



## Harrison School Newsletter 6 June 2017

Hello Harrison Community,

Welcome to Week 7! A big congratulations goes out to the team running Sojourner's writing camp last week. We had 25 students attend who refined and worked toward their writing goals with the support of our expert teaching team and visiting authors. Students and teachers alike were highly inspired by the visiting authors and were thankful for the opportunity to have feedback on their own writing. It was fantastic to hear that our students also had the opportunity to give teachers feedback on the stories the teachers had written. What a great way to model that we are all lifelong learners! To view some of the stories our students are publishing in the Sojourner Magazine, follow the link: [Sojourner link](#)

For some great reads, have a look at the books written by our visiting authors:

- K.J.Taylor
- Craig Cormick
- Kate Widdell

**Future of Education Conversation:** When planning and reflecting on what we are teaching at Harrison we are always looking into the impact our school has on each student's performance. Our Government system is investing time into our school system to improve its place as a national leader, where every child has access to and education which will set them up for a bright future.

The government has started a conversation about what the future of our education system looks like. We want to continue working with our communities to understand what changes you think we need to make to ensure we have the best possible school system for all children, irrespective of their background. This includes how our system can provide an equitable opportunity for all children and also how we equip students for 21 century learning. You can contribute to this conversation

## Diary

### Term 2 Week 7

#### 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

#### Friday 9

- BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE
- Yr. 8 Graffiti Art

### Term 2 Week 6

#### Monday 12

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

#### Tuesday 13

- K – Yr. 6 League Clinics

#### Wednesday 14

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yr.5-10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- ACT 12&U and 13&O Combined Cross Country
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

#### Thursday 15

- K – Yr. 6 League Clinics
- Yr. 7 Drumming

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



or access more information at:  
[http://www.education.act.gov.au/school\\_education/the-future-of-education](http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/the-future-of-education)

### Reports on Student Achievement

Reports will be coming home shortly and it's worth highlighting that the written reports and accompanying A-E report (Year 1-10) are one element of the reporting process at Harrison School. While reports come home at the end of semester, students are assessed continuously and the feedback, reflections and work samples produced are all evidence of learning progress. To support this, students will lead Learning Journeys (Preschool), Student Led Conferences (Kinder - Year 2) and Exhibitions of Learning (Years 3-10) to showcase and discuss their achievements, challenges and progress. Please keep an eye out for invitations to these events which will run in Week 9 of this term (Years 5-10) and early next term (P - Year 4). I encourage you to attend as these are a very authentic and rich way for students to share their experiences with you.

Have a great week and keep being kind,  
Allison

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Lynn K          Lachlan L          Ankush M  
Aaron K

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

### 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.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TERM 2

Christian Education for Term 2 for Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 7 June.

The children will be taught the importance of having a solid foundation for their lives using songs, stories, videos, games and the bible. We may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities.

### 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 see the link: [Library Fund](#)

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book club orders due Friday 9 June

## OVERDUE BOOKS

Please remind your children that if they have any overdue library books that need returning to please bring them into the Library.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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

Your 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Membership expired 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

## NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH VISIT FAMILY HOSTS

Students from Nara University High School have been hosted by various ACT Schools to participate in the Canberra Nara Candle Festival since 2005. This year Nara University HS will be bringing 71 students. We have an opportunity to host some amazing Japanese students for their stay in Canberra from the evening of 25 October until 28 October 2017. If you are able to help out by hosting 1 or 2 students for up to 3 nights, please contact Amy McLeod at [amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au)

## YEARS 5 -10 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING

### Save the Date: Years 5-10 Semester 1 Exhibition of Learning Evening

Please have a look at this short clip about our [Exhibition of Learning](#)

**What:** An evening for your child to exhibit their learning to you. They will explain where they are, how they got there and what they need to do next. The exhibition is student led and teachers will prepare students for the exhibition, as well as be available for support during the evening as needed. All students from 5-10 will go through the process of exhibiting their learning and reflecting on that process. The Exhibition of Learning evening is an opportunity for this to occur at school during a celebration of learning, but it can be done from home as well. If the exhibition of learning and reflection is done from home, please make sure it is completed during Week 9 (19-23 June) as there will be an opportunity for students who have not done so, to share their learning and reflect on their work with a member of our school community in Week 10. The link to the google reflection form can be found in the link below and will open on 19 June.

<http://bit.ly/EOLreflections>

**When:** 5pm - 7pm Tuesday 20 June (Term 2 Week 9)

**Where:** Harrison School – Years 5 & 6: Classrooms, Years 7 & 8: Downstairs in the Mulligan Building (H4) Years 9 & 10: Upstairs in the Mulligan Building

**Why:** *We do not learn from experience ... we learn from reflecting on experience.* - John Dewey

The assessment and reporting process is an important part of your child's education and includes more than just the paper report that comes home at the end of the semester. Students at Harrison are assessed continuously in many different ways and this information is shared in a variety of formats. Our Exhibition of Learning evening provides students with the opportunity to share their digital portfolio, which holds their personal reflections on their learning with teachers, parents and carers at school. We believe this to be an extremely important and valuable part of the teaching and learning process.



### DEFENCE NEWS

Crazy hair day last week was lots of fun and raised \$585 for Soldier On. Thank you to all who participated.

A jam packed issue of the DCO community newsletter has recently been distributed. It includes some fantastic things like the events below that are coming up. If you wish to receive the newsletter straight to your inbox please email: [dco.canberra@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.canberra@defence.gov.au)

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:

DCO Cooks Night Off Dinner - Thursday 20 June

DCO Canberra Absence From Home Event – Saturday 24 June

Kookaburra Kids Activity Day – Tuesday 4 July

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

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### DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week have involved games, puzzles and Lego for the K-Yr.2s and Yr.3-4s! 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). Also senior students (Yrs. 5-10) who can use a sewing machine are welcome to attend the textiles room on Tues Lunch to assist with the making of laundry bags for deployed defence members.



### 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.

### 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](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)