



HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 22 November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we're in week 7 of term 4! This term in particular has sped by, and at this busy time of year I want to remind you of 2 things we, as a staff, have been focusing on over the last couple of years..... *Being kinder than necessary* and *Paying it forward*. These relatively simple little ideas can make a huge difference to those around you and I've certainly noticed the positive impact they've had at our school. So, Harrison community, as we continue towards the end of the school year, please remember these 2 things and live them whenever you get the chance - you will be amazed at the results.

Last week we had students and staff perform at Bandstravaganza. Not only did our students look amazing in their uniforms and ties, they sounded amazing too! This week our performers continue to shine, and in particular, the drama students who are performing the Man of Steel this week. I've seen some of the students looking great in their costumes and had some insight to elements of the play that we very funny. It promises to be a great show and I hope you can get to it either tonight or tomorrow night in the Senior Area PATS building. While congratulating students on their achievements, I found out recently that Xavier S in year 10 has been awarded a sports scholarship for hockey at an American college for 2019 - what an achievement! Well done Xavier.

And the opportunities for performers just keep coming! Our concert is almost upon us - it's on next week! I've been very excited to see classes working hard to learn all their words, polish their stage transitions, fine-tune their choreography and make sure their costumes are just right. The Harrison School end of year concert is always a mammoth, high quality production, and this year is certainly no different. Tickets went on sale on 16/11 and have been selling like 'hot cakes' - I hope you've got yours! I know I'd hate to miss out.....

Diary

2016 Calendar

Term 4 Week 7

BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

Wednesday 23

- Junior Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Christian Ed K – Yr. 6
- Harrison School Drama Production

Thursday 24

- Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Session 2 Thursday/Friday classes only.
- Alan Tongue Program Yr. 9

Friday 25

- **BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE**
- Concert Rehearsal 1
- Senior Games Club

Term 4 Week 8

Monday 28

- Yr. 10 Steele Drum Performance
- Concert Rehearsal 2

Tuesday 29

- Concert A Performance
Matinee:-11:00am, Evening: 6:30pm
- Preschool Exhibitions of Learning
M/T groups ONLY 4:30 – 5:15pm

Wednesday 23

- Senior Assembly 9:15am – Gym

CANCELLED

- Concert A Performance
Matinee:-11:00am, Evening: 6:30pm
- Preschool Exhibitions of Learning
T/F groups ONLY 4:30 – 5:15pm



Many thanks to the parents who attended the P&C meeting last week and for those of you who couldn't make it, items you missed out on were a conversation about making our car park safer and hopefully help it flow a little better. The P&C have engaged the services of a traffic regulation and safety company to observe our car park, provide advice on how it can operate better in peak times and whether a few minor design tweaks might provide some relief. One thing to keep in mind is that the car park is only as safe as you make it - please drive carefully and slowly and be thoughtful of your fellow Harrison community members. In a related story, we made the Canberra Times last week. Unfortunately, the [article](#) was about dangerous school zones due to speeding motorists, and we made the top 4. Let's see if we can turn that trend around by ensuring speed limits around the school are adhered to. Members of our parent community also raised questions about the format of our Year 6 end of year celebration and to gather parent thoughts, a survey went home with all year 6 parents last Friday. If you're a Year 6 parent interested in sharing your views, the surveys were due back today, but we can extend the deadline to tomorrow morning.

We have some amazing students at Harrison and our student leader nominations are no exception. Year 4 Prefect nominations, short listing, speeches and voting happened over the last couple of weeks and Year 6 Prefect voting opened late last week. Today, a parent representative from the School Board and I interviewed some impressive candidates for the roles of school captains and vice captains. Throughout the process I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing our aspiring student leaders share their thoughts, ideas and visions for our school and the role they hope to play in shaping the future of Harrison.

I am pleased to be able to let you know that Nada Zarac will join our staff leadership team as the School's 3rd deputy principal at the beginning of week 8. Nada is a very experienced deputy principal

most recently from Lyneham Primary School and I am excited to have her join the Harrison Team. Jason.

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.

STATIONERY PACKS 2017

The 2017 Stationery Packs Lists are now available online for ordering.

