



## Harrison School Newsletter 25 July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 2!

### Junior School Professional Learning – Primary (P-6)

Harrison School staff completed professional learning during the recent period of stand down to expand our knowledge and skill related to Inquiry teaching and learning. Kath Murdoch presented a plenary session where the following points were raised and articulated:

- *When children recognise that they have strong agency over learning, they take control and become readily engaged in their own learning.*
- *A teacher's disposition to learning additionally influences how their learners will learn.*
- *Inquiry is an approach that allows the learner to learn about themselves as a learner*

Teachers collaboratively analysed and reflected on their current units of inquiry with consideration given to: ***What do teachers do to nurture the learner as an inquirer?***

The following practices were identified to shape and nurture children as young, effective inquirers:

**Cultivate curiosity** – ask children to share their questions, model this, organise the environment to evoke this

**Use questions** – can grow thinking or shut it down. Use questions to drive learning

**Keep it real** – How does the inquiry connect with our lives?

**Release responsibility** – Be prepared to allow the learner to lead and stay open to possibilities

**Make connections** – teach children how to look for themes and patterns

**Notice** – what is happening?

**Collaborate** – Use the expertise that exists in your community

**Get personal** – Know your students as people and as learners

**Build learning assets** – Build learning capacity and grow independence

## Diary

### Term 3 Week 2 Kindergarten Health Checks

#### Tuesday 25

- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics
- **K – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 3:30-5:30pm**
- **Harrison School Board Meeting 5:30pm**

#### Wednesday 26

- Uke Project 8:15am
- EALD Parent Morning Tea 9:00am Library
- Yrs. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Harrison's Got Talent 1:00pm
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Equine Assisted Learning Program

#### Thursday 27

- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics
- **K – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 4:30-5:30pm**

#### Friday 28

- **MUFTI DAY – Black & White Chess Theme**
- Limelight Rehearsal

### Term 3 Week 3

#### Monday 31

- Preschool Learning Journeys Mon/Tues Group
- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics

#### Tuesday 1 August

- Preschool Learning Journeys Mon/Tues Group
- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics
- ICAS English

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

### [2017 Calendar](#)



Harrison teachers were energised by the day of learning and look forward to implementing learning gained to enhance current planning and teaching practice.

### **Harrison's Got Talent – Wednesday lunchtime 26 July Gymnasium**

The leadership group is focusing on the school value of inclusion. They are planning to hold a talent show for anyone in Years K-10 who wants to perform or watch. The talent show will be held at lunchtime on Wednesday July 26, week 2 in term 3 and will be held in the gym. The day before (Tuesday July 25) there will be a dress rehearsal/ sound check at lunch.

### **Exhibitions of Learning P-4/Contributing to the Future of Education Conversation**

Over the next two weeks parents and carers are invited to participate in Learning Exhibitions that are scheduled for all children P-4. Please refer to previously distributed information or the school calendar to check the most suitable time for you to attend. Students will guide you through aspects of their learning journey, provide insight in to what they have learnt and reflect collaboratively with you on the future learning direction.

Parents are additionally invited to contribute to the **Future of Education** conversation which is a current Education Directorate incentive to gather voice across the community about the future direction of Education in the ACT.

The Directorate is hoping to receive feedback across five areas:

#### **Experience and aspirations:**

- What works or could be improved in our system?
- How do we best meet the long term educational and well-being needs and aspirations of all our children and young people?

#### **Goals and outcomes:**

- How do we make sure our education system is the best for all students?
- How do we make sure our vulnerable

children and young people have high quality education and care?

- What do we want students to achieve?

#### **Education style and approach:**

- What should education be offering to the community?

#### **Education practice and service delivery:**

- How do we make sure the way we teach suits all learning styles
- What are the places, structures, teaching approaches, and learning cultures that best meet the needs and aspirations of students?

#### **Performance:**

- What does success look like?
- Do students have a way to succeed in a way that suits them?

We are encouraging our community to add to the ongoing conversation through response to one or more of the above areas/questions. This can be done by completing a postcard with written comment at your child's Exhibition of Learning and posting it in the envelope in your child's classroom or by visiting [www.yoursay.act.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.act.gov.au)

Nada

### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Charlotte B	Elena V	Mishka K
Josie M	Ella J	Tanshu T
Patrick T	Yeji B	

### **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.**

## HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held this evening Tuesday 25 July 2017. The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board. [hsbparentrep@outlook.com](mailto:hsbparentrep@outlook.com)

## DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR HARRISON SCHOOL

A Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) provides assistance and support to the children of Australian Defence Force members as they move from school to school and during times of parental absence.

