



Harrison School Newsletter 10 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4

All of our Harrison Values are important and in Term 4, Resilience and Endeavour really come to the fore. Students will continue to be challenged in their learning and there are a number of events such as the ACE awards, concert, exhibitions of learning, reports, and for our Year 10s, graduation, that will impact students. This is where being part of a supportive community will also stand our students in good stead - strong relationships with staff and peers and having someone to 'lean' on when things are tough is important and one of the great things that our Harrison community provides.

Morning Supervision

I have been noticing a number of students arriving at school early in the mornings and I wanted to remind you that playground supervision starts at 8:30am and ask that you do not drop students off or send them to school before this time. The morning playground supervision is also limited to the main quad where P-4 morning line up occurs, the library and Middle Square.

Uniform

The start of Term 4 marks the change from our winter uniform to our summer uniform. I reminded students of this at our last whole school assembly along with the message that the school expects every student to be in school uniform every day, with the exception of sanctioned special dress days (e.g. mufti days, Harmony Day). I also thanked the students who are doing the right thing and wearing the uniform, showing commitment to the Harrison School community, and let students know that as a whole we will be 'upping the ante' in relation to those who were choosing to not wear the uniform. Our uniform policy and requirements can be found on the [school web site](#).

Diary

Term 4 Week 1

Wednesday 11

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am
CANCELLED
- Yr. 7 -10 Healthy Relationships Special Assembly 11:30 – 1:30pm - Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

Thursday 12

- Cyber Safety Presentation – Yr. 7 Students and Parents 1:50pm

Friday 13

- Cyber Safety Presentation – Yr. 7
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:30pm

Saturday 14

- **Floriade Performance**

Term 4 Week 2

Kindergarten PIPS

Tennis Clinics Yr. 1/2 and Yr. 5/6

Wednesday 18

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Tennis Clinics Yr. 1/2 and Yr. 5/6
- Yr. 9/10 Drama's in Pyjama's Camp departs 8:00am
- **P&C Meeting 7:00pm Library**

Thursday 19

- Tennis Clinics Yr. 1/2 and Yr. 5/6

Friday 20

- Tennis Clinics Yr. 1/2 and Yr. 5/6
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- Yr. 6 Drumming
- Yr. 9/10 Drama's in Pyjama's Camp returns approx. 3:00pm

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

2017 Calendar



Car Park Safety

The P&C have put a large amount of effort into improving the flow and safety of our car park. Thank you very much to those of you who continue to use the drop off/pick up zones properly, continuing to circulate the car park and stopping only to pick up or drop off your children when they arrive. I'd like to say this is universal, but there are still some parents who are using these zones (blue curbing) for parking and waiting. The P&C and the school don't have the 'people power' to supervise the car park every day so we are relying on parents to model our school values, particularly respect and integrity (doing the right thing even when nobody's watching) when using the car park.

Year 7-10 Special Assembly on Wednesday 11:30am, Week 1

We were one of three schools in the ACT to be offered the opportunity to hold a Healthy Relationships assembly for our 7-10 students. Presented by the Canberra PCYC, the assembly will raise awareness about respectful relationships and taking a stand against violence. Speakers include Anjela Barker (Young Australian of the Year 2011 (VIC)), along with representatives from police, government and community services.

The content and concepts covered in the assembly may be confronting for some students and as such an 'opt out' note was sent home with all year 7-10 students yesterday. Please return the note or send an email to amy.lambert@ed.act.edu.au (7/8 students) or stephen.crabb@ed.act.edu.au (9/10 students) if you don't want your child to attend.

Changes to Bus Timetables

The new Transport Canberra timetable started on Saturday 7 October 2017. All details are available on the Transport Canberra website including changes to [school services](#).

Please note: There are also diversions in place due to the closure of Flemington Rd and Wells Station Drive. These diversions will start on Monday 9 October until further notice. It will affect the Route 58 and the following school services:

[School Route 850](#)

[School Route 574](#)

[School Route 618](#)

[School Route 880](#)

[School Route 890](#)

More information is available from the [Transport Canberra Website](#).

Interesting Learning for Me

Yes, even principals are learners! I recently attended a terrific forum and masterclass about the Learning Power Approach (LPA). It was presented by Professor Guy Claxton and this approach essentially investigates the impact of helping students to understand learning and the dispositions and characteristics of successful learners. It is underpinned by improved understanding of the science of the mind, which is resulting in changes in education - qualities and habits of mind are extremely important things for students to get from schooling - these are malleable and are characteristics that underpin success in life.

