



Harrison School Newsletter 7 November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As predicted, this term is flying by! With only 28 school days remaining this year it's a good time to remind children of the importance of looking after their social and emotional well-being and finishing their year of learning strongly. We're approaching a time that can be somewhat stressful for students as they complete assignments, prepare for tests, rehearse their concert items and continue to refine their electronic portfolios. I shared an article with teachers last week that outlined some ideas for helping students to have a *brain break* to help them de-stress and refocus. While the statistics are from America, the activities are universal. If you'd like to have a look at it, you can find it [here](#).

Events

It was great to meet the group of new parents and students at the preschool information session and K-10 induction morning last week. There were some very excited children at the end of the sessions! This week we have our last whole school assembly, a Year 7 2018 information session and parent tour, our Book Fair and a Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday. I look forward to seeing some of you at these events.

P&C

This Sunday the P&C has organised a \$20.00 Family Portrait Fundraiser Day. When I last checked there were 4 spots left. If you're interested you can book [here](#). On 4 December the P&C have called a Special Resolution Meeting (SRM) to present the 2015 and 2016 financial audits. Our December General Monthly Meeting will commence at the conclusion of the SRM.

To help with communication, the Room Parent Coordinator (Penny) has set up the following FB groups for 2018. I encourage you to join.

Harrison School Preschool 2018 Harrison School Year 1/2 2018
Harrison School Kindergarten 2018 Harrison School Year 3/4 2018

Diary

Term 4 Week 5 BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 8

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yr. 7 – 10 Senior Bandstravaganza Rehearsal
- **2018 Yr. 7 Information Session**
5:30 – 6:00pm – Tour
6:00 – 7:00pm – Info Session

Thursday 9

- Preschool – Kindergarten Transition
- Alan Tongue Yr. 9 Aspire Program

Friday 10

- **Remembrance Day Assembly 9:15am Gym**
- Yr. 6 Drumming
- Yr. 9/10 ANU Jewellery Workshop
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:30pm

Term 4 Week 6

Monday 13

- Yr. 7 – 10 Bandstravaganza Performance

Tuesday 14

- Yr. 6 Bandstravaganza Rehearsal

Wednesday 15

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yr. 6 Bandstravaganza Performance
- **P & C Meeting 7:00pm - Library**

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



Harrison School Year 5/6 2018
Harrison School Year 7/8 2018
Harrison School Year 9/10 2018

School Review

Last term I mentioned that we were undergoing school review, a rigorous process of external evaluation of our progress towards our 5 year strategic plan priorities. I will share more detail at a later stage and thought I would take this opportunity to summarise the commendations and recommendations that will inform our strategic plan for the next 5 years.

Commendations

- The Harrison Way
- Our commitment to inclusivity and support for the diversity of our school population
- The professionalism, dedication and commitment of the leadership team and staff
- The strong visible learning and inquiry-based philosophy and consistent pedagogical approaches in the school.
- A strong focus on social and emotional learning

Recommendations for future school improvement

- Ensure the next strategic plan has a narrow and sharp focus on core learning priorities
- Continue to build a culture of self-reflection in the school through classroom teaching observations and coaching
- Continue to develop the school's universal practices and build them into an explicit school-wide framework for learning and teaching
- Regularly review strategic partnerships
- Develop a whole of school curriculum plan that reflects a shared vision for learning from Preschool to Year 10
- Continue to explore how parents can be encouraged to be partners in their children's learning

If you'd like to read the full report you can find it on the [School Board page](#) in the Community section of the school website.

Jason.

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/>

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.

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.

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.

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.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair



Our Book Fair is being held in the library from **Tuesday 21 October until this Friday 10 November.** Opening times are 8:30am – 3:30pm. Parents and families are of course welcome to visit during these times.

All classes from Preschool to Year 6 will have time at the fair to browse through the books for sale and write wish lists. We do remind students that the wish lists are not order forms, just in case they forget that purchasing is optional and needs to be discussed at home! Please come along and enjoy the fair!

Overdue Books and Notes

Overdue notes will be printed (P-4) or emailed (Years 5-10) this Wednesday. Please help your child look for and return any overdue books before then. **All books are due back by Friday 1 December.**

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi
Teacher Librarians

2018 Yr. 7 INFORMATION SESSION

We will be holding a 2018 Yr. 7 Information session for current Yr. 6 students continuing to Yr. 7 and all new Yr. 7 2018 students, parents and carers. The information session will aim to introduce key people and information about Year 7 at Harrison School and answer questions about preparing for next year.

