



HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 11 October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely mid-term break with your children and it was great to see them back at school yesterday. We have been focusing on two of our values each term and for Term 4 our focus is on Integrity and Resilience. These values will be highlighted through awards and messages throughout the term.

Snapshot of Events

At the end of last term we had a number of our Senior Area students representing the school on an excursion to Japan, our years 7/8 camp to Sydney and our years 9/10 camp to Longbeach. Many thanks to Jim R, Sayoko T, Hugo W and Allison E for their awesome efforts in organising and attending the trip to Japan. From all accounts, it was extremely successful and Jim, Sayoko and Hugo were awesome in ensuring it all ran smoothly. Allison negotiated our next Memorandum Of Understanding with Tomio Daisan which outlines opportunities for collaboration and our students were excellent ambassadors for Harrison School. Many thanks also to Laura S & Bec L for their instrumental work in organizing the 7/8 and 9/10 camps respectively and to the staff who gave their time to attend and ensure both camps were successful and beneficial for our students. I kept up to date on the 7/8 Sydney camp through Facebook and the activities they did and the venues they visited looked amazing! I visited the 9/10 camp at Longbeach for a day and even though I drove through rain to get there, it did stop long enough for us to have a game of laser tag while another group of students went surfing. I wasn't the best 'soldier' on my team and was shot numerous times by Laura and a number of the students. This week we have more excellent events enriching the learning of students across the school, including our 5/6 camp to Jindabyne, a Years 7-10 Australian Federal Police cyberbullying incursion, a Junior Area assembly, a P-4 disco supported by the P&C and our 3/4 and Senior choirs are performing at Floriade on Saturday. As I travel around

Diary

2016 Calendar

Term 4 Week 1

Wednesday 12

- Yr. 5/6 Camp Departs at 8:30am
- Junior School Assembly 9:15am – Gym

Thursday 13

- **School Disco P – 4**

Friday 14

- Yr. 5/6 Camp Returns at approx. 3:30pm
- Senior Games Club 3:00 – 5:30pm

Saturday 15

- Yr. 3/4 and Senior Choirs Floriade Performance

Term 4 Week 2

Kindergarten PIPS

Tuesday 18

- Yr.1/2 Questacon Incursion
- Business Studies Market Day

Wednesday 12

- Senior School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- **P & C Meeting 7:00pm Library**

Thursday 13

- Yr. 1/2 National Museum Excursion
Yr. 1/2 AJ/DN/JH/JS & SA
- Alan Tongue Aspire Program Yr. 9 Students
- SUPA CLUB

Friday 14

- Senior Games Club

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



the school I'm looking forward to seeing learning intentions and success criteria in classrooms and talking to teachers and students about the learning that is happening. You can support this at home by asking your children what they are *learning* at school instead of what they are *doing*. The difference is subtle, and we are working hard to help students understand the learning process and be able to talk about this rather than the activities they might be doing in class.

Sun Protection

I've been liaising with a few parents regarding concerns about students getting sunburnt at lunch times and during PE lessons. As we move into warmer weather please remind your children about the importance of wearing a hat when they are on the playground. I have asked staff to build into their daily schedules a reminder for students to put sunscreen (if they have it) on 30 minutes prior to lunch and lessons where they have PE. Our hope is, that as a sun safety awareness strategy, reminding students to bring sunscreen and put it on may help develop good lifelong habits and reduce the incidence of sunburn.

After School

We've had a number of instances recently where students have not been collected after school until quite late and on a couple of occasions students have attempted to join after school care despite not being enrolled in it. There is no student supervision after school so I ask that you please ensure children are collected promptly at the end of the school day.

Uniform Reminder

I wrote in my last article about the importance of our school uniform and in part, the sense of belonging to our community it brings. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's expectation in relation to uniform, which is that all students wear the uniform every day they attend school, with the exception of school organised special events such as mufti days. For our expectations to be realised, we really need parents to support the wearing of the uniform and I am

thankful to you for doing this as Harrison students look terrific in their school uniform. I know the weather isn't helping at the moment. As it settles and begins to warm up, I ask parents and students to ensure the summer school uniform is worn everyday (here is a [link](#) to the Harrison School Uniform Policy and within it, the uniform requirements). It's also worth highlighting that it's the time of year where wearing of hats is also necessary when students are on the playground.

Voting Day

Harrison School will be open as a polling station for this weekend's ACT election and we will have a group of our Senior Area students working with St George Bank to host a fundraising sausage sizzle. The money raised will go towards funding learning projects for the students and your support by way of grabbing a delicious sausage would be greatly appreciated.

Jason.

SCHOOL DISCO- THIS THURSDAY



This FREE event is hosted by the Harrison School P&C Association.

Session times:

Pre - 6:00pm - 6:45pm

K-2 - 6:45pm - 7:30pm

3/4 - 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Parents and Carers

You are invited to stay for complimentary refreshments and finger food.

