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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Restorative Community: I read an interesting article in the Canberra Times on Saturday. It was about creating a restorative community and made reference to the possibility that it will be our children who will make the difference in strengthening such a community. *'Restorative practice works to ensure everyone is heard, everyone who has a stake in a problem is included, solutions are worked out together and everyone has a part to play in making the solution work. These principles are already being practised – both formally and informally – in many places in Australia, such as schools.'* (Canberra Times). Like Jan Day, one of our colleagues from another ACT Public School mentioned in the article, restorative practice is something that we at Harrison School also particularly recognise as beneficial. This is evident when building productive relationships, restoring a negative interaction and establishing a positive culture. We add to that ideal at Harrison by providing a common ground through our core values when coming up with solutions to a problem. In restorative conferences, we ask our students; which one of our school values could we show at this time and how can we put that into action? In line with the definition of restorative practice, we involve all stakeholders in the problem to have their say and the impact of this is that the solution is more likely to be long term rather than a quick, short term fix. It takes time, open mindedness and solution focused thinking. It is the long term fix that strengthens the community. To read more of the Canberra times article: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/children-can-help-canberra-become-a-more-caring-city-20150724-gigijp.html#ixzz3gqzblAoF> and to see more about our school's procedures in creating a positive learning environment please see the policies and procedures sections on our School website.

Diary

Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 28

Kindergarten Student LED Conferences
Yr. 1/2 Student LED Conferences
P & C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

Wednesday 29

Secondary School Assembly 9:15am – Gym

Thursday 30

Kindergarten Student LED Conferences
Yr. 1/2 Student LED Conferences
Senior Combined Band Practice
Yr. 10 Careers Expo

Friday 31

8-12yr olds Athletics Carnival
Kindergarten 100 Days Celebration

Term 3 Week 3

Monday 3

Kindergarten Student LED Conferences
Yr. 1/2 Student LED Conferences
Preschool Learning Journeys
Yr. 6 Combined Band Practice

Tuesday 4

Kindergarten Student LED Conferences
Yr. 1/2 Student LED Conferences
Preschool Learning Journeys
Yr.1/2 SK/KB/EM & JW Reptile show Incursion
Yr. 1/2SA/JC/RR/KS AWM Excursion
ANU Chess Tournament K – Yr.6

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

[2015 Term 3 Calendar](#)



The *Canberra Public Schools* webpage is a 'one-stop shop' for you to find information specifically about Canberra public schools. The webpage has a fresh look and feel, and contains important information, feature articles and useful links. It also has a search function for you to search for schools by geographic area, details on curriculum, programs and student enrolment. The page also links to useful information including school websites, holiday and school term information, ACTION Buses and SunSmart.

The *Canberra Public Schools* webpage is also links to the '[Parents and Students at the Centre](#)', '[Trending #successtories](#)', and '[Public School Alumni](#)' pages. These pages contain stories and articles about the achievements our schools, teachers, principals, alumni and students.

I encourage you to explore the new webpage, and let us know your thoughts. Please email DET.Media@act.gov.au with your feedback. As you know, Canberra public schools are fantastic and students deserve to have their successes shared.

Kind regards

Joy Burch

Minister for Education and Training



LIBRARY NEWS

Lost Property

We are looking for a volunteer to help get our lost property under control. Our huge container is overflowing! It would involve an hour or two of your time sorting the named items so they can be easily returned to their owners, perhaps on a regular basis.

We also encourage students to be responsible for their own jumpers and jackets, and to check the lost property regularly for missing items. It would

be lovely if our library entrance didn't look like this!



Overdue Notes

Reminder notes for overdue books are going home this week. Please help your child look for and return any missing items as soon as possible.

Book Club

Orders are due in to the library by Friday July 31. Please ensure your order is in a labelled envelope. We accept cash, cheques or you can pay online and record your receipt number on your order form.

Pamela Gaukroger and Tracy Kelly

SCHOOL BOARD

The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board.

hsbparentrep@outlook.com

The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 August at 5:30pm.