When: Wednesday 8 November

5:30pm - 6:00pm –School Tour

6:00pm – 7:00pm – Information Session

Where: **Harrison School Hall**

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: [2017 Yearbook Order Form](#)

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



2017 HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 November.

Tickets for the End of Year concert will be available for the front office from 8:30am Wednesday 15 November and we are asking for a contribution of \$2.00 per ticket. You do not need to obtain tickets for your child/ren if they are performing. As always any financial contribution to the school is voluntary and please note if you require financial support to contribute to tickets, please contact the front office.

Please see the attached document for the Concert Timetable or the link below: [2017 End of Year Concert Class Timetable](#)

Arianna Cansdell – Concert Coordinator

HARRISON SCHOOL 2017 DRAMA PRODUCTION



Disney's Alice in Wonderland Junior - presented by Harrison School

The students of Harrison School present a musical adventure - Disney's Alice in Wonderland. Don't miss your chance to step through the Looking Glass in pursuit of the White Rabbit for a hilarious Unbirthday celebration that will have you Zippideedoodahing all the way! A 70 min magical adventure that you won't want to miss - a fun night for the whole family.

When: Wed 22 and Thurs 23 Nov @7:00pm

Where: Senior Performing Arts Building, Harrison School

All tickets \$5.00- and available for purchase online using the following link:

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



FRESH TASTES at HARRISON SCHOOL

Harrison School is a part of Fresh Tastes, an ACT Government service that help schools make healthy food and drinks a bigger part of everyday life for our kids. Harrison School is in our second year and already we are seeing positive changes in our school's food and drink environment. Fresh Tastes is helping our school build on the great work we are already doing to teach our students about different types of healthy foods, growing and cooking healthy food and making food choices that are best for growing bodies!

Watch a short video on the 'About Fresh Tastes' page of this website: www.health.act.gov.au/freshtastes.

Fresh Tastes has partnerships with local organisations and businesses who share a commitment to improving children's health in Canberra. Some of these partners may work with us over the next couple of years to help us achieve our goals.

This year and leading into 2018, we have chosen to focus on Food from Home. We have an action plan on how we will achieve these changes in our second year.

If you would like any further information, please contact our Fresh Tastes Coordinator at amy.blackburn@ed.act.edu.au

For further information

Website: www.health.act.gov.au/freshtastes

Phone: (02) 6205 1452

Email: freshtastes@act.gov.au



**BUY A POPPY
GOLD COIN DONATION
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Nov 2017
Central Area before school**



DEFENCE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday night for our final dinner for the year. It was lovely to catch up and farewell those that are leaving us. This Friday we will be holding our Remembrance Day Service at 9:15am – please join us if you can in the gym and for Morning Tea afterwards. We have started selling Poppies for a Gold Coin donation and will be for the remainder of this week of Remembrance – all money will go to the Gungahlin RSL. Poppies will be sold before school and at recess each day.

During week 7 we will be having a Farewell morning tea for the Defence students that are leaving us at the end of the year. More information will come how to those families we are aware of this week. If you are moving on and haven't yet informed us please do so ASAP we wouldn't want for your child/ren to miss out.

Coming Up:

- Remembrance Day Service – Friday 10 November 9.15am (Gym)
- Harrison Hearts/Parent Farewell Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 15 November @ 1:30pm (Multi-Purpose Room – Jnr Hall)

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 doing some Christmas 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).



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.

COMMUNITIES@WORK OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Communities@Work provides Out of School Hours Care at a number of schools across the Canberra region. This includes Before School Care, After School Care and School Holiday Programs.

Enrolments for OSHC in 2018 is open and available via our website

For further information visit:

<https://commsatwork.org/services/children/?category=out-of-school-hours-care#services>

or contact Children Services Enrolments Team (CSET)

enrolments@commsatwork.org ph: [1300 212 273](tel:1300212273)

Families within our system will receive an email from our enrolments team.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to all students who received their rewards or banking certificates last week and today, what a fabulous effort for your regular savings. Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward. I encourage you to order your rewards soon as the last week for ordering rewards this term will be **week 8**, so that they can be back before the end of year holidays. Don't forget to send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card please so they can be ordered.

Remember this term we have new rewards for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Pencil and Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



P & C NEWS

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](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)