



Harrison School Newsletter 18 October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome to Week 2 Term 4. **Big thanks** to the P&C for hosting, to the teachers for supporting and to families who attended the P-4 disco last Thursday night. It was lots of fun and parents, I hope you were able to come in and enjoy the opportunity to eat some delicious food and get to know others a little better.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP: Thank you to our 5/6 Teachers for the organisation and smooth running of the team camp. Camp participants enjoyed the rope challenge and experienced cooking on the camp fire. As always, our students were lovely representatives showing our school values!

FLORIADE CHOIR PERFORMANCE: Congratulations to our Aspire Choir for their amazing performance at Floriade on the weekend. The quality was outstanding and we should be very proud of how they looked in their Harrison uniforms!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: A quick reminder that the car parks across the road from the school are either resident car parks or for businesses. They are not for school drop off parking. We encourage you **not** to park there. In addition, please be aware, that **for the safety of children** at our adjacent child care centre, their carpark is only for their clients and staff.

Thank you to parents for your flexible support around fire evacuations at Harrison. Yesterday's alarm happened right at the end of the day and we thank you for your support in waiting during the evacuation. In our process, once an evacuation has been called anyone at school or coming on to the school grounds is required to move to the evacuation area and remain there until the fire officers have given the 'all clear'. At this time, students are expected to stay in their class groups and under the supervision of their teachers. We thank you for your understanding that at these times the teachers need to focus on their

Diary

[2016 Calendar](#)

Term 4 Week 2

Kindergarten PIPS

Wednesday 19

- Senior School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- **P & C Meeting 7:00pm Library**

Thursday 20

- Yr. 1/2 National Museum Excursion
Yr. 1/2 AJ/DN/JH/JS & SA
- Alan Tongue Aspire Program Yr. 9 Students
- SUPA CLUB

Friday 21

- **BOOK CLUB Due**
- Senior Games Club

Term 4 Week 2

Kindergarten PIPS

Music Count Us In

Monday 24

- Yr. 7/8 ACT Badminton

Tuesday 25

- Yr. 1/2 National Arboretum 'Our Place' Excursion
- Preschool Reptile Incursion

Wednesday 26

- Junior School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Year 7/8 AIME Day
- 2017 Yr. 7 Information Session

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



students to ensure that they are in the one area. We ask that parents/visitors to the school stand back from students to allow space for teachers to manage their safety.



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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Have a great week and keep being kind to each other,

Allison Edmonds

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Maira K	Havish K	Cooper McL
Lucy P	Neet C	Gabriella H
Hannah P		

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.

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.

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.

STAFF INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Jayde Condon and I am taking over the role vacated by Deb Sayers for Term 4. I have been teaching for seven years and have taught everything from Kindergarten to Year 6 and up until now, I have been teaching at 5/6 class here at Harrison School. One of my roles this term will be managing the transitions for students in the Junior Area of the School. If your child is showing significant anxiety about the 2017 school year, please contact me via email (jayde.condon@ed.act.edu.au) for more information about the structures we have in place to support your child.

HARRISON SCHOOL LIP SYNC BATTLE 2016

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME

Friday 21 October 1:10 - 3:00pm

The Harrison School Lip Sync Battle will be held on

Friday 21 October at 1:10pm on the Gym. All parents are welcome to attend.

HARRISON SCHOOL WINS ACT WRITING PRIZE

Congratulations to Harrison School, Anja S and 56JC! This week it was announced that Harrison School took out the overall schools' category in the Pens Against Poverty Writing Competition, run by Anglicare in the ACT.

Harrison School was awarded the overall schools prize for quality writing this week. This reflects the quality teaching of writing that is occurring in our school P-10.

The competition had 27 schools across the ACT enter, including local and well known private schools. Jackie French, the well-known childrens', author was the competition judge.

5/6 JC entered their stories and one student Anuja S. has been awarded a prize, yet to be revealed at the ceremony on Friday 21 October. We wish Anju well and will keep our fingers crossed for her, during this suspenseful period.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

We have our second book fair this term. It will be held in the library from Wednesday November 2 till Friday November 11. More specific information will be in following newsletters. Please be aware our last 2 book club issues will be either side of the book fair. Issue 7 brochures are out this week, with orders due back on **Friday October 21**. Issue 8 brochures will be distributed straight after the book fair, and will have a very short collection period.

EXCITING NEWS

We have been lucky enough to be offered at short notice a school visit from author Aleesah Darlison.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 19 October. She will be speaking with some classes from Year 1 – 6. Be sure to ask your child/ren if they were lucky enough to meet her.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7

DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 21

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!

rebecca.sadler@ed.act.edu.au

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL P & C SPECIAL RESOLUTION MEETING

This Wednesday 19 October at 7:00pm
in the Harrison School Library

**Due to a number of family relocations the P&C has
several vacancies
that must be filled in order to continue to operate:**

President
Vice President
Secretary
Minutes Secretary
Communications Coordinator

We cannot stress enough how important it is we fill
these roles to enable the P&C
to continue to provide essential services such as the
Canteen, Uniform Shop,
Social activities, Facebook Page, or Community
Morning Tea.

Please consider nominating for one of these roles to
benefit our school community.

For more information please contact
harrisonpandc_comms@outlook.com

Snacks, tea, coffee and cold drinks provided



DEFENCE NEWS

Well we don't know about everyone else but we would really like to see some warmer weather. We are still hearing about all of the wonderful trips, places that were visited and people seen during the school break. It sounds like there was lots of fun to be had. We are now getting to that time of the year where families will be getting ready for a removal and their next adventure. If this is your family, please let us know so that we can support your children and you through this exciting time.

Dates to Remember:

Dinner Date – George Harcourt – Friday 4 November

7:00pm RSVP - 1 November 2016

Remembrance Day Assembly: Friday 11
November, in the Gym

Sarah McGavin available Mon – Wed and Fri
school hours.

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

Jo Wurth available Mon-Thurs, school hours.

joanne.wurth@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

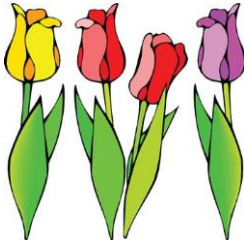
We are back to playing games and lego again this week. Please remind you children about our lunch groups - they are held in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Junior Hall. Defence Friendship group, for students enduring long term absence of a parent (Mon recess) it was lovely to see the children again after the break; 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!

P & C NEWS
FLORIADE BULB AND FLOWER STALL



The Floriade Bulb and Flower stall will be held on Tuesday 18 October from 8.30 - 3.30pm including drop-off, recess, lunch break and pick-up times

Bulbs 50c each. A dozen for \$5.

Many thanks to the Horticulture students, Garden Club and P&C volunteers.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is always looking for volunteers, so if you have as little as an hour to spare, it would be greatly appreciated by the canteen staff. Just come and introduce yourself at the canteen.

Please see the attached menu or link below for the 2016 Canteen Menu.

[2016 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

[NEW FLEXI_SCHOOLS LINK IN STUDENT ID CARD YR.](#)

[7 - 10](#)