



Harrison School Newsletter 19 September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe week 10 is upon us already! It has been a hectic term with some terrific events to complement the excellent learning that has been happening. A few of the recent events were:

- our 5/6 space museum opening (you may have seen it on WIN news) attended by two NASA staff and our Director General
- the 9/10 camp to Melbourne where students visited a number of sites and got to experience travelling with a group
- our Art Show where students and staff had the opportunity to exhibit their artworks (we even received artworks from our Japanese sister school Tomio Daisan)
- the Deadly Mob cubby house build where a number of our Indigenous students built and painted a cubby house that was kindly donated by Lendlease
- a visit from Minister Fitzharris to talk to some of our 1/2 students and help build their understanding of being a significant Canberran

P&C

There is a P&C meeting this Wednesday in the school library. Proceedings will start with a special resolution meeting to make decisions about the P&C's constitution at 6:30pm followed by a regular meeting at 7:00pm. The meetings are generally finished by 8:30pm and it would be great to see you there. On behalf of the school I would like to express a huge thank you to the P&C for their very generous donation earlier in the year of \$5000 to buy books for the junior area of the school. The books have been purchased and students are loving having extra and different reading material.

Bicycle Safety

I've received a few reports of late of dangerous/careless riding of bikes by Harrison students that have resulted in 'near misses'. Please take time to remind your children about safe riding as none of us want to experience an accident. You can find information on cycling road rules [here](#) and a brochure on cyclists and motorists sharing roads [here](#).

Diary

Term 3 Week 10

Tuesday 19

- ACT 12& U Athletics
- Deadly Mob Students Excursion

Wednesday 20

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm Library

Thursday 21

- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program

Friday 22

LAST DAY of TERM 3

- Junior School Fun Run

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 9 October

- FIRST DAY of TERM 4

Wednesday 11

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

Thursday 12

- Cyber Safety Presentation – Yr. 7 Students and Parents 1:50pm

Friday 13

- Cyber Safety Presentation – Yr. 7
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:30pm

Saturday 14

- Floriade Performance

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



Term 3 Absences

As we've soldiered through the winter we have experienced a considerable number of student and staff absences. If your child has been absent, please ensure that you have notified the school of the dates and reasons for any absence. This is an important part of the process of monitoring student attendance that the school does.

Staff absence and a shortage of relief teachers has resulted in us splitting classes regularly across the school during term 3. While we normally see an improvement in the situation in term 4 I did want to reassure parents that we have good procedures in place for managing the splitting of classes and allocation of relief teachers that enables high quality teaching and learning to continue.

Evacuations and Lock Downs

Earlier this term we performed a lock down to help manage a situation involving a student in the school. A number of parents were concerned by the lack of information from the school initially and we have taken steps to improve this for any future events. As a school we practice both evacuations and lock downs to make sure staff and students know what to do in the case of an emergency to ensure everyone is safe. I am mindful that parents are not part of these practices so I thought I'd share some information to shed some light on them for you and to outline what we need from you in the event of either occurring.

Evacuation occurs if it is dangerous to stay within the school buildings due to events like a fire. A warning alarm sounds to let us know to prepare to evacuate followed by an evacuate alarm and message. Students and staff follow known evacuation paths to exit to the ovals. Wardens are designated to check buildings to ensure everyone is out as they evacuate. Class rolls are taken to the evacuation points and marked so we can account for all students and staff. The fire brigade always attend if the evacuation alarm sounds.

A lock down occurs if there is a danger within the school grounds that make it unsafe for people to be outside, such as potentially dangerous behaviour or an intruder. An alarm sounds to let students and staff know that they need to move to a space in their classroom that is out of sight and to be as quiet as possible. External doors to buildings are locked and the police are called if it is warranted.

A few things you can do if the school is evacuated or locked down are:

- if you're not at the school please don't come to the school to see if everything is okay
- if you are outside the school grounds when an alarm sounds please stay outside
- if you are inside the school grounds and an alarm sounds, please follow the directions of staff
- wait for the school to contact you - please don't ring the school. Be mindful that our priority is ensuring people are safe, not sending out information, so please be patient
- if the event happens at pickup time please wait for your child's teacher to dismiss them

Thank you in advance.