2017 STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LIST ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

Ordering is fast, secure and convenient, just visit officemaxschools.com.au and follow these easy steps:

1. Search for your school Harrison School, Harrison, ACT and enter your school **Access Key: 28JA6T**
2. Complete the student's details and select your child's 2017 year level.
3. Review your requirements list and make changes (if required).

Please note: some list items have been denoted by your school as a requisite for the

subject or year.

4. If you need additional items, top up from our Back to School special range, and checkout.

Please note: For home deliveries only, if you have more than one student at the same school repeat above steps.

Once completed, an order confirmation will be sent to your email address.

ORDER DEADLINES and DELIVERY INFORMATION

School Collection Day:

Orders placed:

- On or before 18 December 2016 will not incur a delivery charge for collection on Wednesday 1 February 2017.
- Orders placed after 18 December will be delivered to a nominated address as per home delivery option below.

Home Delivery:

Orders placed:

- On or before 18 December will not incur a delivery fee and be delivered before 25 January 2017.
- After 18 December, and on or before 31 December 2016, will incur a delivery fee of \$9.95 and be delivered before 25 January 2017; and
- After 31 December will incur a delivery fee of \$9.95 with all efforts to deliver prior to the beginning of Term 1, 2017.

Note: Any orders placed after 18th December are subject to variance in stock levels.

Australia Post - Orders are delivered via Australia Post's eParcel service. As soon as your order is dispatched an email will be sent to let you know the Australia Post tracking ID Number. Your order can be tracked at auspost.com.au.

Note: PO Box addresses are not accepted by Australia Post.

HAVE A QUESTION?

If you need help placing your order, returns or refunds, delivery information or have a general enquiry, please visit officemaxschools.com.au/help

LIBRARY NEWS

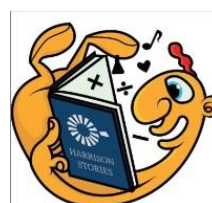
Book Club Issue 8

The last issue for 2016 is due to be sent home next Monday November 21. Due to just having had a huge book fair it will be a very quick turnaround for orders; the due date is **Friday November 25**.

Pamela Gaukroger
Teacher Librarian

END OF YEAR CONCERT

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HARRISON STORIES

Tickets for the End of Year concert are available from the front office. from 8:30am. We are asking for a contribution of \$2.00 per entry ticket. All audience members will need a ticket and please note that *you do not need to obtain tickets for your child/ren if they are performing.* The money raised from tickets this year will contribute to the purchasing of lighting equipment for the Senior Area of the school Performing Arts Theatre. This is great news for future drama and music productions- we can further enhance the professionalism and quality of our Arts program at Harrison! As always any financial contribution to the school is voluntary and please note if you require financial support to contribute to tickets, please contact the front office.

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

*Below is the day/night students are performing.
Please note this is not the order they are performing in:*

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| <p align="center">TUESDAY 29 November 2016 EOY Concert and Exhibitions of Learning Matinee: 11:00am Evening Gala: 6:30pm</p> |
| KNM and KNE |
| KSW and KLK |
| 1/2AB and 1/2LG |
| 1/2SA and 1/2AJ |
| 1/2MJ, 1/2RP and 1/2KS |
| 3/4JL, 3/4MP, 3/4KW, 3/4HA and 3/4DF |
| 3/4MPo, 3/4DB and 3/4TWi |
| 5/6CW, 5/6HT, 5/6RF and 5/6DM |
| 5/6AP |
| 7-10 Dance Group |
| 7/8 (Juliette Walto) |
| Man of Steel Musical Number |
| <p align="center">TUESDAY 29 November 2016 <u>Second Stage</u></p> |
| 7-10 Band |
| Year 9/10 Semester 2 Music |
| JAS and 5-10 Aspire Choir |
| Steel Drums |

