



HARRISON NEWS



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Hello Parents, Carers and Community,

NAPLAN

Welcome to Week 3. Today our Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students started this year's NAPLAN assessment. We use NAPLAN standardised data to look at progress trends and consider the impact of our teaching practice related to Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Mathematics. For individual students, it is information we consider in the context of the many other assessments and checkpoints we have for our students. Last week our Year 4 prefects shared some perfect advice with our Year 3's when it comes to feeling pressure about the test: "Remember to stay calm, be focussed and do your best. Everything will be fine." If your child is feeling a little anxious, please please let their homeroom teacher know and know we will be supporting them to feel prepared and confident about doing their best.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Make sure you come along for the Mothers' Day Breakfast this Friday starting at 8:15am for bacon, eggs and a cuppa. All donations will go toward breast cancer research. It's a great opportunity to come and chat with other families, catch up with teachers and feel the community spirit. We also invite you into the classroom straight after the bell for some maths activities with your children.

SOJOURNER

Sojourner is a fantastic writer's magazine initiated by some of our Year 5/6 Teachers, Mr Kirsopp, Ms Corrigan and Ms Howse. The name Sojourner comes from the Mars explorer rover 'Sojourner' and represents someone that is always moving forward. The magazine gives students a fantastic opportunity to edit and publish their own work. As they are striving to connect with the readers it spurs students to consider and challenge their writing craft to become better and better writers. The Sojourner team will be sending out information to Year 5-10 students

Diary

Term 2 Week 3 MOTHER'S DAY STALL NAPLAN BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 10

- Yr. 1/2 Well Station Excursion - 1/2SA ,DN, JH, PG & KR
- Yr.5 – 10 Assembly – CANCELLED

Thursday 11

- Preschool Wiradjuri Echoes Incursion
- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Rock climbing
- Gungahlin College Open Night

Friday 12

- **MOTHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST**
- Yr. 9/0 AIME Program
- Yr. 9/10 Business Studies Market Day

Term 2 Week 4 BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 16

- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Rock climbing

Wednesday 17

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

Friday 19

- Harrison School Athletics Carnival Ages 8 – 9 yrs.

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



about a student writing camp (afternoon sessions) held during Week 6. Each afternoon the students can work toward their individual writing goals and participate in writer's workshops and talks by guest speakers.

To see more about what our students have been up to in Sojourner:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ed.act.edu.au/nautilus/home>

Kind regards,

Allison Edmonds

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Sofia L	Praneel V	Luka M
Jhaedon Y	Nathan McC	Zane A
Isabella P	Anabela S	Cody M
Amelia F	Lucy J	Matilda G
Annabel L	Sarvagnya C	

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.

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: **Students Name and Excursion details.**

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 12 May



Please join us for a bacon and egg sandwich, fresh fruit, tea and coffee at Harrison School's annual

Mother's Day breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8:15am on Friday 12 May at the junior netball courts (near the library). Don't forget to wear **pink** and bring a \$2 coin for breakfast per person. All money raised goes towards the Breast Cancer Foundation.

After breakfast, mums, families and special guests are warmly invited to visit their children's classrooms for some maths activities.

2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just a reminder that Preschool enrolments for 2018 are now open. Due to the high demand within the school priority enrolment area we advise that you complete the online application as soon as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Fair

Our Book Fair started today, which has caused lots of excitement in the library. Each P-6 class will be visiting the fair this week or next to complete wish lists. You are welcome to join your child, or volunteer to help children with writing the wish lists. The fair is open **every morning from 8:30am and every afternoon until 4:00pm**, until next Friday May 19. We will also stay open for families on **Thursday 11 and 18 until 6:00pm.**

If you would like to purchase anything from the Book Fair we accept cash, credit and EFTPOS, or you may also like to pay online following directions on the back of the wish lists.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

SPORTS NEWS

ACT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week we had eight students represent Harrison at the ACT Swimming Championships held at the ACT. Congratulations to Thomas P, Chloe P, Piper G, Katie G, Jaidi B and Emma T who participated in the 12 & Under Championships and to Sarah M, and Sarah T who competed in the 13 & Over Championships. There were many personal best's swum, congratulations swimmers.

International Competition for Australian Schools 2017 (ICAS TEST for Years 3 - 10)

Please give consideration towards having your child/children participate in ICAS testing this year. We are offering opportunities for students to participate in English and Mathematics competitions. The tests provide an opportunity for all Year 3 – 10 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results on English, Mathematics and Science. The competition is run by The University of NSW with certificates given for High Distinctions (top 1%), Distinctions (next 10%), Credits (next 25%), Merit (next 10%) and Participation for all other students. A university medal is given for the top candidate in the whole competition.

The **closing date** for participation and payment is **Friday 19 May 2017**. Cost for participation is outlined below as well as sitting dates.

