



HARRISON NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's impressive to think that we are almost three quarters of the way through this school year! It's been a considerably busy Term Three and I've been impressed with the resilience, respect and teamwork of our community as we've worked through the challenge of the asbestos containing material in our garden beds. I am very proud to lead such an invested and caring community and consider myself very lucky indeed!

One of the things I've been most impressed by is the continued focus on high quality learning that has occurred despite the distractions. Improving literacy outcomes for students across the school has been one of our Annual Action Plan goals for 2018. We have addressed this differently in different areas of the school to target specific areas of need, provide relevant professional learning for staff and continue to build coherence in our approach to literacy learning across all years. Our P-2 group have been focussing on the 10 Essential Literacy Practices, years 3-6 have been focussing on the Writing Project and years 7-10 have been focussing on literacy learning across disciplines, including participation in a Writing Project throughout Semester 2. The excellent teaching and learning in classrooms continues to be enriched through excursions for students to broaden their understandings, put learning into context or put learning into action in a practical way.

Mid-semester reports for our year's 5 - 10 students will come home this week. These are a progress report that can be used as a 'temperature check' in relation to how your child is achieving in their learning. The mid-semester Reports contain limited information and if you have any questions regarding your child's learning, I encourage you to talk to their teacher(s) in person, on the phone or via email. As always, I also encourage you to take some time to talk through the report with your children - asking children to reflect on their learning can yield some very interesting information including what learning they are proud of and where the next focus of their learning should be.

Diary

Term 3 Week 10

Wednesday 26

- Yr. 5/6 Financial Literacy Incursion
- Yr. 7/8 Camp – Sydney departs approx. 4:45am
- Yr. 10 Road Ready Course

Thursday 27

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- Yr. 5/6 Financial Literacy Incursion
- Kindergarten Athletics Carnival 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Enrichment Group - Squash

Friday 28

- Preschool Excursion – Canberra Theatre
- Yr. 5/6 Financial Literacy Incursion
- Yr. 7/8 Sydney Camp returns approx. 7:30pm
- Last Day Term 3

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 15 October

- First Day Term 4

Wednesday 17

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly – 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 7 2019 Parent Information Session 6:00pm – Senior PATS Bldg.
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm - Library

Thursday 18

- Yr. 7 Immunisations

Friday 19

- Yr. 1/2 Quестаcon Incursion Yr. 1/2 YJ, EC, RM, TP, RP & KR

[2018 Calendar](#)

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



I'm very excited as today we officially celebrate our 10 Year Birthday! It's quite a milestone and it's been an absolute honour to be part of the continued growth and achievement of our impressive school. Regardless of where my career takes me (at some time in the future - I'm planning on staying put for a while yet), I will always look fondly and proudly on being part of the Harrison School community. I know that the construction fencing may have impacted on a couple of activities today but I am confident the celebrations will be great.

Our 2018 Japanese Trip departed yesterday afternoon and there were some very excited staff, students and parents at the airport. This trip gives our travellers an opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture through home stays, a visit to our sister school (Tomio Daisan) and visits to historically significant sites. I am very envious of the group and have already started sowing the seeds for me to be part of the 2020 trip (with my wife). We also have a group visiting Canberra from Nara University High School later in the year and a very big thank you goes out to all families and staff who have offered to billet students.

I was lucky enough to visit our year 5/6 students on camp at Jindabyne last week and it was lovely to see them working together in an unfamiliar environment to have a great experience. I was impressed with the display of the Harrison School values and the feedback from staff at the venue was very positive. Many thanks to all staff who gave their time away from their families to attend camp. We also have our year 7/8 students visiting Sydney and some of its highlights for their camp. In seeing the great preparation and knowing our students, I am very confident that the camp will be extremely successful. Thanks to the 7/8 teachers who will also be giving their time to support our students on camp.

I want to publicly thank OSHClub for their flexibility in meeting the needs of our community over the upcoming school holiday period. Due to uncertainty about when the removal of gravel from the garden beds would occur I wasn't able to give them terrific

notice about the potential closure of the school. In a very proactive move, OSHClub investigated the options for providing a vacation care service for Harrison families. The solution, which is to host Harrison students at their Nicholls facility, means that while there will be some inconvenience in relation to travel, Harrison families will at least have access to a great vacation care program with staff who their children know.

Have a great break and I'll see you next term.
Jason.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

ALL students arriving late to school **MUST** sign in at either the main Front office or the Senior office.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

IMPORTANT

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 your child's **FIRST AND LAST 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 before they are collected from class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office.

NEW DROP BOX

We have installed a secure Letter Box in the left hand end of the counter in the main front office. The purpose of this letterbox is to enable parents, carers and students to drop off payments, notes, documents and any paperwork that you do **NOT** need to discuss with a staff member.

PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

When sending in any payment to the school, please ensure that you complete the envelope provided with the student's name and the completed and signed permission note is placed inside the envelope. This will ensure that you receive the correct receipt from the school.

DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS: Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include your child's name and the excursion details. Thank you for your assistance.

CORRECTION TO THE COLOUR RUN NOTE

The Colour Run note has been sent home for Yrs. 3 – 10.

