



## Harrison School Newsletter 31 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 4 ☺

The staff at the school experienced a fabulous surprise on World Teachers Day! The P and C delivered lunch to every staffroom as a thanks and recognition of the staff. It was a wonderful, unexpected, delicious and greatly appreciated gesture. The staff felt highly valued and were so grateful. Thank you to the P and C for their efforts and recognition on this day.

Term 4 is the time when we begin to prepare for the coming year. At the moment students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 are being spoken to about the process for becoming school leaders or prefects for 2018. These student leadership positions are an important contribution to our school wide student voice philosophy and they play an important role for both the wider student population and the staff throughout the year. All selected prefects and leaders receive mentoring from staff and enhance their leadership skills throughout the year. If your child is interested in applying for a position please encourage them to see their homeroom teacher or team Leader to ensure they have all the information they require and have the time to put their best foot forward.

The 9/10 Drama Production Camp was held last week and was a great success. The students and staff involved in this production have been working hard and the show promises to be an entertaining demonstration of our student's performance skills. The Matinees have been popular and another show has been placed on the calendar to help meet the demand of classes wishing to attend. Please make sure you mark the date for the night shows on your calendar, purchase your tickets early and come and enjoy a great performance in celebrations of the drama students learning journey with us

## Diary

### Term 4 Week 4

#### **BOOK FAIR**

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

#### **Tuesday 31**

- **Book Fair Starts**

#### **Wednesday 1 Nov**

- 2018 Preschool Information Session 9:15 – 10:45am
- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

#### **Thursday 2**

- 2018 K – 10 Orientation 8:30 – 11:30am
- Alan Tongue Yr. 9 Aspire Program

#### **Friday 3**

- Yr. 6 Drumming
- **Book Fair Family Event 3:00- 6:00pm**

### Term 4 Week 5

#### **Tuesday 7**

- Preschool – Kindergarten Transition

#### **Wednesday 8**

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yr. 7 – 10 Senior Bandstravaganza Rehearsal
- 2018 Yr. 7 Information Session 5:30 – 6:00pm – Tour 6:00 – 7:00pm – Info Session

#### **Thursday 9**

- Preschool – Kindergarten Transition
- Alan Tongue Yr. 9 Aspire Program

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



## ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Bailey F x 2	Paige H	Olivia H
Tiani T	Lily L	Vicky K
Noah S	Seanna B	Lilly V
Emma H	Lola B	William W
Tanisha K	Pranav K S	Annabella C
Seth S	Maanya M	Norakvitou K
Miranda C	Abhinav N	Angus C
Isabella B	Evie W	Grace R
Molly M	Ruby F	Raheel H

## 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/>

## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2018

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2018 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 2018.

## 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, 2018 Tuesday 6 February could you please complete the form on this link [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office ASAP.

## 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 at

[Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto: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.

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ACHEIVEMENT

Last semester the senior school ran a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) enrichment programme and we had students from year 8 to 10 participate. The programme was known as CO2 Dragsters. It was fun, but rushed. Students had to design, make and finish a dragster powered by a CO2 capsule which raced along a 20m track in less than 10 lessons.

4 entries were entered into the Australian National Championships run at New Castle Uni.

I am pleased to say that Cameron N came 4<sup>th</sup> in the open classification.

It was a fun activity which I will look to run again next year.

John Bowyer

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Fair



Our Book Fair is being held in the library from this **Tuesday 21 October until Friday 10 November.**

Opening times are 8:30am – 3:30pm. Parents and families are of course welcome to visit during these times. We will also be open for a family event on Thursday 2 November from 3:00 – 6:00pm.

All classes from Preschool to Year 6 will have time at the fair to browse through the books for sale and write wish lists. We do remind students that the wish lists are not order forms, just in case they forget that purchasing is optional and needs to be discussed at home! Please come along and enjoy the fair!

### Overdue Books and Notes

Overdue notes will be printed (P-4) or emailed (Years 5-10) this Wednesday. Please help your child look for and return any overdue books before then. **All books are due back by Friday 1 December.**

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi  
Teacher Librarians

### **2018 Yr. 7 INFORMATION SESSION**

We will be holding a 2018 Yr. 7 Information session for current Yr. 6 students continuing to Yr. 7 and all new Yr. 7 2018 students, parents and carers. The information session will aim to introduce key people and information about Year 7 at Harrison School and answer questions about preparing for next year.

When: Wednesday 8 November  
5:30pm - 6:00pm – School Tour  
6:00pm – 7:00pm – Information Session

**Change of Location** Where: **Harrison School Hall**

### **YEARBOOKS 2017**

It's time to order and pay for 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: [2017 Yearbook Order Form](#)

Orders and payment **MUST** be received by **FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017**

### **NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL VISIT**

We had 10 students visit from Nara University High School last week. They all had a fantastic time visiting primary school classes and spending time with our senior students. We would like to send out a great big THANK YOU to all of the families who hosted a student and for taking such good care of them while they were in Canberra.

We look forward to next year's visit!

**2017**

### **HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT**

We are busily preparing for our greatest community event this year, our 2017 Concerts. Our concerts will be over two days and two nights, two different shows.

**Save the dates now – Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 November.** Tickets will go on sale later in the term, a bargain at \$2 a ticket. Students performing in the show will not require a ticket.

More detailed information will be in our newsletters later in the term. Stay tuned!  
Arianna Cansdell – Concert Coordinator



### **DEFENCE NEWS**

Kookaburra Kids have released details of new upcoming events. These are free to children aged 8 to 18 from families where there is a parent with a mental illness due to the impacts of Military Service. ([kookaburrakids.org.au](http://kookaburrakids.org.au))

This Friday night is our final Defence Dinner for the year. It is an opportunity for our Defence parents to socialise with us and other Defence parents as well as an opportunity to farewell our friends that are embarking on new adventures.

This is a child free event. If you would like to attend please let us know as soon as possible.

**Operation Laundry Bag** is nearing completion with 10 Laundry Bags almost ready to send to Aussie Hero Quilts to be passed onto deployed military personal. Special thanks to Mrs Brown, Mrs Barbour and the students involved for their dedication to the project.

**Coming Up:**

- **No Harrison Hearts** – Wednesday 1 November
- Defence Christmas Dinner @ The District in Crace – Friday 3 November
- Remembrance Day Service – Friday 10 November 9.15am (Gym)
- Harrison Hearts/Parent Farewell Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 15 November @ 1:30pm (Multi-Purpose Room – Jnr Hall)

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri.

[Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)

Emma Marrinan (DTM) available school hours Mon, Tues, Thurs and Wed mornings.

[Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au)



### DEFENCE KIDS

This week in activity groups we have been doing some Melbourne Cup related craft! 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).



### 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. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front

office.

## COMMUNITIES@WORK OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Communities@Work provides Out of School Hours Care at a number of schools across the Canberra region. This includes Before School Care, After School Care and School Holiday Programs.

**Enrolments for OSHC in 2018 is open and available via our website**

For further information visit:

<https://commsatwork.org/services/children/?category=out-of-school-hours-care#services>

or contact Children Services Enrolments Team (CSET)

[enrolments@commsatwork.org](mailto:enrolments@commsatwork.org) ph: 1300 212 273

Families within our system will receive an email from our enrolments team.

## P & C NEWS

### Laura Jean \$20 Family Portrait Fundraiser

**12 November 2017**

For a \$20 donation you will receive a 10"x13" family portrait and keyring; a 15 minute photography session with a professional photographer; 4 pose portrait sitting with the option to purchase additional portrait packages at inexpensive prices.

To book visit the following link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.trybooking.com/SNNI>

## 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](#)

