



## Harrison School Newsletter 13 December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at week 10! It has been an excellent term and we are wrapping up at a great rate of knots. Last week we celebrated two major events in the form of our Year 10 Graduation and Formal and our ACE Awards Evening. The Year 10 students looked spectacular in their dresses and suits and I was filled with pride to see the smiles on the faces of students and parents as the Year 10 Portfolios were awarded. I echo Jacqui's comment from last week about the speeches given by our two school captains - they gave an insight into the girl's journeys through Harrison and were clever, thoughtful and humorous. Our ACE Awards was a terrific event where over 400 students were recognised for their achievements, citizenship and efforts. We had a range of distinguished guests to help us present the awards, and again, it was delightful to see the smiles and pride on the faces of students and parents as awards were presented. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the things we do, so if you have feedback about the evening please send it through to our [info@harrison.act.edu.au](mailto:info@harrison.act.edu.au) email address. Our school leaders for 2017 were also announced and I am filled with excitement about the possibilities this group provide. I expect we'll be hearing from them regularly - watch this space.

### Welcomes and Farewells

We also welcomed 23 new staff to the school last Thursday afternoon and I am excited by the range of experience skill sets joining us. I am equally as excited at the prospect of what these staff will bring to Harrison. The end of the year is always bittersweet however, and there are a number of our current staff leaving at the end of the year. I am extremely grateful of their contributions to Harrison and the impact they've had not only on the culture of the school, but on the individual students they have taught. Please join me in thanking:

## Diary

### 2016 Calendar

#### TERM 4 WEEK 10

#### LIBRARY CLOSED except for Returns

##### Wednesday 14

- Whole School Assembly - **CANCELLED**
- Yr. 5/6 End of Year Celebration
- Reports Home

##### Thursday 15

- Junior Aqua Fun Day K – Yr. 2
- Yr. 7 - 9 End of Year Celebration

##### Friday 16

- Canteen **CLOSED**
- **Last Day of Term 4**

2017

#### Term 1 Week 1

##### Monday 30

- **NEW** Students to Harrison School First Day including Preschool and Kindergarten students
- Community Drop In Morning Tea

##### Tuesday 31

- **ALL** students return to school
- P & C Community Morning Tea

##### Wednesday 1 Feb

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform shop open 8:30 – 9:30am
- Kindergarten Information Session 5:00pm – Hall

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



Holly Audsley  
Aleisha Bryant  
Michael Chapman  
Rebecca Finn  
Ryan Kay  
Rhonda Martindale  
Jo Prezzi  
Jill Smith  
Jo Wurth

Johanna Bainbridge  
Michelle Calipari  
Heath Cooper  
Megan Frame  
Steve LoCasto  
Fran Nagy  
Yevette Reed  
Hayley Trees

and in wishing them the very best in their future endeavours.

### 2017 School Year

The 2017 school year starts with new students, including all preschool and kindergarten students, on 30 January. Continuing students return on 31 January. In continuing our practice, class lists will be posted at various locations around the school at the start of next year.

### Car Park and Student Safety

Our P&C have been active in helping to make our school car park a safer place. They have engaged the services of Territory Traffic Engineering to provide advice and potential redesign options to improve the flow of traffic and reduce congestion. Temporary changes will be put place early next year and assessed in relation to whether they have improved conditions in our school car park at peak times. Please keep an eye out for information about the changes and remember that you are the biggest influence on the safety in our car park - your actions make the biggest difference - so please drive safely and be considerate of other parents and carers using the space. I also want to take this opportunity to ask you to remind your children of the need for them to travel in a safe and sensible manner to and from school. I've had a number of concerning reports about students riding and walking in an unsafe manner in the streets around the school and am hopeful you will take time to remind your children of the importance of travelling safely - in a split second, one silly act or careless moment can change people's lives forever.

### Volunteers

Volunteers to Harrison school make a huge difference to a large number of students and the teachers they support. We are extremely grateful for the time and effort our volunteers make throughout the year and thank you wholeheartedly. In lieu of a volunteer's morning tea this year we are trying something different to recognize and thank our volunteers. This year, volunteers will receive a certificate of appreciation by the class(es) they have supported. Although this information is coming later than I'd hoped, I have asked teachers to contact any volunteers who have helped their classes throughout the year and invite them to the class so students can present the certificate and say thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Regards,  
Jason

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Jayden T	Abby P	Aimee F
Jacob V	Ahana S	Sarah T
Yazmin B	Rohan R	Victoria P
Oliver B	Adrian K	Guntas S
Alena De F	Kirsten W	Riley R
Kane D	Ayaan U	Charlene Z
Nathan H	Andrew P	

### 2017 Aquatic Carnivals - Save the date

Carnivals are always early in the beginning of the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Harrison Swimming Carnival** – Monday 13 February, Gungahlin Pool

For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers.

Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 20 February, Big Splash Macquarie

All classes Yr 5 -10, aquatic activities all day

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**Don't Forget to ORDER**  
**HARRISON SCHOOL 2017 STATIONERY**



**REQUIREMENTS LISTS**

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](http://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 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 deliver 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 18 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](http://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](http://officemaxschools.com.au/help)

**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.

## DATES FOR TERM 1 2017

### Monday 30 January 2017

First Day for **NEW** students to Harrison School including Preschool and Kindergarten 2017.

Community Drop in – Canteen area 9:15 -11:00am for new parents

### Tuesday 31 January 2017.

**ALL** students return to school.

P & C Community Morning Tea 9:00 – 10:30am All parents welcome.

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

### Wednesday 1 February

Kindergarten 2017 Information Session will at 5:00 – 5:45pm.

### Tuesday 7 February

Yr.1/2 Information Session 5:45 – 6:30pm

Yr. 3/4 Information Session 6:30 – 7:15pm

Yr. 3/4 Camp Information Session 7:15 – 7:45pm

### Thursday 9 February

Yr. 5/6 Information Session 5:30 – 6:30pm

Yr. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30 – 7:30pm

## LOST PROPERTY



We have a large number of drink bottles and lunch boxes in lost property as you can see by the photo. If you recognise any of the items above please claim them from the Library before the end of the year.

We also have a large amount of lost property which if not claimed will be given to the Second-hand Uniform shop or to a charity.

## FAREWELL HARRISON SCHOOL

### Mrs. Aleisha Bryant

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to the students, parents and teachers of Harrison School. I have really enjoyed my time here over the past 6 years teaching students from K-4 and I am

really going to miss the Harrison School community. From taking on roles such as camp coordinator I have come to know many of the students here and unbelievably my first group of Year 4 students will be graduating Year 10 next year. I am transferring to another school within the Gungahlin network, so I hope to see you all again soon.

Aleisha Bryant

**Mrs Michelle Calipari** (formerly known as Miss Tilley ☺)

To all the beautiful students and families who I have had the pleasure of teaching!

Thank you for making my time at Harrison School full of love, laughter and wonderful learning. I have thoroughly enjoyed the 8 years that I have been a teacher here and am proud to say that I have grown to know hundreds of Harrison families and friends. I will continue my teaching journey at a local primary school next year and will leave Harrison with the fondest of memories.

Thank you again for giving me the best start to my teaching career!

Warm Regards, Michelle Calipari

### Mrs. Jill Smith

At the beginning of the year I was fortunate to arrive as a teacher at Harrison School. All teachers and Executive made me feel very welcome and demonstrated wonderful support and teamwork. I have thoroughly enjoyed nurturing my 1/2 students' to strengthen their learning, collaborating with the Wakakirri team to produce an awesome performance and being a valued part of a great school. 'Be kinder than necessary' is often spoken throughout the school and it resonates closely with my own beliefs. This is my last year of teaching as I have decided to retire after 37 years. My career started in NSW as a District Relief Teacher, followed by many roles within the ACT including: working with teenagers with disabilities in CIT, teaching at Woden School, providing support in schools for students with disabilities throughout the ACT, setting up a Learning Support Unit and teaching many primary



students in mainstream schools. What a lot of fun and variety. Where else can you have a completely different day, each day and make a difference to others? Now it's time for other pursuits, but I will always be passionate about education and it's importance. I'm leaving on a high, thanks Harrison School.

Jill Smith



## DEFENCE NEWS

It has been an absolute privilege to work with your children this year. I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday period full of fun and laughter and send you my best wishes for your journey ahead. Best of Luck to those moving away, may your removals go smoothly! For those families returning I look forward to catching up with you in the New Year. For all of our new families, I look forward to welcoming you to our community in February. We will be holding a Defence Drop-In and Cuppa on Monday 30th January from 9:15am in the Junior Canteen area.

Sarah McGavin available Mon – Wed and Fri school hours.

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



## DEFENCE KIDS

I wish you all a very happy and safe School Holiday period and look forward to seeing all of your lovely smiling faces again next year. Watch this space for days and times of Activity Groups.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE END OF THE YEAR

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

**REMINDER:** The Junior and Senior canteens will be

**CLOSED** on **Friday 16 December**.

## P & C NEWS



## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1 April, 2017 3:00 – 7:00pm

Be part of a fun and vibrant community day at Harrison School, with thrilling rides, attractions and performances that will capture the imagination of children of all ages.

Please see the attached flyer.

## SCHOOL BANKING



A big congratulations to every little Super Saver who received certificates and rewards this year – what a fantastic effort. We're sorry if some of the rewards you chose were not available, this year's rewards were very popular and unfortunately they went very quickly. Remember, we will still process your School Banking this Wednesday.

We would like to thank everyone who has participated in the School Banking Program this year, through your efforts the Commonwealth Bank has paid over \$ 1,200 in commission to our school with more to come from this term. What a great effort from everyone!

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope you all have a fantastic holiday, we look forward to more great savings next year.