



Harrison School Newsletter 16 May 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome to Week 4.

I would like to begin by thanking Rebecca Sadler, Juliet Moody and Jayde Condon for their amazing work as acting team Leaders. Rebecca, Juliet and Jayde have valued added to the school community whilst in these positions and their contributions to continual improvement for the Harrison School community has been greatly appreciated.

We are excited welcoming to new team leaders to the school. Ms Amy Lambert will be joining us from Gold Creek and moving into the 7/8 Team Leaders position and Mr Stephen Crabb is joining us for Campbell High School to take up the 9/10 Team Leaders role. Both new leaders to the school are keen to be joining us and we are thrilled to be the beneficiaries of the knowledge and passion for education.

I would like to thank all students for their exceptional efforts and learning behaviours during NAPLAN last week. It can be an intense week for students and families and I was proud of how our students approached the task and ensured they applied their best efforts. Please join me in thanking Rebecca Sadler, Dan Ewin, Jen McInnis, Dave McGibbon and Donna Briggs who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the administration and organisation of NAPLAN was seamless for both the students participating and the other year levels who continued their learning program.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Athletics carnivals. They promise to be great days and the carnival convenors have ensured that students will be provided every opportunity to participate in this experience. I encourage all students to come dressed in house colours, cheer on each other and enjoy the spirit of the day whilst displaying the Harrison School Values. Please remember your sunscreen, hats, drink bottles and to rug up on the day – the oval can be a cold windy place!

Diary

Term 2 Week 4 BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 17

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

Friday 19

- Harrison School Athletics Carnival Ages 8 – 9 yrs.
- Yr. 8 Graffiti Art Excursion

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 22

- Harrison School Athletics Carnival Ages 10 – 12

Tuesday 23

- Preschool Questacon Incursion

Wednesday 24

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9 Boys Stop Think Incursion
- Yr. 3/4 Questacon Incursion MP, TWI, DFI, LM, MPO, FE, TW & CM

Thursday 25

- Harrison Hoppers ACT Tour
- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Ed Orienteering Day
- Yr. 5/6 AFL Boys Gala Day

Friday 26

- Harrison School Yr. 7 – 10 Athletics Carnival
- Preschool Questacon Incursion
- Preschool – Yr. 6 Disco

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



A reminder that applications for Year 7 2018 opened on the 26 April and will close on the 29 May. Whilst current Year 6 students are not required to apply if you know of any families in area who have children that are planning on joining us for Year 7 in 2018 please share this information with them.

Thanks
Jacqui Ford

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.

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.**

2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just a reminder that Preschool enrolments for 2018 are now open. Due to the high demand within the school priority enrolment area we advise that you complete the online application as soon as possible.

COLLEGE ENROLMENT

Year 10 students have been provided with information on the enrolment process for college and we have been working closely with our feeder college Gungahlin College to build and sustain a partnership that will benefit our students. Gungahlin College visited the school last Thursday ahead of the Gungahlin College open night this Thursday May 18 5:30pm to 7:30pm. All year 10 students are encouraged to attend to gain a greater understanding of what the College has to offer. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

It is important to note that the closing date for college enrolments is **Monday May 29** at 9:00am. Enrolments are completed online and when completing the application students must:

- Indicate if a parent agrees with their college preference
- Provide a sound reason if applying for an 'out of area' college
- Provide their current residential address, which matches that held by the high school
- Indicate general subject preferences

Further information about college enrolments and access to the online enrolment process can be found at <http://www.det.act.gov.au/>

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Fair

Our Book Fair started last week, which has caused lots of excitement in the library. Each P-6 class will be visiting the fair this week to complete wish lists. You are welcome to join your child, or volunteer to help children with writing their wish lists. The fair is open **every morning from 8:30am and every afternoon until 4:00pm**, until next Friday May 19. We will also stay open for families on **Thursday 18 until 6:00pm.**

If you would like to purchase anything from the Book Fair we accept cash, credit and EFTPOS, or you may also like to pay online following directions on the back of the wish lists.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

LOVE YOUR SISTER BIG HEART PROJECT

Thank you to our wonderful community for coming together at the last minute and raising \$405.65 just in 5c coins! Your coins filled 12 buckets, and you have probably heard on the news how grateful Connie and Samuel Johnson are for your amazing fundraising efforts.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Please remember to get your years 7-10 Athletics Carnival notes back.

They are due by Friday 19 May. Students will need to dress in their house colours.

Nullabor - Red

Mapleton - Yellow

Katoomba - Blue

Wimmera - Green

If you have any questions please email Hakan Cosan at hakan.cosan@ed.act.edu.au

The 8-9years old Athletics Carnival will be held at Harrison School, 19 May 2017.

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If you have any questions please email Farah Atallah at farah.atallah@ed.act.edu.au

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



Our recent Mother's Day breakfast was a huge success, filled with good food and community spirit. Thanks to everyone who came, helped out and just enjoyed the morning. We ended up raising a massive \$930.90 for the Breast Cancer Foundation, and it was great to see our school community get together for such a great cause. Thanks to Gungahlin Aurora Rotary Club for helping with the cooking, and Home Grown Meats for supplying bacon and eggs. One last huge thank you also goes to the Junior Choir who kept us very well entertained as we ate our tasty bacon and egg breakfast. Well done!





DEFENCE NEWS

The Birrigai excursion was a fantastic day out for our Year 8 students, offering a chance to meet other Year 8 Defence students from ACT schools. Everyone enjoyed some personal challenges as well as the opportunity to meet new people.

Our Year 1 students that participated in the Tyler the Turtle program thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt some easy strategies for managing their worries.

We hope those who received Mother's Day cards made in Activity Groups last week enjoyed them and that you all had a lovely day on Sunday!

REMINDER: DCO National Families Week at Questacon. This will take place on Sunday 21 May and is a free event for Serving members and their families. RSVP is essential- please email: dco.canberra@defence.gov.au by COB 15 May 17 with the number of adults, children (including ages of children).

Coming Up: DCO National Families Week @ Questacon – Sunday 21 May
Defence Dinner – Friday 2 June at Frankies at Forde.

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au or

Samantha.murray@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week have involved Games, Puzzles and Lego Constructions! 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).



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. **Please note that due to DSTA/DTM training, there will be NO HARRISON HEARTS on Wednesday 24 May.**

P & C NEWS

Monthly P & C Meeting

Harrison School's P&C monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17 May** at 7:00pm in the school library. Feel free to join us to hear from the Principal and the P&C about upcoming events and "what's happening" within Harrison School.

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you for helping to run a smooth Mother's Day Stall. It was delightful seeing the children spend time picking the perfect gift for the special person in their life. Thanks to all volunteers to help make it a success.

School Disco Preschool – Yr. 6

Harrison School P&C are pleased to sponsor a FREE Disco on Friday 26 May. Entrance is free with students/families able to purchase sausage sizzle with juice for \$5, and glow sticks from \$1.

Session times are:

Preschool & Kindergarten: 5:15- 6:00pm

Yr.1-4: 6:15- 7:15pm

Yr.5-6: 7:30- 8:30pm

As always these events can't happen without volunteers. If you are able to help supervise please email disco@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

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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