



## Harrison School Newsletter 27 June 2017

Dear Families and Community,

Welcome to Week 10!

**Reflections on Learning:** As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are coming to the end of our Semester 1 report writing cycle and formal school reports will go home this week. Our Years 5-10 Exhibitions of Learning were well attended by families on Tuesday night and students who did not attend will be sharing their digital portfolios at home with their families or with a teacher at school over the next week. The aim of this opportunity is for students to clearly express what they intended to learn, how they achieved their goal, what they are proud of and where to next. Teachers are using information from both formal reports and Exhibitions of Learning to inform what they will be focussing on for student learning in Term 3. Please follow the link below to the google reflection form: <http://bit.ly/EOLreflections>

The P-4 area of the school will be holding Student Led Conferences in early Term 3 to support our younger students in expressing their learning process. At the moment, reflections on learning in the P-4 area have focussed on the teacher's thoughts. Each year group of teachers set goals around *Visible Learning* and over the past two weeks they have been collaborating to give each other feedback, make adjustments and further improve their practice in order to benefit all students. *Visible Learning* is based on Professor John Hattie's research about the teaching practices that have the most effective impact on student learning.

**Exhibitions of Learning from the Arts:** The 7-10 Arts program are holding their Exhibitions of Learning in a different way and will be holding a showcase student led event tonight. Students from the performing arts electives (music, dance and drama) will be sharing what they have been developing in their electives. In addition, on Thursday night we are having a Ukulele Project Family and Friends concert so that students, staff and

### Diary

#### Term 2 Week 10 NAIDOC WEEK

##### **Tuesday 27**

- Performing Arts Showcase 6:00 – 7:00pm Senior PATS Bldg.

##### **Wednesday 28**

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

##### **Thursday 29**

- Family and Friends Ukulele Concert

##### **Friday 30**

- NAIDOC Week Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- **Last Day Term 2**

#### Term 3 Week 1

##### **Monday 17 July**

- **Day 1 Term 3**
- AFL Gala Day Kindergarten – Yr. 2

##### **Wednesday 19**

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- P&C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

##### **Thursday 20**

- ACT 12 U Basketball

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



parents who have been learning together on Wednesday mornings can showcase what they can do now. RSVPs to these events indicate that it will be a packed event and we look forward to seeing what our students have achieved.

**New building:** The 7/8 students are moving into the new Burton building this week and will settle in before the break. Four Year 5/6 classes will be moving for a start in Term 3 and that will mean that some of the 3/4 classes will be moving into the Joseland building. These changes of classes are being planned around minimal disruption for students and new classroom locations will be explained to students involved before the end of the term.

**What the staff are doing during the school holidays:** Staff in years P-6 will be working with Kath Murdoch who is an expert in teaching through inquiry. She will be working with the team to look at how we can best engage students in a process of gathering, considering and applying knowledge in a way that develops deep understanding and promotes the application and transfer of new knowledge. The year 7-10 staff will be completing a tactical reading course which provides teachers with a practical and comprehensive approach to improving the literacy outcomes of students in all learning areas for years 7-12.

In addition, we have three staff members, Lisa Meacham, Heather Hill and Laura Weckert who will be in Tasmania presenting our research around Scaffolding Literacy and the impact it has on student progress at a national Literacy conference for ALEA (The Australian Literacy Educators Association).

Thanks for your collective contribution in making this a productive term for all our students. I wish our students a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Keep being kind to each other,

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](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.**

## 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

### Harry Potter Anniversary

Can you believe we are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Harry Potter novel being released?! We are creating a small Harry Potter display in the library, and just for fun we would like some contributions by parents. Please email me a sentence or two with your favourite Harry Potter memory, perhaps where you were or how you got hooked on Harry - anything you would like to share with our students! I will be printing your memories and displaying them in the library.

[pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au)

### Books in Other Languages

If you didn't get a chance to read our letter to you explaining our new library project collecting books in other languages, please read this week's attachment. We would love your help with this, especially as I know so many families have travel plans coming up.

