



Harrison School Newsletter 29 August 2017

Hello Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 7!

Camp: Our Year 7/8 students went off to camp yesterday morning, our Yr. 5/6 student are off to camp next week and our Yr. 9/10s.

Limelight: A huge congratulations goes to our many students, parents and staff who dedicated above and beyond time to provide an awesome opportunity for our students to be involved with the big event of the ACT Public Schools Performing Arts showcase concert- Limelight. Thanks to the parents and staff who helped with transport, costumes and rehearsals. Thanks to the P&C who supported us with glowing objects for our limbo stick and dancers, and to the students who showed a great deal of commitment in keeping up with their own practising. Well done to Mrs Janine De Simone, Mrs Sarah Wicken and Mrs Keiryn Khan!

Managing Lockdown Procedures: Thank you for your support last week regarding a school 'lock down' that occurred right on the bell at the end of the day. We have very structured procedures in place during a lockdown to ensure the safety of our students, staff and community. As mentioned in Jason Holmes' previous email, on occasion a lockdown is called as a precautionary measure to allow a student safe space to regulate their actions. Last week's event has highlighted an opportunity for the school to review our procedures to enable timely communication after events like lock downs and minimise any misconceptions, allowing all of us reassure our students that everything is okay and that school is a safe place to be.

Learning Dispositions: I have spoken in previous newsletters about learning intentions and the students are very familiar with our expectations around them reflecting on the following questions:

- What are you learning?
- How are you learning it?
- How will you know you have been successful?

Diary

Term 3 Week 7 BOOK CLUB DUE

Wednesday 30

- Uke Project 8:15am
- P – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Equine Assisted Learning Program
- Tennis Clinics kindergarten & Yr. 3/4
- Yr. 1/2 Well Station Excursion 1/2PWK, PWT, CF, EL, JHA, SK, & NE
- Christian Ed- K - Yr. 6
- Yr. 7/8 Camp return approx. 4:00pm

Thursday 31

- Father's Day Stall
- North ACT 13Y&O Athletics
- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten and Yr. 3/4

Friday 1 Sept

- **FATHER' DAY BBQ 8:00am**
- **Book Club Due**
- Father's Day Stall
- ACT Regional Maths, Science and IT Challenge
- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten and Yr. 3/4
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club

Term 3 Week 8

Monday 4

- Yr. 5/6 Broken Bay Camp 1 Departs 6:00am
- Tennis Clinics kindergarten & Yr. 3/4
- Year 5/6 Girls Basketball
- Yr. 9/10 Japanese Excursion

Tuesday 5

- Tennis Clinics kindergarten & Yr. 3/4
- Yr. 3/4 Milo Cricket
- Bandfest

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

2017 Calendar



Over the past term, I have been asking students to ask themselves one more question: What's my attitude? Reflecting on this question allows students an opportunity to think about what it takes to be a learner. In order to have success when challenged, we need to engage our learning dispositions. We need to: be persistent- show commitment, be a risk taker- have a go, be a synthesiser- make connections to previous learning and adapt and apply to new learning situations, and be resilient- value mistakes as a part of learning. For more information, check out the Learning Pit: <http://www.jamesnottingham.co.uk/learning-pit/>

Footy Colours Breakfast: Our big community breakfast is happening this Friday morning starting from 8:00am. I hope to see you there!

Have a great week,
Allison Edmonds

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.**



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



Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles & special people in our lives are invited to join us in celebrating **Father's Day at Harrison School on Friday 1 September from **8:00am**. There will be a selection of fruit, bacon & egg rolls and tea & coffee available for a small cost.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Stephen Michael King

Our Year 1/2 students are incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to meet this much loved author. We have many of Stephen's books in our library, many of which have won various awards over the years. Notes for this exciting event were distributed last week. If you didn't receive one for your child please see your class teacher.

Meerkat Performance

This is the last of our bookings to help celebrate Book Week. It will be on 7 September for all our year 3/4 classes and some of the 5/6 classes (some will be away on camp). It will be based on two of the shortlisted books and will be a wonderful way to help develop a love of books and reading.

