



Harrison School Newsletter 18 July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A crisp winter morning with the sun shining - what a great way to start the semester! After five weeks away from the school it was terrific to see students and staff excited, connecting and learning again. We continue our focus on learning intentions and success criteria along with providing opportunities that encourage student voice, curiosity and creativity this semester. One of the driving forces behind this is the goal to help students better understand the concept of learning, as this sets them up to have more ownership of their learning and helps them to consider personal learning goals that are specific and relevant.

Many Thanks

A huge thank you goes to Allison Edmonds who very capably led the school during the last three weeks of term two. I know that Allison was also well supported by other staff who 'stepped up' where needed to ensure things ran smoothly, learning remained the focus and any issues were resolved effectively. It is very reassuring to know that Harrison School is an agile learning community with highly skilled staff who don't let a 'little' thing like the principal taking leave hinder the delivery of high quality learning and care for students and families.

Farewells and Welcomes

We have a couple of farewells at the end of this week. Congratulations to Jess Cooper (3/4), who has won a position at Fraser Primary and Alex Patterson (5/6) who has won a semester position at Ngunnawal. These are great opportunities for Jess and Alex to share their expertise, challenge themselves and learn. Thank you to both Jess and Alex for their dedication to Harrison and the contributions they have made to our school through their leadership and being excellent classroom teachers.

Welcome to Sam Mackenzie, who is taking over Alex's 5/6 class and who comes highly recommended from an ex-Harrison teacher. We are currently interviewing potential teachers to replace Jess and will let parents from her class know the outcome as soon as possible.

Diary

Term 3 Week 1

Wednesday 19

- Uke Project 8:15am
- P – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- P&C Meeting 7:00pm – Library

Thursday 20

- ACT 12 U Basketball

Friday 21

- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00- 5:00pm

Term 3 Week 2

Kindergarten Health Checks

Monday 24

- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics

Tuesday 25

- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics
- **K – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 3:30- 5:30pm**
- **Harrison School Board Meeting 5:30pm**

Wednesday 26

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Yrs. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am Gym
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Harrison's Got Talent 1:00pm
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Equine Assisted Learning Program

Thursday 27

- K- Yr. 6 League Clinics
- **K – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 4:30- 6:30pm**

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



Burton Building

I am pleased to advise that as of today the new building (Burton) in the senior area of the school is fully occupied with years 5/6 and 7/8 classes. Students and teachers were excited to be in the newest area of the school and are settling in nicely. It is terrific to have the Burton building in use and available to help meet the demands of our growing school.

School Review

This year we are at the end of our strategic plan cycle and as a result we will undergo a process of school review in week 5 of this term. The process is one where a small team of external reviewers spend four days in the school assessing our progress towards the priorities outlined in our plan. I am looking forward to the experience, feedback and the potential guidance it could provide for our next strategic plan to help shape the priorities for Harrison School over the next five years.

Future of Education

I have mentioned the Future of Education Conversation in an earlier newsletter and hope some of you have been able to find the time to contribute to the conversation via the [website](#). Towards the end of last term teachers provided some input and I encourage you to share your thoughts and questions on what education might look like in the ACT in the future - you are very important stakeholders in this! We will provide a couple of avenues through the school for parents to provide input also.

Car park

I hope you've noticed the new line markings and signage in the car park. It's part of the campaign being driven by our P&C to make the area safer and to improve how it functions. After considerable effort, hours and a number of conversations in Term 1 things had definitely improved with better flow of traffic and less misuse of the pick-up and drop off zones. During Term 2, where the P&C were less overt, the use of the car park has deteriorated somewhat. We all have a part to play in this initiative to improve the safety and functioning of

our car park and yours is actually greater than mine in this instance. You are the only one who can make the day-to-day decisions that impact how it operates. Thank you to the majority of our parents and carers who contribute positively, and if you are someone who doesn't, I'm calling on you to rethink your decisions.

Jason Holmes

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.**

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Minh T	Lachlan H	Emma W
Chloe K	Laasya S	Jannah W
Ava H	Annalise R	Sukhneet C
Sanah S	India C	Elle D
Harrison G	Shanay G	Chloe C
Tahlia K	Jai D	Robert Z
Jade D	Sara B	Harry P
Denali W	Patrick B	Gwang Ho K
Gabriella H	Noah H	Arsh K
Chelsea H	William B	Lachlan M

NAIDOC WEEK

Congratulations to our Reconciliation Prize winners from Kindergarten – Yr.6

Lily P	KNM
Annalise R	KNM
Grace Z	1/2JH
Maddison B	1/2KS
Hannah K	3/4MPO
Alyssa T	3/4DF
Danica W	5/6CS
Meadow H	5/6KS

SPORTING NEWS



Congratulations to the students who received an Age Champion Award for Athletics

GIRLS	BOYS
U/8	U/8
Aiza T	Luke Young
U/9	U/9
Chloe K	William Brown
U/10	U/10
Emma V	Max Hegedues
U/11	U/11
Chloe P	Marzuq Rasheed
U/12	U/12
Grace L & Erin V	Thomas P & Phoenix B
U/13	U/13
Ivah L	Thomas C
U/14	U/14
Sarah T	Patrick A
U/15	U/15
Ariana S	Liam McC
U/16	U/16
Bidhoor R	Finn H

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 July 2017. The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board. hsbparentrep@outlook.com

DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR HARRISON SCHOOL

A Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) provides assistance and support to the children of Australian Defence Force members as they move from school to school and during times of parental absence.

