



## Harrison School Newsletter 30 May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome to Week 6!

As the temperature cools in the morning, it is most important that children come to school dressed for warmth. Whilst the sun may be shining, jumpers and coats may be necessary to keep them warm whilst they are outside before school and during break times.

The cooler weather brings with it coughs and colds and it is important that children who are unwell are given adequate rest at home to recover from illness. We thank parents and carers for their understanding and support of our office staff when calls are made to collect children who may become unwell during the day. Additionally, we appreciate those families who have updated contact details.

### Hats-Off Period – Commences 1 June 2017

The 'Hats Off' period commences THURSDAY at Harrison School. The 'Hats Off' period is a Cancer Council recommendation that enables children to be hat and sunscreen free throughout the day when the UV levels are at their lowest. This exposure additionally supports children to acquire their winter vitamin D needs. Children may choose to wear winter beanies to keep the morning chill at bay; particularly when the frost is thick first thing in the morning.

### Pedestrian Safety- crossing areas

Parents have recently contacted the school raising concerns for student safety at the pedestrian crossing along Wimmera Street. Please ensure as a motorist, that you exercise extreme caution in this area, as some students cross without adult supervision and are not always astute in their ability to stop and wait until vehicles have completely halted.

Additionally, at the patrolled pedestrian crossing, it is essential for students to walk with their parent/carer and only cross on the advisement of the staff member patrolling that area. Staff need to monitor the flow of traffic and will on occasion, ask pedestrians to wait at

## Diary

### Term 2 Week 6

#### Reconciliation Week

#### Wednesday 31

- Uke Project 8:15am
- P – 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

#### Thursday 1 June

- Yr. 5 Band Combined Practice

#### Friday 2

- Crazy Hair Day

### Term 2 Week 7

#### Monday 5

- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics

#### Tuesday 6

- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics
- Exploring the Botanical Gardens Yr. 1/2SK, EL, NE, JHA, CF, TP & KW

#### Wednesday 7

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr.5-10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Bell Shakespeare Performance: Shakespeare is Dead
- Yr. 1/2 Well Station Excursion 1/2KS, MJ, RP & OP
- Christian Education K - Yr. 6
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

#### Thursday 8

- 2017 I-inspire Conference
- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics

**REMINDER:** For ALL events in the Gym please wear flat-soled shoes **ONLY**  
[2017 Calendar](#)



the kerb until some vehicles have moved through; thus reducing congestion.

### Reconciliation Week – 27 May – 3 June

The theme for NRW 2017 is 'Let's take the next steps.' National Reconciliation Week reflects on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey—50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision.

Students at Harrison will explore the theme and importance of Reconciliation further through engagement with Reconciliation activities to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

### Soldier On Fundraiser – Friday 2 June

On Friday 2 June we will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day to celebrate the beginning of Hats off month and to raise money for Soldier On. Soldier On has provided assistance to families at Harrison School community during difficult periods and have also provided us with resources to teach our junior students about Anzac Day. As such, we asking for students to come with Crazy Hair and bring a gold coin to go to Soldier On.

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Charlotte V    Melina S    Seth S  
Molly M    William B    Jahaan S  
Priyanka S

Congratulations to our Community Spirit Award

Recipients:

Oliver B    Riley G    Matilda G  
Hu J

### 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.

### 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: **Students Name and Excursion details.**

### SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Cross Country Age Champions

Kindergarten	Year 1
Layla G	Gabriella H
Joshua T	Riley K
7 year old	8 year old
Katie P	Serena K
Lachlan H	Riley R
9 year old	10 year old
Ivy S	Sally K
Tarquin S	Jacob R
11 year old	12 year old
Chloe P	Grace L
Marzuq R	Peter V
13 year old	14 year old
Ivah L	Sarah T
Joonho O	Patrick A
15 year old	16+ year old
Ariana S	Bidoor R
Flynn K	Alex F

### HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND 2017

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

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible.** 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 or sent to school with your child. Please complete the attached form.

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

Please find the information and form attached.

## CRAZY HAIR DAY



We are celebrating Hats Off with a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 2 June. Come to school with your craziest looking hair and bring a gold coin donation. We are fundraising for Soldier On.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Student Leaders and House Captains photos order forms are available from the front office. Orders for these photos are to be sent to MSP Photography by no later than **Friday 8 June**. The photos are available for viewing at the main front office.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to your school photo order please contact MSP Photography on: 62559208.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Overdue Notes

We are printing and emailing reminder notes for overdue library books tomorrow, Wednesday 31. Please remind your children that if they have books that need returning to please bring them

back in the morning before the notes are printed. Students in years 5-10 will be reminded to check their emails to receive their notices.