For more information find us on

Facebook: facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Harrison B	Callum B	Jasdeep P
Sahasra S	Aiza T	Mishka K
Maddison P	Margaret V	Callum J
Isla H	Marko J	

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS

We have our second book fair this term. It will be held in the library from Wednesday November 2 till Friday November 11. More specific information will be in following newsletters. Please be aware our last 2 book club issues will be either side of the book fair. Issue 7 brochures are out this week, with orders due back on **Friday October 21**. Issue 8 brochures will be distributed straight after the book fair, and will have a very short collection period.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7

DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 21

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**.

HARRISON SCHOOL LIP SYNC BATTLE

2016

Friday 21 October

2:00- 3:00pm

If any families and friends would like to enter a Lip Sync video for the competition or perform on the day with your child please email lisa.oreo@ed.act.edu.au for a drop box link to upload your clips.

ACT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM CHOIRS FOR 2017



ACT Primary Concert Choir - 2017

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in 2017 to audition for the ACT Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PCC rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Primary Concert Choir is conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education Directorate schools.

During its first three years the choir has been invited to perform in high profile events such as the nationally televised Australia vs New

Zealand Brumbies game, Parliament House Open Day, Step Into the Limelight, Wattle Day Citizenship Ceremonies and IMP Concerts. Each year the choir participates in the National Eisteddfod, Choral Division, and in 2016 the choir achieved First Place in the 12 Years and Under Championship.

The choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young singers to work together in an enriching environment. **The PCC is a performance ensemble and the families of children auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.** Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information letters are available at your child's school. These letters detail what is required during the audition and also further information about the audition process. If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 62058265.

<https://goo.gl/forms/lnzBHoeWAr8mVeaB2>

New Choir starting in 2017 - ACT Senior Concert Choir

The ACT Instrumental Music Program (IMP) is seeking students who will be in Year 7 to Year 12 in 2017 to audition for the new ACT Senior Concert Choir (SCC). The SCC will rehearse on Monday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Senior Concert Choir will be conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education Directorate High Schools and Colleges.

The choir will perform at a range of Directorate and Community events throughout the year. The choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young singers to work together in an enriching and formal choral environment. **The SCC is a performance ensemble. Students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment**

to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year. Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information letters are available at ACT Public Schools and at the IMP. These letters detail what is required during the audition and also further information about the audition process. If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 62058265.

<https://goo.gl/forms/u40G6B9VwbIJGoJu1>

Applications are now open and close Friday October 28.

Please see the attached information.

GUNG AHLIN BUS STATION CHANGES

Gungahlin Bus Station Platform 1 Hibberson Street (stop ID 7002), will re-open from Monday 17 October 2016. The Stop is currently relocated on Gozzard Street near the Raiders Club, while construction on [The Marketplace](#) takes place.

We ask students and parents to please plan ahead and use [NXTBUS](#) to track real time of their awaited service.

A list of dedicated school services travelling through Gungahlin Marketplace are seen below. We would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information using your existing communications channels, so students and parents are aware of this return change.

- **808 – St Francis Xavier College**
- **469 – Ngunnawal Primary, Gold Creek High School, Gold Creek Primary School and Holy Spirit Primary School**
- **574 – Emmaus Christian School, Merici College and Daramalan College**
- **618 – Brindabella Christian College and Lyneham High School**
- **410 – St Francis Xavier College, Melba High School, Copland College and St**

Monica's

- 808 – John Paul College
- 580 – Mother Theresa Primary School and Harrison Primary School

For further information or to view online timetables, please visit the [Transport Canberra website](#).



DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome back for Term 4! We have been enjoying hearing about all of the wonderful trips to Nanna's and Grandad's and all of the wonderful places that were visited during the school break. We are very jealous! We are now getting to that time of the year where families will be getting ready for a move and their next adventure. If this is your family, please let us know so that we can support your children and you through this exciting time.

Remembrance Day Assembly: Friday 11 November, 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

This week we have been doing some drawings of what we did in the school holidays. 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 some of our 5/6 students attend this week; 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! It is lovely to see some seniors turning up to the Chill out session. Please remind your child if they are in Years 5 – 10 about the **Seniors Chill Out Sessions Thurs lunch in the H4 building downstairs room G26 near the open**

class area.



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

Welcome back to school for term 3, we hope you all had a great holiday and are ready to keep saving your money. This term we have two new rewards for eligible savers, the Bush Fly Fan and a Wriggly Glow Worm. If you are eligible to order any rewards, can you please order them as soon as you can, remember this is the last term of school and we need to order all rewards by week 7, this way we can ensure you all receive your rewards before the end of the year.

Don't forget if you would like to be part of the School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

We look forward to some more great savings this term.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinator

P & C NEWS

P & C MEETING

All parents are welcome to attend.

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19 October at 7:00pm** in the school Library.

All parents are welcome to attend.

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](#)

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