The DTM would develop and implement a range of resources and activities to assist these children and their families to integrate into the school community and to increase their ability to cope with the military lifestyle.

This is a contract position starting ASAP until 15 December 2017 and is for approximately 18:45 hours per week. The continuation of the position beyond this date is dependent on funding from the Australian Department of Defence.

The DTM is an employee of Harrison School and is responsible to the School Principal or nominee for everyday activities.

Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the DTM role description and selection criteria from the school office.

Applications due by the Close of Business on 26 July 2017

Applications are to be submitted to Harrison School - Attention Debbie Carne

For information relating to this position please contact Debbie Carne on 61422200

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Early Reading Program

8.30 - 8.50 every day this term! Come to the library and snuggle with your little ones and listen to a story. Sitting close with your child when reading will result in associating reading with feeling warm, safe and happy; this in turn helps develop a life-long love of reading.

### BOOK CLUB DUE

Friday 4 August  
Pamela Gaukroger  
Teacher Librarian

## HARRISON'S GOT TALENT

Next semester the leadership group is focusing on the school value of inclusion. We are planning to hold a talent show for anyone from Kindergarten – Yr.10 who wants to perform or watch. No lip syncing is allowed; save that for the Lip Sync Battle. The talent show will be held at lunchtime on Wednesday July 26, Week 2 in Term 3 and will be held in the gym. Please complete the sign up form by following the link below. We will also have information on the school blog as well as posters around the school. The day before (Tuesday July 25) there will be a dress rehearsal/ sound check at lunch.

<https://goo.gl/forms/GoBX3ptWcJxWzgDI2>

Everyone is invited and entry is free and we will be collecting donations for the school charity (Kids Helpline) if you or your students wish to donate.

7-10 Student Leaders



## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September** or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths-Gungahlin and Franklin stores.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



## DEFENCE NEWS

I would like to welcome Joel Caskie who is assisting me for the first 3 weeks of this term whilst we advertise for a new DTM. He has been busy meeting the defence children in the senior end of the school and visiting some classes.

As posting orders are starting to come out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU etc.) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

**Coming Up:** Tyler the Turtle (Kinder) Wednesday 2 August  
Deployment Talk (Yrs. 5/6) Friday 4 August  
ADFA Open Day Saturday 26 August

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri. [Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE KIDS

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.



## HARRISON HEARTS

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## SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to all students, we hope you all had a fabulous holiday and managed to stay warm. Another term means new School banking rewards and we're excited to launch the Term 3 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball



Don't forget that our Future Savers Grand Prize competition finishes at the end of Term 3 2017! Students will need to have made 15 or more School Banking deposits for their chance to win an unforgettable family trip to Tokyo Disneyland. Remember School Banking is processed every Wednesday, you just need to keep banking every week to be eligible to enter the competition and to collect your tokens to be

eligible for the rewards – it doesn't really matter how much money you bank, you just need to bank every week.

If you would like to be part of the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank or visit

[www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Have a great term and Happy Savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack  
School Banking Coordinators

## **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](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

## **P & C NEWS**

### **HARRISON FAIR 2018**

This year's fair was well attended and highlighted the amazing community not only at Harrison School, but the wider community in general. As well as a day that had our children praised for their behaviour and manners; had people laugh, smile, enjoy great rides, food, and time with friends, Harrison School also raised in excess of \$21,000. Every cent of this goes straight back into Harrison School to benefit the students.

Harrison School P&C would like to start planning next year's Fair. In order for the Fair to go ahead, we need a team of people to start preparations now. The Fair Coordinators need volunteers to head up specific tasks. Volunteers will be guided through what is needed based on the success and challenges in managing this year's Fair. Volunteers need to be able to work independently, whilst feeding back to the Fair coordinators. Support will always be on hand. Some Roles requiring cover are:

Volunteer recruitment and Ticketing  
Marketing and Promotions  
Sponsorship Coordinator  
Monster Raffle Coordinator  
Market Stall Coordinator  
Food Stall Coordinator (x2)  
Music/Performances  
White Elephant and Book Stall  
Plant Stall  
Cake Stall

The Fair will not go ahead next year without parents/carers volunteering a little time and support. If you feel you can offer time and support please contact

[Fair@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:Fair@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au)