



## Harrison School Newsletter 28 November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Year is such a busy time! It is also a lovely time as students share the culmination of all of their efforts throughout the year, reflect on their progress against their learning goals and join in celebratory events.

### Exhibitions of Learning

The 7-10 exhibitions of learning are occurring this week. This is an important reflection of learning where students share their initial goals and the evidence they have collected to demonstrate their learning progress. Exhibitions of Learning need to be completed by all students this week and can be done on line at home or on Wednesday 29 November at school anytime between 5:00-6:00pm.

### Alice

The 9/10 Drama Production demonstrated their amazing learning and commitment last week in their hilarious and professional production of Alice in Wonderland. The students performed nine times in front of a packed house and the pure joy on their faces and enthusiasm they put into their performances was what really raised the level of the show to brilliant! The students not only performed, they managed the entire front and back of house duties, the music, lighting, set, props and sound! Their very proud, hardworking and talented director Juliet Moody deserves an enormous amount of credit. It was so heart-warming to see the cast rotate over the course of the production to enable every student their chance to shine. Juliet was supported by Jim Riley, Alan Harding and the wider staff and I sincerely thank all for their contributions and hard work to create this student opportunity; huge congratulations to all involved.

### Colour Run

A very dedicated group of 9/10 students organised and facilitated a Colour Run on Friday for students in 5-10. This was a student designed and led project from their Learn RITE class and raised money for

## Diary

### Term 4 Week 8

#### End of Year Concert Week

##### Tuesday 28

- Preschool End of Year Exhibitions of Learning M/T Groups 4:30 – 5:15pm

##### Wednesday 29

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Concert A Matinee 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Preschool End of Year Exhibitions of Learning T/F Groups 4:30 – 5:15pm
- Yr. 5 – 10 Exhibitions of Learning 4:00 – 5:00pm
- 2018 Japan Trip Information Session 4:00 – 5:00pm - Library
- Concert BBQ 5:00- 6:00pm
- Concert A Evening Performance 6:30 – 8:30pm

##### Thursday 30

- Concert B Matinee 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Yr. 5 – 10 Exhibitions of Learning 4:00 – 5:00pm
- 2018 Japan Trip Information Session 4:00 – 5:00pm - Library
- Concert BBQ 5:00- 6:00pm
- Concert B Evening Performance 6:30 – 8:30pm

##### Friday 1

#### ALL Library Books Due Back

- Yr. 10 Breakfast 8:00- 8:30am
- Yr. 10 Farewell Assembly **9:10am** – Gym
- Yr. 10 Last Day Celebration

### Term 4 Week 9

##### Monday 4

- Gungahlin College Yr. 11 Orientation Day

##### Tuesday 5

- Yr. 3/4 Aqua Fun Day

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



Domestic Violence. These students liaised with council, organised all communication, resources, safety procedures, promotion, and associated BBQ etc. They did a Brilliant job and demonstrated excellent learning and development in their project management and trouble shooting skills. Thank you to their teachers Marcus Berryman and Shaun Hodson for their tireless support and advice. It was such a fun and positive community event.

### Farewell year 10

This week is the last week at Harrison for our Year 10 cohort. We will be celebrating their efforts on Friday this week with a Year 10 Breakfast, followed by a farewell assembly and a year 10 excursion. We will then complete the celebration on Wednesday next week with their Graduation and Formal. Year 10 leaving is always a bitter sweet occasion. We are extremely proud of their contributions to the Harrison Community, their learning growth and achievements and the young adults they have become. We look forward to hearing about their future milestones. Congratulations and best of luck Year 10.

### School Concert

The students and staff alike are excited by the school concerts occurring this week. Collectively we have all put in the hard yards to entertain you and showcase our learning. I encourage you to show your appreciation by being great audience members:

- Stay for the whole show; it will be worth it
- Live directly; watch with your own eyes rather than through your recording devices and if you are recording for family who can't attend the concert, please be mindful of the view of people around you and do so from the side aisles
- Please remain quiet during performances
- Enjoy the show!

### Community News

We've had a number of parents raising concerns about the unsafe behaviour being shown by some Harrison students around the streets before and after school. We will work with students from the school side and this is a great opportunity for us to

work in partnership with parents if you can join us by providing similar messages at home.

By now most of you would have noticed the footpath stencils (below) popping up around the school. These are part of the Active Streets for Schools program which is an extension of the Ride or Walk to school program. This initiative aims to make the environment around the school safe for our students riding, walking, skating and scooting to school. We are one of 25 schools in Canberra selected to participate in the program. You can support the program by joining with us in encouraging students to use active travel to and from school in a safe and healthy way.



