



HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 8 November 2016

Hello and welcome to Week 5- the term is moving very quickly!

CONGRATULATIONS: We have so many excellent teachers at Harrison and this week I am delighted to acknowledge a few who received nominations at last week's ACT Public School's Excellence Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to Jenny Welsh who was nominated for her work as Defence Transition Aide officer. She was recognised for her 'impressive intuition' and invaluable contribution in making a difference to the transition of families with defence backgrounds and to the learning of their children.

Daniel Clynk was recognised for his outstanding contribution as our Technology Assistant. He goes above and beyond to support students in the classroom and makes a significant contribution to our grounds maintenance.

Laura Aksila received an acknowledgement as an early childhood teacher. She was recognised for her commitment and expertise in supporting teaching and learning practice and her excellence in meeting the individual needs of students and families.

You may know by now that our very own Laura Pardoe was recipient of the 'New Educator of the Year Award'. Laura completed her second year practicum placement at Harrison School two years ago and Harrison was thrilled to welcome her back as a new educator in 2016. Laura is described by her colleagues as 'just amazing', hardworking, caring, and knowledgeable in curriculum. Her students say: "*She is nice, she is kind and she shows us how to be a good friend. She teaches me maths and she makes us work hard. She is making me better at maths. It's a good time doing work with her.*" Laura is recognised for her contribution in reshaping Harrison's LSU programs in Kindergarten to Year 4, personalising the learning program for a dynamic group of students. She has positively impacted students' growth by identifying

Diary

[2016 Calendar](#)

Term 4 Week 5

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 8

- Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Session 1 Monday/Tuesday classes

Wednesday 9

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Whole School Transition Day 10:00-11:00am
- Yr. 12 Eye Screening

Thursday 10

- Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Session 1 Thursday/Friday classes
- Senior Band Bandstrav Rehearsal
- Alan Tongue Aspire Program Yr. 9 Students

Friday 11

- **Remembrance Day Ceremony 9:15am Gym**
- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking Excursion
- Senior Games Club

Term 4 Week 6

Monday 14

- Senior Band Bandstravaganza Yrs. 7 – 10

Tuesday 15

- Yr. 6 Combined Band Rehearsal

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



intervention for each individual student. Through strengthening their homeroom teacher's skills in making meaningful adjustments in their practice through classroom modelling, coaching and planning. Laura encourages and supports those she works with to maintain a Harrison culture where *learning for all* is influenced by high expectations, effective interventions and a passion for inclusion. To read up about Laura's radio interview last Friday: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-11-04/act-teacher-awards-what-makes-a-top-teacher/7995262>

TRANSITIONS: There are many things that we do at Harrison to support the smooth transition of our students as they move into the next learning year. Preschool students have begun their visits to kindergarten classrooms today and we will have a whole school transition on Wednesday. The purpose of these sessions is for students to experience classrooms, playground spaces and learning activities that they will have the following year. It gives them time to reflect on what may be a little bit different and to see that there are many things that are very much the same. If your child may need some additional support for 2017 transitions, please contact your team leaders:

Preschool and Kindergarten:

Janet.kilsby@ed.act.edu.au

Year 1/2: Mariam.hijazi@ed.act.edu.au

Year 3/4: Heather.hill@ed.act.edu.au

Year 5/6: Matthew.veitch@ed.act.edu.au

Year 7/8: Rebecca.platten@ed.act.edu.au

Year 9/10: Rachel.kane@ed.act.edu.au

P-4 Deputy: Allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au

5-10 Deputy: Jacqui.ford@ed.act.edu.au

STATIONERY PACKS 2017

The 2017 Stationery Packs Lists should be sent out within the next week.

HARRISON SCHOOL 2016 YEAR BOOKS

The Harrison School Year book is a high quality colour magazine full of photos and reports about school events and Learning. Year 10 students, who

have paid for the Formal, will receive a copy as part of their graduation package and do not need to complete an order form.

The 2016 Harrison School Yearbook orders must be received and paid for by **Friday 11 November**. Please see the link below for the 2016 Year book Note:

[Yearbook Note.pdf](#)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day Ceremony Friday 11 November at 9:15am in the gym. All parents and carers are welcome to attend the Ceremony. We ask that you be seated by 9:10am please.



LIBRARY NEWS

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

Wednesday 2nd November - Friday 11th November

Our Scholastic Book Fair has been a huge success so far. Most P-6 classes have now visited the fair to write a "wish list", with many students returning to make purchases, and lots of parents have come to do a spot of Christmas shopping.

Year 7-10 students are very welcome to come to the fair too as there are some good titles for teenagers.

