



HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 28 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we're in Week 5 already! Students and staff are definitely into the swing of things and learning is progressing well across the school. Unit outlines or term overviews have been sent home. If you haven't received one, please contact the teacher of the class or the school office so these can be organised for you. A number of excursions/incursions to enhance the learning in classrooms have already occurred and I thank you for your support of these events. We are continuing our focus on Learning Intentions and Success Criteria in all classes this year, giving students clear information on what they will be learning (not what they will be doing) and how/when they know they have been successful.

Harrison School Twilight Fair

The Twilight Fair (1 April - the end of Week 9 of this term) will be here before we know it. The P&C, teachers and students have been working hard to ensure this is a successful event that helps bring our community together. Please make sure you have it in your diary as we'd love to see you all here.

Aqua Focus

The Harrison School swimming carnival and aqua fun day have already happened and as Ms Ford mentioned in her article last week, it was great to see staff and students working together, showing the Harrison Values even though the weather was a little chilly. For our competitive swimmers, age champions will be presented at this week's whole school assembly on Wednesday. If your child is receiving an age champion medallion you will have received notification and I hope you're able to make it to the assembly.

School Photos

School photos are on from 6-9 March and you should have received the envelopes for ordering (again, please contact the school office if you

Diary

Term 1 Week 5

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know You Interviews
Yr. 3/4 St John's First Aid Incursion
Mon- Thurs

Tuesday 28

- Harrison School Board Meeting 5:30pm

Wednesday 1 March

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly – 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Aspire Program Alan Tongue
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

Thursday 2

- Yr. 7 Drumming

Friday 3

- Deadly Nob Excursion to National Museum
- Yr.5 – 20 Games Club 3:00 – 5:30pm

Term 1 Week 6

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 6

- GRIP Secondary Leadership Conference

Wednesday 8

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly – 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Aspire Program Alan Tongue
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Welcome BBQ Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students and Families

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



haven't). The photos are an excellent way to 'capture' memories and I know I don't need to remind students or parents about wearing full school uniform for photos as this is an everyday expectation at Harrison. Information will be coming as to when different classes will be photographed. You may receive an additional permission note for photos shortly and I ask that you return this as soon as possible to the school.

Playground Supervision

I have noticed a number of students arriving at school from 8:15 in the mornings and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents that playground supervision at school starts at 8:30am. I ask you to ensure that your children are not at school before 8:30 unless they are enrolled in before school care or there is an organised, supervised school activity happening. Morning supervision is also limited to three areas of the playground, being central south, the library and middle square.

Students with Disability Survey

The Education Directorate is currently undertaking an evaluation of support for students with disability in Canberra public schools. To inform this work we are seeking a wide variety of views on how we best support both students and schools.

The Directorate is consulting with students, families, school staff, peak bodies and leading practitioners to ensure a wide variety of views are considered.

We would like to invite the Canberra community to contribute to the review process by completing a short survey or providing a written submission. Information on how to contribute is at http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/students-with-disability-review.

This is an important review and your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

We are in the process of working with Communities@Work to provide additional spaces in the outside school hours care program at Harrison.

This process has been happening since early this term and I'm sorry it's taking so long. The Communities@Work application is currently with CECA, the ACT's Regulatory Authority under the Education and Care Services National Law and we will let you know as soon as we hear from CECA.

Construction

Work is on schedule (revised schedule) for our new building being constructed between Well Station track and the Woodland Building. The new building will provide space for an additional 200 students. After delays to the project due to the initially contracted company not being able to honour the timeline they had set, it will now be ready for us to use at the start of Semester 2. Learning for students hasn't been disrupted by the delay and we are continuing to use our flexible approach to learning and teaching that uses combinations of classrooms and open learning spaces to provide high quality learning.

Car park

Our P&C have done a terrific job collaborating with the school around the car park changes you have experienced from the start of this term. From my perspective, the car park seems to be flowing much better and pick up/drop off zones are being used correctly, allowing this process to occur quicker and with greater safety for students. Thank you for your support of this initiative. I know the P&C will seek feedback on the current temporary changes before considering long term changes.

Articles I've been Sharing with Staff

To finish off this week I thought I'd give you a bit of an insight into some of the readings I've been asking staff to do as part of our whole school focus on quality learning. The readings aren't long and serve to provoke thought, conversation and reflection and to provide ideas or strategies that can be used in class (or at home). If you have a few spare minutes, please take a look.

[10 Ways to Foster Student's Independent Thinking Skills](#)
[Self Assessment Questions for a Growth](#)

[Mindset](#)

[What Makes A Master Teacher](#)

Pamela G, one of our librarians, also provided a link to the [Student Wellbeing Hub](#), an interactive version of the National Safe Schools Framework which has information for parents, teachers and students.

Jason Holmes

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

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| Isabelle B | Lola B | Ethan D |
| William O | Dennis H | Claire B |
| Emily S | Natalie P | Amelia B |

Congratulations to our Award Recipients:

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| Lachlan B | Benjamin L | Tiani T |
| Aiden L | Brianna J | Jacob R |
| Lauren M | Lachlan C | Jahaan S |
| Kirat N | Aashna S | Hanna W |
| Jacob G | Veer G | Yash R |
| Jimmy P | Connor G | Sanah MS |
| Annalise S | Alaz A | |

HARRISON SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo envelopes went home last week.

School Photos will be held from

Monday 6 to Thursday 9 March 2017.