### Lost Property

Have you lost a drink bottle, lunchbox or container? These are unnamed and will be recycled or thrown out at the end of this week.



### Early Reading Program

We are inviting parents and carers to bring your little ones (0-5) to the library for story time every day next term. We will read a story just after 8.30 and then encourage you to stay and read to/with your child until bell time.

Children are never too young to read, and research has found that daily reading to young children improves schooling outcomes regardless of family

background and home environment. Mem Fox advocates that children need to listen to 1000 books read aloud before they can read for themselves. We want to encourage daily reading by sharing some of our wonderful books with you.

So come to our warm library with your babies and toddlers (and teddies and snuggly rugs if you like!), cuddle up with them and enjoy story time. We will be on hand after story time to chat to parents and provide more information if requested.

### Holiday Photos

In preparation for Book Week (coming up in August) we are asking students to take a photo of themselves reading a book in the most interesting location they can think of. More information on what we will do with the photos will be given in Term 3 (hint: the Book Week theme is *Escape to Everywhere...*).

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi  
Teacher Librarians

## 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)

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS UKULELE CONCERT

Thursday 29 June

5:15 Sausage Sizzle

Hosted by Year 10 students fundraising for the Yr. 10 Formal

**Concert 6:00- 7:00pm Senior PATS**

**Building.**

Please RSVP to [Allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Allison.edmonds@ed.act.edu.au)

## CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS ROUTE

From **Wednesday 14 June 2017**, the crossover of Flemington Road at Mapleton Avenue will be closed for **up to 2 weeks**.

**School route 580 will be temporarily diverted through this time**, please refer to the attached map showing this diversion.

## CHANGES TO TRAFFIC – FLEMINGTON RD

Maps of the diversion for the below dedicated school services are also available on the [Transport Canberra website](http://www.transportcanberra.gov.au). For more information please call 13 17 10.

Please be advised that intersection construction works at Mapleton Ave and Flemington Road will be occurring this Wednesday 14 June until 5 July.

Northbound and Southbound traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and it will not be possible to turn right into Mapleton Ave. From 8:00pm – 6:00am only all northbound traffic will be diverted onto Manning Clark Crescent - no access onto Flemington Rd. Detours and traffic management will be in place.

Pedestrian access across Flemington Rd will be affected, please see map and all details here: <http://www.canberra-metro.com.au/news/light-rail-out-hours-notice-junejuly-2017-mapleton-avenue-intersection-flemington-road>



## DEFENCE NEWS

We wish you all a happy and safe school holiday and look forward to hearing about some of your adventures early next term.

**Air Force Cadets** – 315SQN will be holding information sessions on Tue 18 Jul and Tue 25 Jul, commencing at 7pm at HMAS Harman. Parents should register via email ([315sqnaafc@gmail.com](mailto:315sqnaafc@gmail.com)) for the session they would like to attend and need to sign in at the front gate of HMAS Harman from 6.15pm onwards on their chosen night. More

information about the Squadron (and details of documentation required to join) can be found at [www.315sqn.aafc.org.au](http://www.315sqn.aafc.org.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 and when you are Member with dependants unaccompanied.

**Coming Up:** DCO's Doin' Dinner - Thursday 29 June  
Kookaburra Kids Activity Day – Tuesday 4 July  
ADFA Open Day – Saturday 26 August

Sarah McGavin and Samantha Murray

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## DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School this week have involved lots of music and dancing. 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 – Year 2 (Mon lunch); Years 3 and 4 (Tues lunch).

This week, the **Senior Chill out session** for Yrs. 5 - 10 is back in the Mulligans Building Room G29 (Opposite the youth workers office!) Thursday lunchtime.

**Operation Laundry Bag** is well underway. Senior students (Yrs. 5-10) who can use a sewing machine are welcome to attend the textiles room on Tues lunchtimes to assist with the making of laundry bags for deployed Defence members. Any adults who may wish to help are welcome to attend too – just sign in at the office prior to joining us.



## **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 and other areas of the school such as the library. 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](#)

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