### Entertainment Books

**Harrison School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...**

Your 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Membership is expiring on 1 June 2017. Please continue to support our School by buying the NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership from us today. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

**BUY FROM US NOW.**

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

## LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property in the Library. As the colder days and months approach our lost property increases it is a timely reminder to ensure that all items that come to school are labelled.



## HARRISON SCHOOL LIP SYNC BATTLE

**Friday 18 August 1:10 – 1:50pm**

This year the Lip Sync Battle encourages the students and families of Harrison to be creative and use technology to record their entry, using the Musically or iMovie apps. If your child is unable to do this, then some senior students will assist them with their recording, towards the end of Term 2 or at the beginning of Term 3. Please ensure your child has their first and last name, song choice and artist listed with their teacher on the Lip Sync Battle sign on sheet

which is available from your child's class teacher. When your video is ready, please contact Lisa Oreo for the drop box link to upload your clip - [lisa.oreo@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lisa.oreo@ed.act.edu.au)

If you would like to sponsor the Lip Sync Battle this year and support our worthy charity "HEADSPACE" or donate some prizes then please contact [lisa.oreo@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lisa.oreo@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE NEWS

It has been great watching our Defence students participating in our Athletics Carnivals over the past week. Congratulations to all that have made it to districts.

The North Gungahlin Regional and Northside Cross Country Carnivals were held last Thursday. It was great to see so many Defence students representing Harrison and doing such a great job! Well done!

Last term, we mentioned the Kookaburra Kids Foundation and the program they have for serving and ex serving ADF families. They have activity days coming up in Canberra on 4 July and 29 September and a camp on the 25-27 August. These camps and activity days are support opportunities for children aged 8 – 18 years who have a parent with a mental illness as a result of military service. If you would like more information on the program there are flyers in the front office or please contact us. <https://kookaburrakids.org.au/>

This Friday we have our Crazy Hair day to celebrate hats off and to raise money for Soldier On.

A reminder that our Defence Dinner for the term is also on Friday. If you haven't yet RSVP'd and would like to come, please let us know as soon as possible.

As postings will start to become available, we would ask that you kindly keep us informed of any changes to your circumstances. Remember that we provide extra support to your children when mum/dad is absent from home for Defence related reasons, so please keep us informed of courses, exercises etc.

## Coming Up:

Crazy Hair Day – Friday 2 June (Gold coin donations to Soldier On)

Defence Dinner – Friday 2 June 7:00pm at Frankies at Forde

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

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## OPERATION LAUNDRY BAG

*Supporting our deployed Defence Force Members*

We have a large Defence community here at Harrison school and we are excited to be undertaking a project to support Defence personnel who are deployed. Aussie Hero Quilts is an organisation which organises quilts and laundry bags (made by volunteers) for Deployed Aussie Servicemen and women. In conjunction with Ms Brown (our high school textiles teacher), we are aiming to make 10 laundry bags to send through to this organisation. We will be meeting in the textiles room on Tuesday lunchtimes to plan and make the laundry bags. Students from years 5-10, who can use a sewing machine, as well as any interested volunteers, are invited to join this exciting project. We would love to have you help out!

More information about the Aussie Hero Quilt program can be found at <http://aussieheroquilts.blogspot.com.au/>



## DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week have involved craft activities for the K-2s and 3-4s! Please remind your child of the day 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 3-4 (Tues lunch). The Senior Chill out session for Yrs 5 -10 is Thursday lunchtime in Room H4/G26 (Mulligans Building).



## HARRISON HEARTS

Is held in the Multi-Purpose room (Junior Hall), every **Wednesday** between 1:30 and 2:30pm. 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.

## SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to the many students who received their latest certificates and rewards for their savings efforts. What a fabulous result – I hope you all enjoy your rewards. There are many of you who are also eligible for rewards this term, I encourage you to order them before week 8 (Wednesday 7 June) so that we may have them delivered before the end of the term.

We hope you continue you with your fantastic savings efforts.

Happy Savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack  
School Banking Coordinators

## CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS ROUTE 580

**Commencing:** Monday 5 June 2017

**Change to Route:** The route has been amended to accommodate for the re-opening of Manning Clark Crescent, Gungahlin and changes on Hibberson Street, Gungahlin.

The attached map will be available on the Transport Canberra website from Monday 5 June 2017.

We further advise that parents and students are able to use our [NXTBUS](#) system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations.

## P & C NEWS

### Facebook

Did you know Harrison School P&C has its own Facebook Page? Join our community and keep up to date with events happening with the P&C as well as within school.

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC/>

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

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

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