PRESCHOOL PHOTOS

Preschool Photos will be taken on Tuesday 7 and Thursday 9 March 2017

The class schedule can be found on the Harrison School website at the link below:

[2017 Class Photo Day Schedule.pdf](#)

Sibling Photos

Sibling photos will be taken before school between 8:00am and 8:50am from **Monday 6 to Thursday 9 March 2017.**

Parents can take siblings attending Harrison School to the Hall between the time and dates above.

Sibling Photo envelopes are available from the Front Office.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENT INFORMATION CHECKLIST

This week, your child/ren will receive a student information checklist. This information reflects student details which are held on our computerized record keeping system. There is often a need to contact parents of children at the school for various reasons. We are aware that contact numbers and email addresses often change and we need current information at school.

Please check the details and make any corrections required, **even if there are no changes** please sign the form and return it to school by **Friday, 3 March 2017.**

EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: Students Name and Excursion details.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the Library. Please come in to have a look for any items you may be missing. Just a reminder to parents and carers to please label **ALL** items that come to school. Also please check that your child has their own items when they come home and if they belong to other students please return them to the class teacher.

LOST SCOOTER

WHITE MGP scooter, if found please contact the front office.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We have one parent and one student position that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2017. Nominations for the Harrison

School Board open at **11:00am on Thursday 16 February** and close at **11:00am on Thursday 2 March**. Nomination forms are available from the front office. If you wish to nominate for the School Board and would like to know what the position entails please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Holmes. The contact email address for parent representatives on the School Board.

hsbparentrep@outlook.com

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 February 2017. The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board. hsbparentrep@outlook.com

HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND



Harrison School has established a special **LIBRARY FUND** to continue to build the school's library and information resources.

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible if paid within the 2017/2018 financial year.** Under our tax laws all donations to public libraries qualify as a tax deduction - our library being in a public school meets this criterion.

This fund gives our school the chance to build a quality reading and reference facility and provide selected electronic information services for our students.

All donations, no matter the amount, are invaluable. The important thing is that they will be used to support your child's education.

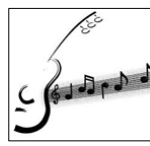
If you wish to donate, or if you have a business which may like to consider a gift, we would welcome any contributions.

Donations to the Library Fund can be left at the school office, sent to school with your child or by Direct Debit. If paying by direct debit please ensure that you enter details of students name and a description of the payment.

Please complete the attached form or the form can be found on the school website at the link below: [Library Fund](#)

On behalf of all the students at Harrison School, we thank you for your donation.

Harrison Ukulele Project (HUP):



Every Wednesday

8:15-8:50am in the Music room located in the Library.

Looking forward to making music with you!

Allison Edmonds: allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE NEWS

Our Anzac Day Service will be held on Friday 7 April (Last day of Term 1) we are wondering if anyone from our Defence community would be interested in taking part in the service with either a speaking or wreath laying role. If so please contact us as soon as possible.

If you have posted into Canberra recently and are interested in the Education Assistance for your child please contact us. Please be advised that some changes have been made to the Education Assistance Process by DCO. These changes require you to submit the Education assistance forms to the DCO Family Helpline. Please note that you could be waiting up to 21 days for approval and tutoring reimbursement only occurs once you have approval. Reimbursements now happen quarterly in line with the school term. If you have concerns about this please raise the issues with your local Defence Families Australia (DFA) delegate.

Coming Up: Dinner Date – Thursday 23 March @ Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club. If you are interested in attending please let us know. More info will follow shortly.

ANZAC Day Service – Friday 7 April 9.15am in the gym.

Sarah McGavin and Jake Provan

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DEFENCE KIDS

During activity groups this week the children have had great fun using paper plates, coloured papers, feathers and string to make hot air balloons. 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) will commence this Thursday at lunchtime in Room H4/G26 (Mulligans Building).



HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi-Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30, this volunteer group is open to all community members 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome to all the new students to our school. We hope you have settled in well.

Harrison School participates in the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking Program which has great benefits to both the school and students. Our school received over \$1,500-00 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank from all our new accounts and regular deposits.

This year's School Banking theme is 'Future Savers' and we will be taking you on a wild adventure through to Savings Hover Park – an exciting hi-tech metropolis where you'll learn to master smart savings habits. We hope some more students join us on our exciting adventure.

If you would like to be part of the Commonwealth School Banking program you simply need to open a

Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch. We sent out parent information packs to everyone in Preschool to Year 6. It contains more information about the School Banking program and also our rewards cards. If you are in High School and are interested in the program, there will be information packs at the senior office for you to collect.

We look forward to many more 'future savers' joining our great program this year.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

P & C NEWS

CAR PARK



We would like to remind you that the Car Park is a 10km Shared Zone. This means the car park is shared safely between vehicles and pedestrians. It also means drivers are required to give way to pedestrians at all times. Drivers travelling at lower speeds are better able to control their vehicles and safely avoid impact with other road users – our students.

TWILIGHT FAIR

Saturday 1 April 2017 3:00 – 7:00pm

Our Fair cannot operate without volunteers. We need help with set up, on the stalls, or with clean up. Sign up for an hour (or more!) at <http://bit.ly/Fair2017>

From 06 March, you can pre-order your Unlimited Ride Wristbands; Carnival Card; and Raffle Tickets through www.flexischools.com.au. See the attached leaflet for full details

Contact Jackie or Olivia at Harrisonfair@hotmail.com

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 see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

[NEW FLEXI SCHOOLS LINK IN STUDENT ID CARD](#)

[YR. 7 – 10](#)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second –hand Uniform shop opens every Wednesday from 8:30 – 9:30am.