PYJAMA / ONESIE DAY



WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

On Wednesday 29 July (Week 2) all students will be given the opportunity to help raise money for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance by choosing to wear their pyjamas or a onesie to school for the day.

Students will be asked to give a gold coin donation if they choose to wear non-school uniform.

The Cerebral Palsy Alliance provides services to thousands of people with CP and their families. Every 15 hours an Australian child is born with Cerebral Palsy and it is the common physical disability in childhood. 34 000 people are living with CP in Australia and over 17 million worldwide.

So feel warm and fuzzy inside and out and wear your pyjamas or a onesie to school, and help us raise money for this worthy cause!

8- 12 YEARS OLD ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics Carnival for all 8 – 12 year olds will be held on **Friday 31 July** at Amaroo Oval. Buses will be departing school at 9.15 and returning at 2.30.

The carnival is for all year 3/4 and 5/6 students and all 1/2 students who are 8 or turning 8 this year. All students are required to attend the carnival. Students need to wear their school sport uniform, pack warm clothes and bring all food and drinks as there will be no canteen facilities on the day.



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre.

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.



DEFENCE NEWS

It was lovely to catch up with all of your children last week and find out about all of the wonderful activities and trips that you had undertaken during the break. We have both begun new timetables for Semester 2, endeavouring to visit as many students as possible. Please remember to have a look at the noticeboard opposite the front office and let us know if there is anything that we can support you with. If you have any questions or would like to meet with either of us please send an email.

Jenny Welsh and Jo Wurth, available Mon-Thurs, school hours.

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DEFENCE KIDS

We continue to have large numbers join us on Mondays and Tuesdays for lots of fun playing games. This week the Year 3/4's made some lovely snowflakes to decorate our room. If your child isn't coming to the groups and would like to, suggest that they bring a friend and meet us in the Library Multi-purpose room next to the Music room. Our new posters around the school for Term 3 let them know what activities we will be doing each week with their age group. We have Kinder – Year2 (Mon lunch) and Years 3 and 4(Tues lunch). We also continue to join Ms Watson (5/6 teacher) on a Thurs lunch (M2 building) for years 5/6 and above games group, where we are learning lots of exciting new games. Sometimes, a post-it note on their lunchbox helps the little ones remember too.



HARRISON HEARTS

Last session we helped out the Year1/2 Team and the Year 3/4 team by cutting, laminating and creating some wonderful Maths and Literacy resources. If you haven't joined us before, we would love to welcome you. We have a great time chatting in a warm room (Multi –Purpose Room next to the Music Room in the library) whilst supporting some of our wonderful staff across the school. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office and little ones are most welcome (we have some toys and activities available).

Understanding Learning Difficulties

A Practical Guide for Parents (Free Workshop open to parents and students currently enrolled in an ACT public school.)

When: Wednesday 5 August 2015 4:30 – 6:30pm

Where: Centre for Teaching and Learning (Hall)

51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Contact: Email: brooke.jermyn@act.gov.au

Ph: 62057943

Registration: Email: brooke.jermyn@act.gov.au

Registration closes 29 July 2015

Please see attached flyer.

HARRISON SCHOOL P & C NEWS

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 new CANTEEN MENU.

[2015 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 open hours are below:

Every Wednesday morning - 8:30 - 9:30am

Wednesday afternoon Weeks 1 & 5 from
2:45-6:00pm

FUNDRAISING

Adidas School Fun-Run and 'CUA Community Care'

Help Us Win **\$5,000 to Improve Our School**

At Harrison School we think it's very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the Adidas School Fun-Run we are eligible to enter a program called 'CUA Community Care' that gives us the chance to win \$5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia's largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to provide new sporting equipment for our Junior School.

With an injection of new equipment we believe that we can successfully reignite student interest in sport as well as encourage our students to improve their fitness, focus and their general health and wellbeing.

We're up against 6 other schools in the area to take out the \$5,000 prize and as the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from Monday 27 July – Monday 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA's Canberra branch – 33 Ainslie Place, Canberra.

Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. Also, voting is open to anyone so please feel free to get friends and families involved too. Please give us your support and help us win \$5,000 to improve our school!