The DTM would develop and implement a range of resources and activities to assist these children and their families to integrate into the school community and to increase their ability to cope with the military lifestyle.

This is a contract position starting ASAP until 15 December 2017 and is for approximately 18:45 hours per week. The continuation of the position beyond this date is dependent on funding from the Australian Department of Defence.

The DTM is an employee of Harrison School and is responsible to the School Principal or nominee for everyday activities.

Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the DTM role description and selection criteria from the school office.

Applications due by the Close of Business on 26 July 2017

Applications are to be submitted to Harrison School - Attention Debbie Carne

For information relating to this position please contact Debbie Carne on 61422200

SCHOOL BUS ROUTE 580

The diversion in place for school route 580 is **no longer in place**. Works around the crossover of Flemington Road at Mapleton Avenue are now open. This service will return to normal running, from its first service on Monday 17 July 2017.

LIBRARY NEWS

Books in Other Languages

Did you travel overseas in the holidays? Did you visit a country where English is not the first language? If you happened to buy a children's

book in another language we would love you to consider donating it to our collection. We have already got a small number of books in Japanese and Spanish, and this week had 11 books donated to us, all written in Mandarin! We are very excited to watch this collection grow and see how many languages will be represented.

Early Reading Program

We are inviting parents and carers to bring your little ones (0-5yrs) to the library for story time every day this 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.

Pamela Gaukroger
Teacher Librarian

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

HARRISON'S GOT TALENT

Next semester the leadership group is focusing on the school value of inclusion. We are planning to hold a talent show for anyone from Kindergarten – Yr.10 who wants to perform or watch. No lip syncing is allowed; save that for the Lip Sync Battle. The talent show will be held at lunchtime on Wednesday July 26, Week 2 in Term 3 and will be held in the gym. Please complete the sign up form by following the link below. We will also have information on the school blog as well as posters around the school. The day before (Tuesday July 25) there will be a dress rehearsal/sound check at lunch.

<https://goo.gl/forms/GoBX3ptWcJxWzgDI2>

Everyone is invited and entry is free and we will be collecting donations for the school charity (Kids Helpline) if you or your students wish to donate.

7-10 Student Leaders



DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3 we hope that you all enjoyed the break and are ready for great things in Term 3. Sadly at the end of last term we farewelled a couple of our Defence families who have commenced new adventures. We also farewelled Samantha Murray (DTM). We thank Samantha for her contribution in the DTM role here at Harrison and wish her all the very best with her new endeavours.

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 2 August

ADFA Open Day Saturday 26 August

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



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups for the Junior School have started again this week! 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 Years 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to all students, we hope you all had a fabulous holiday and managed to stay warm. Another term means new School banking rewards and we're excited to launch the Term 3 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball



Don't forget that our Future Savers Grand Prize competition finishes at the end of Term 3 2017! Students will need to have made 15 or more School Banking deposits for their chance to win an unforgettable family trip to Tokyo Disneyland. Remember School Banking is processed every Wednesday, you just need to keep banking every week to be eligible to enter the

competition and to collect your tokens to be eligible for the rewards – it doesn't really matter how much money you bank, you just need to bank every week.

If you would like to be part of the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Have a great term and Happy Savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

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 General Meeting

Harrison School P&C are holding their General Meeting on Wednesday 19 July at 7:00pm in the school library. Come along and hear from the Principal about what's happening in school, as well as having your input on P&C matters.

Vacancy - Vice-President

Harrison School P&C has a vacancy for Vice President. The role of the Vice-President & Public Officer includes:

- Presiding as chair at meetings where the President is absent
- Being familiar with the operation of the P&C and the duties of President
- Completing all statutory forms for government departments e.g. Annual returns, insurance forms and acting as the single point of contact for Office of Regulatory Services (ORS)
- Having a working understanding of meeting

rules and procedure, and the P&C Constitution

- Signatory on P&C main account
- Monthly reporting to P&C
- Undertake tasks to reduce the burden of the President

If this is a role you feel you could undertake please contact jackie@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au. To meet the other members of the P&C board feel free to come along to the P&C meeting this Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00pm.

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; had people laugh, smile, enjoy great rides, food, and time with friends, Harrison School also raised in excess of \$21,000. Every cent of this goes straight back into 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



STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT.**