



Harrison School Newsletter 8 August 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

School review

School review for Harrison school is occurring in week 5. We will have an expert panel made up of ACT system Principals, network leaders, ACARA employees and departmental staff visiting the school to take a deep look at what we do and how we do it. They will provide advice to progress our continual school improvement journey and assist us to get even better at what we do. The visiting review panel will visit classes, speak with students, teachers and a variety of school staff. They would also love the opportunity to get parents perspectives and to that end they would love to speak with a parent group from 3:00 – 3:30pm on Tuesday 15 August. Please RSVP to Jason.Holmes@ed.act.edu.au if you are interested in participating. We would love your voice and views.

School satisfaction surveys

The school satisfaction surveys are an important event for Harrison school. **They occur annually and are a mechanism for the school community** to get a snapshot of information inclusive of student, parent and staff voice. We take the information provided in these surveys very seriously and utilise the information to for our Action Plans. We also utilise the information to monitor the effectiveness of any programs we have put in place in response to the collected data the year before.

The Parent surveys are available now. Please take the time to complete the survey and have your views and voices included. Last year the number of parent responses was quiet low and we are very keen to have as many families as possible complete the survey to provide us with statistically significant data. We can provide you access to a computer of a paper based survey if it is required or easier for you to complete this way. Parent and carer surveys are also available in the following languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese. We look forward to receiving a survey response from you.

Diary

Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 9

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yrs. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- North ACT Netball 13Yrs.& O
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Equine Assisted Learning Program

Thursday 10

- Kindergarten League Clinics

Friday 11

- Yr. 10 Bell Shakespeare Excursion
- Kindergarten League Clinics
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- Yr. 7 – 10 Senior Combined Choir Practice
- Yr. 6 Drumming

Term 3 Week 5

National Science Week

Monday 14

- Yr. 5 – 8 Book Week Author Performance

Tuesday 15

- ICAS – Maths
- 2018 Japan Trip Information Session 6:00pm

Wednesday 16

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Equine Assisted Learning Program
- P&C Meeting 7:00pm Library

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

2017 Calendar



Mock Trial Team

Alana J, Tyeaba, Raima M, Marcus S and Paige H competed at Hawker College last week against Canberra Girls Grammar's year 12 team. The team did absolutely amazing with the Judge commenting it was the highest overall quality he'd seen in a trial to date. Canberra Girls Grammar were very tough opponents but our year 10's held their own and the judge was very shocked to discover that they were only year 10 students. Well done to these students and to Rosie Randle for providing the support, enthusiasm and training necessary for our students to participate in this opportunity. You all should be very proud of yourselves.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Damani G	Ethan G	Sienna H
Zahra Z	Zacharie Z	Daisy Mcl
Mankirat K	Ruby K	Jakob T
Shion K	Connor G	Shrihan N
Daniyah M	Kenya S	Anu D
Liam O'C	Edward B	Sanya S
Ishveer G	Haider A	Nathan McC
Tristian T		

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: **Student Name and Excursion details.**

2017 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The 2017 School Satisfaction and Climate Surveys will be conducted from 8 – 28 August 2017.

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 10) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. Parent surveys were emailed home yesterday. If you did not receive a School Satisfaction Survey please contact the front office. You will receive one survey per child with a specific access code for each child. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing well and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey has been sent to you.

If you do not wish your child/ren from Year 5 – 10 to participate in the survey please contact the front office by **Monday 14 August 2017.**

The key ACT results from the 2016 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2016 School Board Report.



**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

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week - Dress up Day

Children's Book Week is coming up in week 6, from August 21 - 25. As part of our celebrations we will be holding our annual Book Character Parade. All students are encouraged to think of a favourite book character they can dress up as, so we can finish our week of celebrating with some fun and frivolity. The parade will be held in our school gym on the morning of Friday, August 25.

Early Reading Program

We are inviting parents and carers to bring your little ones (0-5) to the library for story time every day this term. We will read stories between 8.30 - 8.50 and then encourage you to stay and read to/with your child until bell time.

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.

Overdue Books

We advertised last week that overdue notes were going home last Wednesday. Due to staff absences this didn't happen. We had almost 100 overdue

books returned to avoid receiving an email or paper overdue slip, but we still have almost 900 overdue books!. Please ask your child if they have any books to be returned on Wednesday morning as this is when we will run our reports.