### **STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2018**

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2018 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 2018.

### **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, 2018 Tuesday 6 February could you please complete the form on this link [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office ASAP.

### **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.

### 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.

## 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/>

## EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

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

## 2018 STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LISTS



The 2018 Stationery Requirements lists will be sent home this week. The lists are also available on the school website on the link below:

[2018 Harrison School Stationery Packs](#)

Please follow the ordering instructions

1. Go to the OfficeMax website [OfficeMaxSchools.com.au](http://OfficeMaxSchools.com.au)
2. Search for Harrison School, Harrison ACT and

enter your school access key **2XQ5Q**

3. Complete the student details and select the year level that your child will be in for 2018. Eg. If your child is in Yr.1 this year then you need to select the 2018 Yr. 2 list.
4. Review your requirements list and make any changes (if necessary). Please note that some items have been denoted as a requisite for the subject or year.

If you have more than one student at the school you will need to repeat the above steps, ordering the correct 2018 year level list.

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

### Order Deadlines and Delivery

When ordering your child's 2018 Stationery packs please **DO NOT** enter the school address for delivery of stationery packs. Orders will **NOT** be delivered to the school.

**Please enter either your home address or your work/business address for stationery pack delivery.**

Orders are delivered via Australia post's eParcel service and you will receive an email with the Australia Post tracking ID Number. Post Offices Box addresses are **NOT** accepted.

- Orders placed on or before 17 December will be delivered free of charge.
- Orders placed after 17 December and on or before 31 December will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee.
- Orders placed after 31 December will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee and all efforts will be made to deliver prior to the beginning of Term 1, 2018.

### IMPORTANT

- **ALL** Stationery packs need to be brought to school on the first day of **Term 1, 2018** and given to the class teacher.

Please note that OfficeMax now has zipPay

**OfficeMax now has zipPay. You can buy your requirements list now and pay later.**

For full terms and conditions visit [officemaxschools.com.au](http://officemaxschools.com.au)



If you need any help placing your order, returns or refunds, delivery information or have a general enquiry please visit [OfficeMaxSchool.com.au/help](http://OfficeMaxSchool.com.au/help) Please **DO NOT** send any Stationery Lists or money to the school, ALL orders are through OfficeMax.

### CHROMEBOOK DEVICE REMINDER

Reminder to parents of all students from Year 6 – 9. The Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development is providing students who will be in Year. 7 – 10 in 2018 with a Chromebook Device.

Please complete the attached Allocation to Secondary Students from Yr. 7 – 11 in 2018 and the Chromebook Acceptance form indicating your decision to participate and return it to the school by **Friday 1 December 2017**. Please see the link below [Chromebook Device Allocation to Secondary Students](#)

### LIBRARY NEWS



#### Returning Library Books

Please remember to return all library books before **Friday 1 December**.

#### Borrowing e-Books

If you missed yesterday's information session on borrowing e-Books please contact the library and we can organise a time for you to visit at another time.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi Teacher Librarians

## 2017 HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT



### TICKETS

**We have tickets available for both Matinee sessions.**

**Wednesday Evening Performance- Limited Tickets available**

**Thursday Evening Performance – SOLD OUT**

**Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 November.**

**Last chance to purchase tickets – all audience members MUST have a ticket.**

#### **Important notes to remember:**

- Audience members, **please wear flat soled shoes in the gym** to minimise noise and to protect our gym surface
- No videoing or photography will be allowed from the Centre aisle to ensure safety and good visibility for all audience members
- All audience members are **expected to stay for the duration** of the concert to avoid disruption
- You will need a ticket to attend the performances – all 'performing' students do not need a ticket – they will be in classrooms before/after their item

We will be running a BBQ before the Concert. We will be selling drinks, sausages and vegetarian patties as well as cupcakes!

Drinks: \$1.50

Sausages: \$2.00

Veggie patties: \$2.50

Cupcakes: \$2.00 (some GF available)

Combo – sausage, drink and cupcake \$5.00 (or veg pattie instead of sausage)

Please see the attached document for the Concert Timetable or the link below: [2017 End of Year](#)

### Concert Class Timetable

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

Arianna Cansdell – Concert Coordinator

## **2017 YR. 10 BREAKFAST, FAREWELL ASSEMBLY AND LAST DAY CELEBRATION**

Just a reminder the 2017 that the Yr. 10 Breakfast, Assembly and Last Day Celebration will be held on **Friday 1 December.**

- Breakfast will be held at the school from 8:00 – 8:30am
- Farewell Assembly will start at **9:10am** and will be in the Gym
- The students will then depart the school at 10:15am to John Knight Park and return at the end of the school day.