Book Club Issue 6

What better way to celebrate book week than to buy a book for your child! All orders earn points for our school to spend on new resources. Orders are due in by **Friday 1 September** and can be paid for in cash (in a labelled envelope returned to our school) or online via www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Pamela Gaukroger
Teacher Librarian

CUPCAKE SALE and MUFTI DAY



On **Friday 8 September** we will be selling cupcakes. They will be \$2.50 each. They will be for sale at both the Junior Canteen area and senior canteen areas. This is a whole school event and will be for sale at lunch time only.

On this same day also it is an out of uniform day for a gold coin donation.

All proceeds are going towards the year 10 Formal, Graduation and end of year celebration.

Thank you for your support.

FEARLESS INITIATIVE FUNDRAISER



This Friday, the Harrison student leaders will be holding a Fearless Initiative stall to help raise funds for victims of family violence in the ACT. The Harrison community is invited to purchase wristbands (\$2), kids t-shirts (\$25) and a range of other great items to help support this important cause. There will also be raffle tickets on sale with the chance to win 2 x VIP tickets to the Fearless Comedy Gala on Thurs 7th September at the Canberra Theatre valued at \$200.

Thanks for your support!
Juliet Moody

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TERM 3

Christian Education for Term 3 for Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 30 August. 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.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

[Say NO to Family Violence flyer](#)

Harrison Senior School will be conducting a Parent Information Evening. *Please see attached flyer.*

The topic will be "Say 'NO' to Family Violence". This program has been presented to our year 9 and 10 student over the past 3 years.

One of the key messages to the students is "It Stops with you" and as our next generation why should it stop with them? Can't it stop as a community as well?

The Presentation will be conducted by Alan Tongue 2016/17 ACT Australian of the year and Formal Canberra Raiders Captain.

When – Tuesday 5th September

Time – 6.30 -7.30pm

Venue – Harrison school Senior PATS building

Please email expression of interest to –

shaun.hodson@ed.act.edu.au

Shaun Hodson

Youth Support Worker



DEFENCE NEWS

It was fantastic to see so many wonderful costumes for book week last week! This week I would like to welcome Emma Marrinan as our new DTM here at Harrison School. When Emma has her technology up and running she will tell you all a bit more about her background.

A reminder that next week is the Battle of Australia Commemoration at the Australian War Memorial on Wednesday and that we have our Defence Families Dinner on Thursday night!

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.

Coming Up:

- Battle for Australia Commemoration (AWM) Wednesday 6 September
- Defence Families Dinner at Thai Herb Thursday 7 September

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



DEFENCE KIDS

This week in activity groups for K – 4 we have been working hard on some Father's Day craft, to our dads out there we hope you enjoy your gifts and your day on Sunday! 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 – Yr.2 (Mon lunch); Yrs. 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to all students who received their rewards or banking certificates yesterday, what a fabulous effort for your regular savings. Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward. I encourage you to order your rewards this week and next week, (**week 7 and week 8**) so that they can be back before the holidays. Don't forget to send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card please so they can be ordered.

Remember if you would like to participate in the School Banking Program, you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

P & C NEWS



Father's Day is coming up on 03 September, and Harrison School P&C Association is proud to sponsor our pop-up Father's Day Stall. Every Student in the school will have an opportunity to purchase a low cost, high quality gift for the special person in their life with prices ranging from \$1 - \$5. Students in years Preschool – Year 6 will have the opportunity to come to the stall with their class on 31/08, and 01/09 (children in pre-school on Mon-Wed will have the chance to purchase a gift on Tuesday 29 August). Individual class times for visiting the stall are attached and can be found on the school website on the link below:

[2017 Father's Day Stall Calls Roster.](#)

If you wish your child to participate please give them cash on the day their class participates up to the value of \$5.

Students in Years 7 – 10 can purchase gifts at Recess on days the stall is open.

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](#)