



## Harrison School Newsletter 7 March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 6!

Last week concluded a very well attended and important cycle of 'meet and greet' interviews for teachers and families K-4. These meetings enable parents and teachers the opportunity to work collaboratively with children to identify learning goals for the year ahead.

Additionally, several teachers and team leaders met with families to review and discuss individual learning plan priorities and goals. Goal setting enables teachers, parents and students to establish a collaborative and shared partnership in learning.

Home-school collaboration is an important step in supporting a child's positive engagement in the learning and social aspects of school life. Parents and schools ultimately have a common, overarching goal to see children develop the skills for lifelong learning, to see children succeed, and to see children happy. The goal of enhancing children's competence, participation, and positive learning and social behaviours cannot be achieved by teachers alone. Active partnerships with families enable the role of learning to be collaboratively crafted and facilitated by key stakeholders.

Common learning goals are a reference point that can be reviewed and collectively worked towards at both home and school. Children are supported in their progression towards goal acquisition by those who share responsibility for learning.

Tapor (et al 2011) in their online extract titled, ***Parent involvement and student academic performance: A multiple mediational analysis*** present research findings that suggest parents who have a positive attitude towards their child's education, school, and teacher are able to positively influence their child's academic performance by two mechanisms: (a) by being engaged with the child to increase the child's self-perception of

## Diary

### Term 1 Week 6 SCHOOL PHOTOS

#### Wednesday 8

- Uke Project 8:15am
- P – Yr. 4 Assembly – 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Aspire Program Alan Tongue
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Welcome BBQ Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students and families

#### Thursday 9

- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Cotter Camp departs at 1:10pm
- Yr. 7 Drumming

#### Friday 10

- Yr. 7/8 Outdoor Ed Cotter Camp returns at approx.3:15pm

### Term 1 Week 7

#### Monday 13

#### CANBERRA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

#### Tuesday 14

- Yr.1/2 Exploring the Botanical Gardens  
1/2 MJ, RP, TD, OP, KS

#### Wednesday 15

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly – 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Aspire Program Alan Tongue
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Christian Education K- Yr. 6
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm - Library

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

#### [2017 Calendar](#)



cognitive competence and (b) by being engaged with the teacher and school to promote a stronger and more positive student-teacher relationship.

(Additionally ref:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3020099/>)

Harrison School staff prioritise opportunities to work alongside families to clearly shape and reflect learning pathways for students; *Inspire Personalise Learn*. An extension of the process identifies time for review and further discussion of goal progression at identified intervals throughout the year. However, parents are invited to make contact with their classroom teacher to clarify aspects of student growth at any stage.

Whilst time is understandably a factor that challenges all of us in what proves to be a busy world, its application to and impact on learning can have demonstrated positive impact.

### School Photos

Thank you to families and students for paying due diligence to school uniform this week whilst class and individual school photos have and are taking place (Monday-Thursday). Information regarding photo days for all year groups was distributed in last week's newsletter. Please refer to the link if you wish to view the schedule.

### Split Classes

From time to time, split classes occur at Harrison School. Where possible, children from a split class are distributed to neighbouring classes within their learning communities. This enables them to work alongside peers and teachers that are familiar and also provides opportunity for continuity of the overarching learning program.

Junior school classrooms have split class lists on display at the entrance of each teaching and learning area to guide families in knowing where to take children (if they arrive at their regular classroom after the class has been split) and where to collect them from at the end of the school day. Please support us to facilitate safe and clear end of day procedures by collecting your child directly

from the split class teacher at the end of the day.

### Crossing with care:

In the interests of pedestrian safety it is vitally important that parents/carers escorting children across the pedestrian crossings at the end of the day do so with care and co-operate with the instructions of the staff members patrolling the crossing area. It is at times, necessary for pedestrian traffic to wait and allow traffic the opportunity to pass to alleviate congestion. We therefore appreciate patience and compliance at this busy time of day to ensure that children's safety remains a priority.

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Deputy Principal Preschool – Yr. 2

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Harrison G	Delaney P	Tiani T
Oliver K	Ben B	Dennis H
Alyssa T	Manasvi B	Mia D
Nathan B	Marco T	Miguel O
Lachlan C	Rose McR	Jason B

### HARRISON SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be held **until Thursday 9 March 2017**. Please ensure that your child/ren are in the correct school uniform.

### PRESCHOOL PHOTOS

**Preschool Photos will be taken on Tuesday 7 and Thursday 9 March 2017**

The class schedule can be found on the Harrison School website at the link below:

[2017 Class Photo Day Schedule.pdf](#)

### Sibling Photos

Sibling photos will be taken before school between 8:00am and 8:50am each morning **until Thursday 9 March 2017**.

Parents can take siblings attending Harrison School to the Hall between the time and dates above.

Sibling Photo envelopes are available from the Front Office.