**Please Note:** The change in time for the Farewell Assembly now starting at **9:10am**

## **HARRISON SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN**

The LearnRite students held their Colour Fun Run on Friday and all students and staff who participated had wonderful time and raising approximately \$1400.00 for The Fearless Initiative.



## **GARDEN STALL**



Thinking of planting a vegetable garden in the holidays?...

The Harrison Garden Club will be running our last garden stall for the year on Thursday 7 Dec (Week 9). There is a variety of vegetables and succulents

for sale. We will be outside the hall from 8:15am onwards.

Hope to see you there.



## **DEFENCE NEWS**

Thank you to all the junior and senior students who came to their Farewell Get Togethers. It was so nice to see them have so much fun – with a couple saying “This is the best day ever”. We wish them luck on their next adventure wherever that may be. We will miss them all. Please make sure if you are leaving that you have a Checklist for Students Leaving Form (like a post out form). This is required to be filled out in the last week your child is at school. What an exciting week this week is with our end of year concerts scheduled! The kids always enjoy performing for their families.

### **Coming Up:**

- HMAS Harman Christmas Party Friday 1 December
- Australian Military Wives Choir Christmas Open Rehearsal Thursday 7 December

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri.

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

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

[Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au)



## **DEFENCE KIDS**

Activity groups have finished for this year due to concerts and other activities. If you have suggestions for what you would like to do at activity groups next year please tell Mrs McGavin. We hope to see you back at activity groups in the New Year, please watch this space for times and locations.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to all students who recently received their rewards and certificates, what a great effort you have made with your savings.

Just a reminder that if you wish to order a reward, you need to return your note or rewards card along with your 10 tokens **this Wednesday**, so that I can order the rewards for you. Please remember, no more orders for rewards will be placed after tomorrow **29 November (that's this week – week 8)**, as they will not be processed. If you have collected 10 tokens and don't wish to order a reward at this time, that's fine – we will have a brand new set of exciting rewards next year. I'm not sure yet of next year's theme but will let you know as soon as I find out!

Don't forget we will still be processing your **School Banking in weeks 9 and 10**, so you can continue to collect your tokens for next year. Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack School Banking Coordinators

## CANTEEN NEWS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE END OF THE YEAR

The canteen will be slowly decreasing their stock and are requesting from **Monday 4 December** 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 15 December**.

Please find attached an updated Canteen Menu. Please see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

## P & C SPECIAL RESOLUTION MEETING

The P&C have called a Special Resolution Meeting (SRM) to present the 2015 and 2016 financial audits. Our December General Monthly Meeting will commence at the conclusion of the SRM. The meeting will commence at 18:30 on Monday 4 December 2017.

Come along and hear about what's happening in and around Harrison School from the Principal and keep up to date with the P&C's agenda.

All parents/carers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The P&C SRM and General Meeting will be held in the school Library, light refreshments are provided. For more information email:

[secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au)



## CHANGES TO NSW RESIDENTS ENROLLING IN CANBERRA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The ACT Government has over many years provided education services to NSW residents in the region surrounding the ACT.

Each year, around 1,800 NSW students cross the border to attend one of Canberra's public schools. With a significant growth in enrolments within the ACT, the number of Canberra Public Schools able to accept enrolments from outside their Priority Enrolment area (including from NSW) has reduced and this trend is expected to continue.

To maintain our commitment to families in the ACT region, and to provide greater certainty to cross-border families, new arrangements have been put in place for NSW families who wish to send their child to a Canberra Public School. The ACT Government has worked with the NSW Government to ensure the new arrangements provide a number of viable options for NSW families coming into the ACT.

When a NSW resident enrolls in the Canberra public school system, they will be enrolled in one of a few selected schools given a clear pathway through primary, secondary and senior schooling. A northside and southside zone have been identified, with a number of schools in each zone selected as NSW pathway schools. While the pathway schools may change in the future, once a student is enrolled on a pathway they will be guaranteed a place in the schools identified upon initial enrolment.

To find out more about enrolling in a NSW pathway school, visit: [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)

There are also a range of schooling options available in NSW. To find out more about the NSW Public Schools contact the Queanbeyan Education Office on: 6200 5000