



HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 13 June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harrison School is such a vibrant community and I'm always amazed at the variety of achievements and talents our students show both at school and in the community.

Our congratulations go to Isabella Ortiz in Year 6 who performed on Saturday with Peter Combe in his "Belly Flop in a Pizza" shows at the Canberra Theatre!

We have had many students representing the school at north side and ACT cross country events and sporting teams participating in carnivals. It is always great to hear how they have gone on their return. I am always so proud to receive comments and emails from staff, parents, organisers and members of the community about how well our students represent the school in their sportsmanship, respect, teamwork and demeanour. The compliments we get on the behaviour of our students not just when representing the school in sports, but whenever we take groups of Harrison students out of the school, are always glowing and positive.

As we reach the end of Term 2 it is important that all students take stock of where they are on their learning continuum and consider how they might ensure they have demonstrated their learning by the end of this term. This is particularly so for our Year 9 and 10 students. Behaviour, attendance and academic performance are required to be satisfactory for the award of a Year 10 certificate. There is still time for students to ensure their end of semester report reflects their abilities. Please encourage your son or daughter to be diligent in their classwork and in ensuring all work is submitted by the due date.

I'm excited for the upcoming Exhibitions of Learning 5-10. I love to hear students reflect on their achievements on the goals they set for themselves at the start of the year. It is always a lovely moment to sit with a student while they take you through their digital learning portfolio and discuss their achievements with the evidence present in the work

Diary

Term 2 Week 8

Monday 12

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 13

- K – Yr. 6 League Clinics

Wednesday 14

- Uke Project 8:15am
- P- Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- ACT 12&U and 13&O Combined Cross Country
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

Thursday 15

- K – Yr. 6 League Clinics
- Yr. 7 Drumming

Term 2 Week 9

Monday 19

- K – Yr. 6 League Clinics

Tuesday 20

- K – Yr. 6 League Clinics

Wednesday 21

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr.5-10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- ACT 12&U Football
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

Thursday 22

- K – Yr. 6 League Clinics
- Yr. 7 Drumming
- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Ed Hiking Camp departs 9:00am

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



samples they have collected. If you cannot make it into the school for the Exhibition of Learning night please take the time next week to sit with your child, or arrange for them to sit with a significant person for them (brother, aunt, cousin) and have them take you through their portfolio and reflect with them on their achievements and “where to next?” in their learning. And don’t forget to complete the online reflection tool ☺

Year 7-10 students have just completed their electives and enrichment choices for Semester 2. All students will be notified of their Semester 2 timetable before the end of term. Changes in electives will be possible, but limited, in the first week of Term 3 only.

Hoping everybody had a great and relaxing long weekend.

Thanks
Jacqui Ford

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Lynn K Lachlan L Ankush M
Aaron K

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: **Student Name and Excursion details.**

HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND 2017



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

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible.** 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 or sent to school with your child. Please see the link: [Library Fund](#)

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Lost Property

Urgent: Please make sure your children’s clothes are labelled. There are a number of unnamed jumpers and hats that will be going to the Uniform Shop at the end of term. We have 31 drink bottles, 16 lunch boxes and a number of containers and utensils that will either be thrown out or donated to the kitchens if not claimed. We also have school bags, shoes, non-uniform items and toys. Please come and look if you are missing anything!

RETURNING LABELLED ITEMS

If you find that your child/ren have bought home any items of clothing that do NOT belong

to them or are labelled with another child's name could you please return them to the school so that it can be returned to the correct student.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Our school is participating in this year's Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Students from Pre-school to year 8 will record the books they have read, aiming to read at least 15 by September 8 in order to complete the challenge. Some students will be bringing the form home and some students will be completing the challenge at school. There are many ways parents and families can be supportive to encourage children to complete the challenge, with more information on the CMRC website

www.education.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/chief_ministers_reading_challenge

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi
Teacher Librarians

NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH VISIT FAMILY HOSTS

Students from Nara University High School have been hosted by various ACT Schools to participate in the Canberra Nara Candle Festival since 2005. This year Nara University HS will be bringing 71 students. We have an opportunity to host some amazing Japanese students for their stay in Canberra from the evening of 25 October until 28 October 2017. If you are able to help out by hosting 1 or 2 students for up to 3 nights, please contact Amy McLeod at amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au

CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS ROUTE

From **Wednesday 14 June 2017**, the crossover of Flemington Road at Mapleton Avenue will be closed for **up to 2 weeks**.