## 2017 SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement as the Age Champions of their respective age group at the 2017 Harrison Swimming Trials:

	<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
U/8	Serena K K	U/8	Kingston K
U/9	Chloe K & Chloe L	U/9	Khan W
U/10	Jaidi B	U/10	Ethan P
U/11	Chloe P	U/11	Mitchell C
U/12	Emma T	U/12	Thomas P
U/13	Georgia G	U/13	Pavel A
U/14	Sarah T	U/14	Thomas R
U/15	Sarah M	U/15	Sebastian M
U/16	Enya S	U/16	Luke M



### FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday**  
**8:30am – 3:30pm**

### 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.

### EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: Students Name and Excursion details.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club is Due Friday 17 March.

## HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND



Harrison School has established a special **LIBRARY FUND** to continue to build the school's library and information resources.

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible if paid within the 2017/2018 financial year.** Under our tax laws all donations to public libraries qualify as a tax deduction - our library being in a public school meets this criterion.

This fund gives our school the chance to build a quality reading and reference facility and provide selected electronic information services for our students.

**All donations, no matter the amount, are invaluable.** The important thing is that they will be used to support your child's education.

If you wish to donate, or if you have a business which may like to consider a gift, we would welcome any contributions.

Donations to the Library Fund can be left at the school office, sent to school with your child or by Direct Debit. If paying by direct debit please ensure that you enter details of students name and a description of the payment.

Please complete the attached form or the form can be found on the school website at the link below: [Library Fund](#)

On behalf of all the students at Harrison School, we thank you for your donation.



**HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017**

Harmony Day is a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is that **'Everyone Belongs'**, which means that all Australians are a welcome part of

our country regardless of their background. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia such a great place to live.

Harrison School will come together to celebrate Harmony Day with a Whole School Assembly, commencing at 9.15am on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

**Students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or something orange to school on the day.**

It is our hope that many parents and families attend our special assembly to participate in the day's celebrations. Parents are invited to return to their child's class to share their cultural stories, games, songs and traditions with the students after the assembly.

Harmony Day celebrations will continue during March and throughout the year, within classrooms. We encourage any parents who would like to share their traditions and culture to contact classroom teachers.



**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY SURVEY**

The Education Directorate is currently undertaking an evaluation of support for students with disability in Canberra public schools. To inform this work we are seeking a wide variety of views on how we best support both students and schools.

The Directorate is consulting with students, families, school staff, peak bodies and leading practitioners to ensure a wide variety of views are considered.

We would like to invite the Canberra community to contribute to the review process by completing a short survey or providing a written submission. Information on how to contribute is at [http://www.education.act.gov.au/school\\_education/students-with-disability-review](http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/students-with-disability-review).

Surveys and written submissions close on **10 March 2017**. This is an important review and your contribution is greatly appreciated.



**DEFENCE NEWS**



As part of our Anzac Day Commemoration we are providing students with the opportunity to express their understanding of “What Anzac Day means to them?” by way of writing a piece, doing a drawing or constructing an item. These are to be handed in to the front office by Friday 31 of March and will be displayed in the Multi-Purpose Room near the Junior Hall for the morning tea, following our Anzac Day Service.

If you have been posted to Canberra recently and are interested in the Education Assistance program for your child please contact us. Please also be advised that some changes have been made to the Education Assistance process by DCO. These changes require you to submit the Education assistance forms to the DCO Family Helpline. As such you could be waiting up to 21 days for approval.

Please note that you could be waiting up to 21 days for approval and tutoring reimbursement only occurs once you have approval. Reimbursements now happen quarterly in line with the school term. If you have concerns about this please raise the issues with your local Defence Families Australia (DFA) delegate.

**Coming Up:** Dinner Date – Thursday 23 March @ Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club. If you are interested in attending, please let us know. More info will follow shortly.

ANZAC Day Service – Friday 7 April 9.15am in the gym.

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## DEFENCE KIDS

During activity groups this week the children have had fun playing games. Outdoor activities have included skipping, elastics, down ball and dodge ball. 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 will commence this Thursday at lunchtime in Room H4/G26 (Mulligans Building).



## HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi-Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30, this volunteer group is open to all community members 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.

## P & C NEWS

### Car Park

Thank you once again for your patience with the car park changes. We have had positive feedback from parents and staff about how much smoother the pick-up and drop off times are. Can we please remind you that the speed limit is **10k per hour**.



### Twilight Fair

Less than 4 weeks to go! The flier attached to this newsletter gives full information about the Fair; buying tickets; donations needed; sponsors who are helping make the Fair happen and much more. We would like to highlight two things:

Volunteers...the Fair cannot happen without parents, carers, students and staff offering an hour or two of your time. There are two ways you can sign up to volunteer:

1 - sign up for a designated spot at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aa5af23a7fb6-2017>.

2 - email [harrisonfair@hotmail.com](mailto:harrisonfair@hotmail.com) with the times you can volunteer, and a task will be designated to you.

**Tickets** - you can pre-order your unlimited ride wristbands, Carnival Cards and raffle tickets at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Full information in the attached flier.

## 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, just drop into the canteen and say hello.

Please see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

[NEW FLEXI SCHOOLS LINK IN STUDENT ID CARD YR. 7 – 10](#)

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second –hand Uniform shop opens every Wednesday from 8:30 – 9:30am.