English – Tuesday 1 August 2017 \$9.00

Mathematics – Tuesday 15 August 2017 \$9.00

All of the tests - \$18.00

Please be aware that students who are away for the ICAS sitting date will miss out as they need to be posted back the day after sitting.

Please note that Science will only be offered in alternate years and therefore will be offered again in 2018.

There is a note attached to this newsletter inviting students to participate in the International

Competition for Australian Schools. Alternatively, you may obtain one from the front office.

Jayde Condon

ICAS Coordinator

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YEAR 5 – 10 NEWS

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING EXPERIENCE (AIME)

On Friday 5 May, our year 9 and 10 students began their AIME journey for the year, participating in their first program day for 2017. This year we have joined a new group and the experience takes place at the University of Canberra (UC). Our students mingled with schools from across the north side of Canberra and met their mentors who are current students from UC. The program enables a relationship to grow between the AIME mentor and the school mentee as they work together throughout the year, learning about identity and sharing the experience together. We started Day One with an engaging video by Jack Manning-Bancroft (AIME CEO) that gave the students a background about the history of AIME and the success stories of Indigenous Australians that help the student's understand that they too, have the power to make a difference.

Students split into different groups, learning how to DJ, rap, zen-tangle, playing basketball and craft time. We are so lucky to be a part of the AIME program because it allows our students to learn about their culture in an exciting way and how they can play a big part in the growth and positive awareness surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander success within our country.

Heather Ferguson AIME Contact Teacher

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HaSS)

National Geography Competition

On Friday 5 May, 30 students from Year 7 to 10 participated in the National Geography Competition which is sponsored by Macquarie University and The University of Queensland.

Students took the opportunity to test their skills in: topographic map reading, analysing data and statistics, human impact on the environment and geographic landscapes, climate and weather changes.

This competition provided students with the opportunity to test themselves and their knowledge and understanding against their peers across Australia. All students will receive participation certificates and some will receive specialist awards for excellence. This is the first time the competition has been run at Harrison School and we look forward to a continued culture of participation and excellence in the field of HaSS for our students.

Congratulations to all those who participated.

National History Challenge

The HaSS faculty are working towards supporting students to participate in the National History Challenge. The theme this year is *"Making a better world?"*

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots. It emphasizes and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation.

Any students interested can contact their HaSS teacher for further details. If you are keen to have a go and want to see some examples of past research winners visit the sight below for some very inspirational and informed research which has been presented in numerous media.

<http://www.historychallenge.org.au/2016-winners/>

News items by Heather Ferguson (HaSS Teacher) and Juliette Walto (HaSS Learning Area Leader)



DEFENCE NEWS

This week is a busy week with our Defence Students. Yesterday, some of our Year 8 students enjoyed a day at Birrigai with Defence students from other

schools in the area. You will be able to read about what they got up to in next week's newsletter. Tomorrow some of our Year 1 students will be taking part in the Tyler the Turtle Program which is run by the Defence Community Organisation (DCO). The program is a one off, 90 minute session which aims to assist younger defence children to identify and manage worries that can arise from living the Defence lifestyle.

Last week there were a large number of Defence students who were selected for and took part in AFL and touch footy gala days, as part of the Harrison School teams. It was great to see so many Defence students getting involved!

May the Fourth be with you... The Seniors Chill Out Session last Thursday was a celebration of Star Wars Day. We made light sabres, did Star Wars find-a-words, made Yoda and Darth Vader puppets, listened to Star Wars music and watched Lego Star Wars clips. Lots of fun was had.

DCO recently started advertising their National Families Week at Questacon. This will take place on Sunday 21 May and is a free event for Serving members and their families. RSVP is essential please email: dco.canberra@defence.gov.au by COB 15 May 17 with the number of adults, children (including ages of children).

Coming Up: Tyler Turtle Program – Wednesday 10 May
DCO National Families Week @ Questacon – Sunday 21 May
Defence Dinner – Friday 2 June at Frankies at Forde.

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray
Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au or
Samantha.murray@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week have involved some Mother's Day craft! (We hope you like it) 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).



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

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day Stall Class Roster

Mother's Day is approaching on Sunday 14 May and Harrison School P&C is once again proud to operate the Mother's Day Stall - a chance for your child to purchase a low cost high quality gift for their mother or special person in their life.

Stalls will run on the 8/9/11 and 12 May, and each class from Pre-school-6 will have a window of time to come and view/buy gifts. Fliers have been sent home with times your child will participate and information will be posted on the Facebook Page also.

Students in years 7-10 will be able to purchase gifts, if they wish, during recess on any day the stall will be open.

We also need volunteers to help run the stall on these days from 9:00-11:00am, or 11:00am-1:00pm. If you can help please email yvonne@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Facebook

Did you know Harrison School P&C has its own Facebook Page? Join our community and keep up to date with events happening with the P&C as well as within school.

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC/>

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, just 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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