Jack Heath Author Visit

As an early book week activity we have organised for popular author Jack Heath to visit our school next week. This is an amazing opportunity for students in years 6-8 to meet a bestselling and award-winning author. Jack Heath has written twenty action-packed novels, and will be visiting Harrison School to talk about reading, writing and books. This is a fantastic experience for the students, and ties in with much of the work they are currently doing in class on writing techniques, and will be run during students usual English/HaSS lessons.

In the course of his research, Jack has toured morgues and prisons, performed as a street magician and travelled through eleven countries, including Russia. His enthusiastic presentations at schools and festivals have gotten thousands of kids hooked on reading. We'd love it if all our students would be able to go and enjoy this great opportunity to meet an author who writes a fantastic range of action, science fiction, crime and thriller novels.

If you have a child in year 6-8 please ensure they return their permission ASAP so they can attend this special visit.

Pamela Gaukroger

Teacher Librarian

YEAR 3 – 6 LEARNING OVERVIEWS

The 3-6 team has developed a Learning Overview that aligns with our Years 7-10 subject format. Each class overview identifies key content and context of learning planned. They also identify expected assessment.

With consideration to saving paper and being environmentally aware we have made the overview accessible on our school website:

http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our_community/School_Notes

If you require a paper copy, please email: info@harrison.ed.act.edu.au

If you have any further questions about the information covered in the overviews, please speak to your child's homeroom teacher.

Macbeth at the Opera House

We have a fantastic opportunity for 20 of our Year 9/10 students to attend a performance at the Opera House in Sydney to watch Bell Shakespeare perform *Macbeth*. All Year 10 English classes are studying *Macbeth* and will be offered places on the excursion first before opening up the excursion to Year 9 students. If your child is in Year 9 or 10 and would like to attend, please return the permission note ASAP as all places have not been filled. The performance has been designed for students and is a unique experience that will aid students' enjoyment and understanding of Shakespeare.

Date: Friday 11 August

Depart: 7:00 am

Return: 7:30 pm

Cost: \$71

Contact: rebecca.sadler@ed.act.esu.au

Permission note: Collect from Senior Office or print from here:

http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/403624/Yera_10_MacBeth_Excursion_11_August_2017.pdf



DEFENCE NEWS

On Friday the Year 5/6 children had a visit from Captain Sean Knight from the Defence Community Organisation. Captain Knight came to speak with the children about Deployments and the impact they can have on families and how students can support their friends who have a parent deployed. This week we farewell Joel Caskie and thank him for his time spent in the Acting DTM role with students from Years 5 to 10.

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:

- Tyler the Turtle (Kinder) Wednesday 16 August
- ADFA Open Day Saturday 26 August
- Battle for Australia Commemoration 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

Activity groups for the junior school last week involved making friendship bracelets for Years 3-4 unfortunately the wet weather prevented K -2's using loom bands! This week we have been playing games and doing colouring in. 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.

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](#)

P & C NEWS

P & C MEETING

Harrison School P&C will hold their general monthly meeting on 16 August 2017 at 7:00pm in the school library. Items on the Agenda include Car Park update, information on Term 3 Disco, Fundraising as well as an update from Mr Holmes.

Father's Day is fast approaching and Harrison P&C will again be holding a Father's Day stall on 31 August and 1 September. Students will be offered the chance to purchase a small gift at \$5 or under.

If you would like to help out for an hour or two at the stall, please email

Yvonne@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

HARRISON FAIR 2018

This year's fair was well attended and highlighted the amazing community not only at Harrison School, but the wider community in general. As well as a day that had our children praised for their behaviour and manners; it was also a day that made people laugh, smile, enjoy great rides, food, and time with friends. Harrison School also raised in excess of \$21,000. Every cent raised goes straight back to Harrison School to benefit the students.

Harrison School P&C would like to start planning next year's Fair. In order for the Fair to go ahead, we need a team of people to start preparations now. The Fair Coordinators need volunteers to head up specific tasks. Volunteers will be guided through what is needed based on the success and challenges in managing this year's Fair. Volunteers need to be able to work independently, whilst feeding back to the Fair coordinators. Support will

always be on hand. Some roles requiring cover are:

Volunteer Recruitment and Ticketing

Marketing and Promotions

Sponsorship Coordinator

Monster Raffle Coordinator

Market Stall Coordinator

Food Stall Coordinator (x2)

Music/Performances

White Elephant and Book Stall

Plant Stall

Cake Stall

The Fair will not go ahead next year without parents/carers volunteering a little time and support. If you feel you can offer time and support please contact

Fair@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au