School route 580 will be temporarily diverted through this time, please refer to the attached map showing this diversion.

CHANGES TO TRAFFIC – FLEMINGTON RD

Maps of the diversion for the below dedicated school services are also available on the

[Transport Canberra website](#). For more information please call 13 17 10.

Please be advised that intersection construction works at Mapleton Ave and Flemington Road will be occurring this Wednesday 14 June until 5 July.

Northbound and Southbound traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and it will not be possible to turn right into Mapleton Ave. From 8pm -6am only all northbound traffic will be diverted onto Manning Clark Crescent - no access onto Flemington Rd. Detours and traffic management will be in place.

Pedestrian access across Flemington Rd will be affected, please see map and all details here: <http://www.canberra-metro.com.au/news/light-rail-out-hours-notice-junejuly-2017-mapleton-avenue-intersection-flemington-road>

YEARS 5 -10 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING

Save the Date: Years 5-10 Semester 1 Exhibition of Learning Evening Tuesday 20 June

Please have a look at this short clip about our [Exhibition of Learning](#)

When: 5pm - 7pm Tuesday 20 June (Term 2 Week 9)

Where: Harrison School – Years 5 & 6: Classrooms, Years 7 & 8: Downstairs in the Mulligan Building (H4) Years 9 & 10: Upstairs in the Mulligan Building

What: An evening for your child to exhibit their learning to you.

Students will explain where they are up to in their learning, how they got there and what they need to do next.

The exhibition is student led. Teachers will help students to prepare and be available for support during the evening as needed. All students from 5-10 will go through the process of exhibiting and reflecting on their learning.

The Exhibition of Learning evening is intended as

a learning celebration to occur at school. It can alternately be completed from home. If the exhibition of learning and reflection is done from home, please make sure it is completed during Week 9 (19-23 June) as there will be an opportunity for students who have not done so, to share their learning and reflect on their work with a member of our school community in Week 10.

The link to the google reflection form can be found in the link below and will open on 19 June.

<http://bit.ly/EOLreflections>

We do not learn from experience ... we learn from reflecting on experience. - John Dewey

The assessment and reporting process is an important part of your child's education and includes more than just the paper report that comes home at the end of the semester. Students at Harrison are assessed continuously in many different ways and this information is shared in a variety of formats.

Our Exhibition of Learning evening provides students with the opportunity to share their digital portfolio, which holds their personal reflections on their learning with teachers, parents and carers at school. We believe this to be an extremely important and valuable part of the teaching and learning process.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS UKULELE CONCERT

Thursday 29 June

5:15 Sausage Sizzle

Hosted by Year 10 students fundraising for the Yr. 10 Formal

Concert 6:00- 7:00pm Senior PATS Building.

Please RSVP to Allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE NEWS

We are currently working on activity plans for Semester two – keep an eye out for different programs as they come on line!

Good luck to everyone competing in the ACT Cross Country tomorrow – half of our school team are Defence students! Great to see you all in there, doing so well.

As postings will start to become available, we would ask that you kindly keep us informed of any changes to your circumstances. Remember that we provide extra support to your children when mum/dad is absent from home for Defence related reasons, so please keep us informed of courses, exercises etc.

Coming Up:

- Yoga for Senior Students – Thursday 15 June (lunchtime)
- DCO Canberra Absence From Home Event – Saturday 24 June
- DCO's Doin' Dinner - Thursday 29 June
- Kookaburra Kids Activity Day – Tuesday 4 July

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

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DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week involved drawing for the 3-4s. 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).

This week, the **Senior Chill out session** for Yrs 5 - 10 is a **Yoga Session**, Thursday lunchtime in the Middle School Dance Studio. Would love to see some new faces, as well as the old.



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 and other areas of the school such as the library. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office.

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](#)

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