would like to be part of the School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth bank branch.

Happy Savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack  
School Banking Coordinators