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| <p align="center">WEDNESDAY 30 November 2016 EOY Concert and Exhibitions of Learning Matinee: 11:00am Evening Gala: 6:30pm</p> |
| KJC, KYJ and KKN |
| KDM and KKD |
| 1/2KR and 1/2PG |
| 1/2EC, 1/2CF and 1/2TP |
| 1/2JH, 1/2DN and 1/2JS |
| 3/4FE and 3/4TW |
| 3/4LM and 3/4LW |
| 3/4JC and 3/4DW |
| 5/6FA |
| Year 10 (Jo Cook) |
| 7-10 Dance Group |
| Man of Steel Musical Number |
| <p align="center"><u>Second Stage</u> Ukulele Project Year 10 Rock Ensemble 7/8 Music 7-10 Band</p> |

YEARS 5-10 EXHIBITION OF LEARNING WEEK

Week 8 (28 November-2 December) is our Exhibition of Learning week in Years 5-10. During this week we ask that all students take the time to share their

digital portfolio with their parents, carers or a significant adult in their life and complete a Google reflection form together. This is a time for students to not only celebrate their learning; but also reflect on their progress, struggles and the process of learning itself. There are two options for completing the EOL and reflection:

- Share the digital portfolio and complete the Google reflection at home at any time during Week 8.
- Share the digital portfolio and complete the Google reflection through coming in to school anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 on Wednesday 30 November (before the concert that night) where there will be teachers available for support. Years 5/6 will be set up in their classrooms, 7/8 downstairs in Mulligans Building (H4) and 9/10 upstairs in Mulligans Building (H4).

We strongly value this process of reflection.

Students who do not complete the EOL and reflection during week 8 will do so with a member of the school community in a reflection session at school during Week 9.



DEFENCE NEWS

Thank you for your Poppy donations. So far we have raised \$430.00. As previously mentioned this money will be handed to a Gungahlin RSL representative. Thank you to those Senior students who joined me for their Farewell Morning Tea last week. It was great to be able to chat with you about your upcoming moves, whether it is College, a new country or state. We will always remember you and hope that you make the best of your new adventure. Don't forget we have our Farewell Morning Tea for Junior students and Afternoon Tea for Parent's this Wednesday. Don't forget about some of the great events coming up over the next few weeks. The Australian Military Wives Choir will be holding a Christmas Carols evening in the Duntroon Chapel on the 1st December from 7 – 8:30pm,

with light supper provided. RSVP to dco.canberra@defence.gov.au or phone 62658777.

Dates to Remember:

Junior Leaving Defence Student's Farewell:
Wednesday 23 Nov at recess in Junior Hall MP Room.
Parent Farewell: Wednesday 23 Nov 1:30-2:30pm in
Junior Hall MP Room.

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 was our last opportunity for Activity Groups due to concerts and other end of year activities. So we had a Boogie and spent this time farewelling those who are leaving and celebrating the year that was 2016.



HARRISON HEARTS

We will meet tomorrow for our 2016 farewell afternoon tea, 1:30 -2:30pm. Looking forward to seeing all of our volunteers that have helped throughout the year, so that we can say thank you!



SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to all our Super Savers who received their certificates and rewards today, what a great effort. Remember that there are only two weeks left order your rewards, so if you are eligible to order a reward can you please do it this week and next week. Final reward orders will be placed in **week 8**. This will ensure that your child receives their reward before the end of the year. Unfortunately the Bush Fly Fan and Intergalactic Rocket are no

longer available, the rewards still available are: Outback Bag tag, Wriggly Glow Worm (slinky), Outer Space Money Box and the ET DVD.

Thank you

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

School Banking Rewards

There are still some amazing rewards available for School Bankers to redeem. Please complete this slip and return with your School Banking book and tokens no later than Week 8.

Rewards available



Please circle the item you wish to order and return with your Banking

Name:.....

Class:.....

Dollarmites Moneybox – 2014

ET DVD – 2015

Outer Space Savers Money Box – 2015

Outback Pat Bag Tag – 2016

Wriggly Glow Worm – 2016

CANTEEN NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE END OF THE YEAR

The canteen will be slowly decreasing their stock and are requesting that from **Monday 28 November** if you are placing a lunch order for your child that you add a second choice to the order please.

REMINDER: The Junior and Senior canteens will be **CLOSED** on Friday 16 December.

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](#)