The fair is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm for the rest

of this week, with a special **Family Evening time on Thursday November 10th from 3.00pm - 6.00pm.** You are welcome to come anytime during the day if you would prefer to shop in secret!

Overdue Notes

Overdue notes will be printed again next Wednesday. We are hoping it will be less than the 200 pages we printed last time, so please help your child look for any missing books before then and please contact the library staff if you have any queries.

Pamela Gaukroger
Teacher Librarian

[BOOK FAIR TIME TABLE](#)

Pamela Gaukroger Teacher Librarian

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, 2017 Tuesday 31 January could you please complete the form on this link [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office ASAP.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2017 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 2017.

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION



Harrison School presents the smash-hit musical comedy **MAN OF STEEL**. Faster than a speeding bullet train, this is a superhero adventure like no other. Join our hero on his quest to save the world and his heart from everlasting destruction. Presented by 9/10 Drama, it's a hilarious adventure you won't want to miss!

When: Tues 22 and Wed 23 Nov, 7:00pm, Senior PATS building

All Tickets: \$7-

Bookings online only via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/NMYE> (please note, tickets **cannot** be purchased via the front office)

Juliet Moody

Drama Teacher

END OF YEAR CONCERT



HEADS UP for THE END OF YEAR

CONCERT: If you are filling your calendar with end of year events now is the time to 'save the date' for our brilliant end of year concert. The End of Year Concert is a big school event that is really valued by our school community. We love for everyone to be involved in some way and it's a great opportunity for us to showcase our P-10 school. The concerts run over two nights and two matinees with different items on each day. They happen at the same time as the learning exhibitions so you have the opportunity to see all that our community has done this year. **Class performance nights will be finalised and advertised in Week 6. Dates for the concerts are:**

TUES. 29 November

EOY Concert and Exhibitions of Learning

Matinee: 11:00am

Evening Gala: 6:30pm

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DEFENCE NEWS

Thank to everyone who joined us on our final dinner for the year. I know Sarah and I always have fun catching up with everyone outside of school and I am sad that it was my last one. This week we will be holding Remembrance Day on Friday 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 continue for this week of Remembrance – all money will go to the Gungahlin RSL. Poppies will be sold before school, recess and lunch. We thank you for your ongoing support. DCO have sent out their new eNews for November. Their regular Cook's Night Off will be the last for this year also there will be Christmas Carols performed by the Military Wives Choir on the 1st Dec. We have more information on our board at the front of the school and in the Junior Hall Multi-purpose room. If you aren't receiving the DCO newsletters please email them at dco.canberra@defence.gov.au

Dates to Remember:

Poppies: Week 5 Monday 7 November to Friday 11 November Gold Coin Donation

Remembrance Day Ceremony: Friday 11 November, 9:15am in the Gym

Sarah McGavin available Mon – Wed and Fri school hours.

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

Jo Wurth available Mon-Thurs, school hours.

joanne.wurth@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Last week the kids made some fantastic masks, ties, trophy cups and flowers for Melbourne Cup Day. This week we started Christmas Activities – Yes I said it- Christmas. Please remind you children about our lunch groups. They are held in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Junior Hall. Defence Friendship group, for students enduring long term absence of a parent (Mon recess) it was lovely to see the children again after the break; Kinder – Year 2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch). Remember, if you haven't popped in to see us yet, grab a buddy and come on in.



HARRISON HEARTS

Every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30 in the Hall MP Room, this volunteer group is open to all community members. We would love to have you join us in our now nice warm room with comfy cushions 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 and that you will need to have or apply for a Working with Vulnerable People Card should you wish to join us. Again Thank you so much to all of our loyal regulars, your work is very much appreciated by all of the teachers we have supported!



SCHOOL BANKING

Last week we sent out a new note which list the rewards available for this term, unfortunately the Intergalactic Rocket is no longer available. The rewards still available are: Outback Bag tag, Wriggly Glow Worm (slinky), Bush Fly Fan, Outer Space Money Box and the ET DVD.

If you are eligible to order a reward, we

encourage you to do it as soon as possible please, don't forget that the last orders will be placed in **week 8**. This will ensure that your child receives their reward before the end of the year.

Thank you.

Happy Savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack

School Banking Coordinators

P & C NEWS

P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 November at 7:00pm in the Library.

All Parents and Carers are welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is always looking for volunteers, so if you have as little as an hour to spare, it would be greatly appreciated by the canteen staff. Just come and introduce yourself at the canteen.

Please see the attached menu or link below for the 2016 Canteen Menu.

[2016 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

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

[7 – 10](#)