Uniform

I'll take this opportunity to remind you that summer uniform takes effect at the start of term 4. If you're unsure about the requirements please check out our [website](#) for details. During the cooler months I've seen a number of our students not wearing the school uniform and I am hopeful that the move to the summer uniform improves this. I appreciate the support provided by parents and encourage you to continue to ensure your children wear the whole uniform every day. We are working hard on this at school as well and it is this partnership between parents and the school that result in improvement. I hope all of you have a great mid semester break and that you and your children return safely to us at the start of term 4.

Jason Holmes

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Two students from Harrison School were successful in gaining placement in the Gungahlin College Smart Program for 2018 – Congratulations Ash and Cameron.

Congratulations to Austin F and Antony S who were part of the ACT representative basketball team that played in the Barrengarry Conference in Wollongong recently and were crowned U12 Boys Champions for the conference.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Myra A	Ethan C	Jordan c
Taisiia M	Mine P	Jarrood H
Jannah W	Aaliyah S	James P
Nathan B	Aariv S	Ayla K
Manha A	Ayishah Z	Antonia B
Trisha D	Aaliyah R	Jupmun R
Aanshi C	Scarlett H	Rohan N
Patrick L	Dang N	Ben R
Tarun T	Harrison G	Jayden R x 2
Sebastian D	Kai S	

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/>



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September** or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at the school or at your local Woolworths-Gungahlin and Franklin stores.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items that are ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and our library.

If you'd like to know more visit

woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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.

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.

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.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books

Last week we sent out overdue notices and we would like to thank those students who have returned their books. We would like to remind everyone to return any overdue books before this Friday.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

A reminder to return the completed forms back to the library or the class teacher.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of unnamed school clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles in the library. Please come and have a look for any items that your child is missing as these will be donated if not collected.

Pamela Gaukroger
Teacher Librarian



DEFENCE NEWS

Defence News: Last week some of our defence students had some awesome entries in the school Art Show, we congratulate them on their efforts.

Yesterday Marina (DTM) from Gungahlin College came to meet with some of our year 10 students that will be attending the college next year.

We wish you all a relaxing school holidays and hope that your footy team wins!

Deployments: Is your family currently enduring Deployment, or will be shortly? Be sure to let your child's teacher and the DSTA/DTM (as appropriate) know so that we may support you and your family during this time. Often families believe that their children will not be affected during this period of long term absence but it can be a big adjustment, so if we can all work together, the journey may be easier.

Coming Up: Defence Christmas Dinner – Friday 3 November more details to come early next term
Remembrance Day Service – Friday 10 November 9.15am in the Gym

POSTINGS: As posting orders are starting to come out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition? Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU etc.) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri. Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

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

Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

This week in activity groups we have had a puzzle challenge with the K-2's and a Teams Challenge with the 3-4's. 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).

OPERATION LAUNDRY BAG

Operation Laundry Bag is also still running this term if any students from Yrs. 5 to 10 are interested and can sew. Please meet Mrs Brown in the Textiles room Wednesday lunchtimes. Our aim is to get 8 laundry bags completed which can then be sent to Defence force members on operational deployments.



HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi-Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30pm 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.

ThinkUKnow – Parent Cyber Safety Presentation

Date: Thursday 12 October 2017 (Week 1, Term 4)

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

A Cyber Safety presentation is being held at Harrison School on Thursday 12th October by the excellent team at ThinkUKnow.

Developed by and in collaboration with the AFP, the ThinkUKnow is a free evidence based cyber safety program. It provides information to parents, carers, teachers and students on the technologies young people use, challenges they may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome with the aim of providing safer online environments for young people and raising awareness.

ThinkUKnow presentations cover topics such as social media reputation management, cyberbullying, 'sexting', online grooming, online gaming, inappropriate content, privacy management, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong in the hope of bridging the gap between adults and young people.

With year 7 students learning about cyber safety in term three, Harrison School is sending an invitation to all parents and carers of year's 5-10 students to attend the ThinkUKnow cyber safety presentation.



HARRISON SCHOOL FUN RUN

When – Friday, 22 September (9.10am -10.40am)

Who –All students from Kindergarten – Year 4

Why – To celebrate the last day of term and to promote fitness in our school community

Where – Harrison School Oval (parents welcome to watch or participate)

Proudly presented by the Junior School House Captains

P & C NEWS REMINDER P&C MEETING

The P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 September at 7:00pm in the Library. All parents welcome.

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](#)

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