An area of the learning that I found extremely interesting were the research around intelligence not being fixed but instead being a reflection of your persistent habits of mind and concept of learning and performance zones - depending on the zone you're in, your actions and behaviours will vary - e.g. in the learning zone your goal will be to *improve*, in the performance zone, it will be to *impress*. While we want our students to be in learner mode most of the time, being able to toggle between learning and performance zones is essential to getting better. If you've got 11 minutes and would like to know more, this [TED Talk](#) is worth watching.

Jason Holmes

CANCELLED PRESCHOOL – YR. 4 ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

The Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly for tomorrow has been cancelled. However all Excellence and Principal's Award Certificates will be presented at morning assembly.

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.**

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 on

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.

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/>

STUDENT INJURY

INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury,

disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club Issue 7 will be out this week and due back Friday 27 October.

Pamela Gaukroger

Teacher Librarian

THINKUKNOW – PARENT CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Date: Thursday 12 October 2017 (Week 1, Term 4)

Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm

A Cyber Safety presentation is being held at Harrison School on Thursday 12 October by the excellent team at ThinkUKnow.

Developed by and in collaboration with the AFP, the ThinkUKnow is a free evidence based cyber safety program. It provides information to parents, carers, teachers and students on the technologies young people use, challenges they may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome with the aim of providing safer online environments for young people and raising awareness.

ThinkUKnow presentations cover topics such as social media reputation management,

cyberbullying, 'sexting', online grooming, online gaming, inappropriate content, privacy management, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong in the hope of bridging the gap between adults and young people.

With year 7 students learning about cyber safety in term three, Harrison School is sending an invitation to all parents and carers of year's 5-10 students to attend the ThinkUKnow cyber safety presentation.

YEARBOOKS 2017

It's time to order and pay 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 below:

[2017 Yearbook Order Form](#)

LIP SYNC BATTLE 2017



If you would like to come along and watch the Lip Sync Battle this year, it will be presented on

Wednesday,
18 October 2017,
1.10pm – 1.50pm in the
Harrison School Gym

Students are encouraged to bring along a gold coin donation to support the organisation, "Head Space".

The Lip Sync Battle has been sponsored by The Canberra Centre, Better Music and Snedden, Hall and Gallop Lawyers and prizes include a \$100 Canberra Centre Voucher and 2 Ukuleles from Better Music.



DEFENCE NEWS

We hope you all had a wonderful break over the school holidays and welcome you back to term 4. This will be a busy term with lots of families preparing for new adventures if this is you please let us know so we can assist your children with the transitions.

Deployments: Is your family currently enduring Deployment, or will be shortly? Be sure to let your child's teacher and the DSTA/DTM (as appropriate) know so that we may support you and your family during this time. Often families believe that their children will not be affected during this period of long term absence but it can be a big adjustment, so if we can all work together, the journey may be easier.

Coming Up: Defence Christmas Dinner @ The District in Crace – Friday 3 November

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 drawing some of the things we did during the school holidays. Next week we will be playing games! 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).

Operation Laundry Bag is also still running this term if any students from years 5 to 10 are interested and can sew. Please meet Mrs Browne

in the Textiles room Wednesday Lunchtimes. Our aim is to get 8 laundry bags completed which can then be sent to Defence force members on operational deployments.



HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi-Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30pm 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to all students, we hope you all had a fabulous holiday and lots of fun. Another term means new School banking rewards and we're excited to launch the Term 4 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Pencil and Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



Remember School Banking is processed every Wednesday, you just need to keep banking every week to be eligible 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

Have a great term and Happy Savings
Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

P & C NEWS

At the last P&C meeting held on 20 September, Terri Reichman was nominated as Secretary. The P&C Executive Committee and contact details are as follows:

President: Jackie Floro

president@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Vice President: Katherine Larkings

vp@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Treasurer: Joanne Aubertin

treasurer@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Secretary: Terri Reichman

secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Minutes Secretary: Yvonne McLauchlan

minutes@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Harrison School P&C will host their next general meeting on 18 October at 7pm in the school library. Come along and hear about what's happening with the school.

Keep the Date – 12 November 2017. Harrison School P&C is excited to have Laura Jean Photography offer an amazing photo fundraising opportunity - reasonably priced family pictures just in time for Christmas. Information will be coming home shortly.

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](#)