Please note the correction to the banking details:

BSB: 032777

ACCT NO: 001383

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family Statements for Semester 2 have been sent home from the school outlining Years 7-10 elective course costs and asking you to make a voluntary contribution to the school. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as they assist the school in providing high quality learning opportunities and projects for your children. Voluntary contributions are used to purchase a range of resources across the school to support the provision of challenging, interesting and personalised learning. Subject contributions received from families are used to purchase resources and consumables such as decorative timbers, 3D printing materials, specific

art supplies and recipe ingredients that allow students to go beyond basic project work to produce materials that are high quality, allow personalisation and often provide additional challenge.

If you have any questions about the family statements please contact me on the school's general number.

Jason Holmes

THE HARRISON COMMUNITY THOUSAND PAPER CRANES PROJECT AND JAPAN TRIP



The Harrison School Paper Crane Project this year has been a success with the paper cranes being handed over to Walker Sensei and Japan Trip Student Leader Jacob on Thursday. The students will be taking the paper cranes to the Children's Peace Monument that stands in Peace Park in Hiroshima. The monument was built with funds donated from all over Japan as a place to pray for world peace. The Children's Peace Monument is also called the "Tower of a Thousand Cranes", for many thousands of folded paper cranes are offered there all through the year as a symbol of world peace.

Congratulations to all the Junior School students who helped out making the paper cranes and thank you to McLeod Sensei for giving the students time in their Japanese lessons to make the cranes. Thank you to the high school students, Walker Sensei, Ms McKay and Ms

Watson for making it possible for the cranes to be placed at Hiroshima. Special mention goes to Sonya, Emily, Yazzie, Grace and Mary for making many of the paper cranes. What a great achievement!

JAPAN TRIP IS FINALLY HERE!

It has been an exciting lead up to the Japan Trip 2018 and it has finally arrived! During assembly last week students were presented with their Japan Trip shirts by some student leaders from the Junior School led by White Sensei. The students also presented the group with 1000 paper cranes. During the term, Walker Sensei held a competition to name and select our Mascot. Amelia Reynolds from 1/2NM won the competition, nominating a Kangaroo called "Kangarama". At the 5-10 assembly, Amelia presented our Japan trip student leader, Jacob Hayes with Kangarama. We look forward to a very exciting trip and sharing our experiences when we get back. If you would like to follow us and Kangarama around Japan check out the Harrison School News site.

YEAR 7 2019 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

All current Yr. 6 students and Yr. 7 prospective students and parents are invited to attend the Yr. 7 2019 Parent Information Night.

The evening will be a showcase of the many opportunities available to Year 7/8 students at Harrison School, including learning opportunities in core subjects areas and the range of elective classes offered to students in Year 7 and 8 (For example Arts, Technologies and Languages). Additional information will also be presented to ensure your child is ready for Year 7 such as structure of timetable, the use of devices, how to use Google Drive and uniform expectations.

The evening will be led by the Year 7/8 Team Leaders (Rebecca Platten and Juliet Moody) with many of the subject teachers and leadership staff on hand for a chat about the various learning opportunities, and a cup of tea or coffee as well.

When: 6:00-7:00pm – **Wednesday 17 October**

Where: Senior Performing Arts Building (located in the senior section of the school). Entry will be from Nullarbor Ave.



DEFENCE NEWS

Last Wednesday was the final day for our KidSMART program where 9 Defence students spent time with each other playing games, doing craft activities, learning how to identify and manage feelings, ways to stay in touch when a family member is absent from home or staying in touch with friends when we move to new locations and tips for making friends when you start a new school. We also discussed the wonderful parts of being Defence children, living in different locations in Australia and in some cases overseas, meeting new people, opportunities to learn and connect with others experiencing the same changes. Once again a huge congratulations to our KidSMART Graduates. You are wonderful Defence Kids!!



Cadets: Attention all Cadets!! If your child is a member of a Cadet Unit here in Canberra can you please email Emma and let her know. We are currently preparing for our Remembrance Day Service here at Harrison School mid next term and are hoping for Cadet participation.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

DSTA: available Mon – Wed and Friday during school hours. 8:50am – 2:30pm

DTM: available Mon – Thurs, during school hours 8:50am – 2:30pm

Sarah and Emma

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

emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

ALL DEFENCE GROUPS ARE NOW OPERATING OUT OF THE DEFENCE ROOM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY! Please remind your children that the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunch times and the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. For students in 5/6, the Defence Hang Out is NOW Wednesday lunch times. Students in Years 7 to 10 remain Thursday lunch times.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the school library on Monday mornings between 9:00am and 11:00am. We would love to see you for a cuppa, a chat and to create some resources for the classrooms. Younger siblings welcome. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office.

P & C NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 8:30am – 9:30am

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 see the attached document or the link below for the 2018 Canteen Menu.

[2018 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI-SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

SCHOOL BANKING



Wow week 10 – nearly school holidays again. We have had plenty of students receive certificates and rewards this term, what a great effort from

everyone!

We have had a delay with the last group of rewards ordered and I'm hoping they will arrive before the end of the week. If they don't they will be sent out to you as soon as we receive them – apologies for the delay.

We will have two more exciting reward items next term, a Slushie Maker Cup and Zoom Flying Disc.

We hope you all have a great holiday and look forward to more fabulous savings next term.

Remember 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

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop
School Banking Coordinator