What a beautiful time of year to live in Canberra! While the mornings are getting chilly, we have experienced some beautiful days. This weather generally sees students shed layers as the day warms up and our lost property pile grows dramatically. If your child is anything like mine, it is really important to make sure their jumper and hat are labelled with their name. This means if they are forgetful, there is a much better chance of their clothing being returned to them.

Recent Happenings
A very big thank you goes to the parents who helped out at the preschool working bee on the weekend. It was a fabulous turn out and great atmosphere! The preschool is looking spick and span and the raised garden beds and tyre planters add some fantastic colour.

Well done to our cross county runners. Last week we had some very fit students represent Harrison School in the zone cross country. There were some great results and I think we had the largest number of students qualify for the next level of competition than ever before. While talking runners, another congratulation goes to Mr Adams who finished the YMCA half marathon in a personal best time of 1 hour 39 minutes.

We also had our first Outdoor Education expedition last week. From all
accounts the students were fantastic ambassadors for Harrison School and enjoyed some terrific weather, amazing scenery and challenging activities during their 3 days at Mimosa Rocks National Park at the South Coast. Thanks to Mr Ormerod’s excellent planning and preparation all students returned safely (although exhausted).

Harrison School Community Fun Run happens tomorrow! I hope children have been training hard and fundraising furiously to ensure the event is successful. Students may wear either P E or sports uniform to school.

YEAR 7- 2015 Information Night
Save the Date
Our Year 7, 2015 Information session is on this Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Mr Riley has put information on our Daily News blog (http://harrisonschool.wordpress.com/author/harrisonschool/) including a flyer that outlines how the evening will run. Myself, Team Leaders, our Student Engagement and Teaching and Learning coaches, Learning Community Coordinators and classroom teachers will be available to talk about our structure and learning opportunities.

This Thursday is also a nude food day at Harrison. It is an opportunity for families to contribute to reducing litter at school by sending food in reusable containers rather than packaging that needs to be thrown away once the food is eaten. How creative can you be with your packaging?

This Week’s Reading (pictures and video this week)
We are trying to engage students in learning at Harrison that develops their strengths and challenges them to be their best. We are committed to making learning as student centred as possible and are utilising a range of strategies, techniques and technologies to do this. This work is challenging, but it is worthwhile and necessary, as the images presented by Professor Yong Zhao below indicate. In our highly globalised society learning can no longer just be about preparing students for life after school with a set of employability skills – it must encompass this and much more. Learning must help students become globally competent, entrepreneurial and creative, and help them develop their skills in applying their learning to solve different problems. If you want more information about this and have a spare 10 minutes, have a look at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wo--J3E8yqc

Regards,
Jason Holmes.

EDVAL Timetable Permission Notes
Students in Year 5 – 10 need to return their EDVAL permission notes to the school as soon as possible.

WIMMERA STREET BUS ZONES
The Wimmera Street bus zones are used by Action and Deane’s buses to drop off and pick up students. This area is a Bus Zone please do NOT park, drop off or pick up students from this area.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep your children safe.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:
Alina K Evie P Sophie E
Reagan J

Congratulations to our Class Award Recipients:
Sophie W Ronan B John-Pierre C
Riley C Liam C Ethan C
Joshua D Umer K Dang N
Thomas W Gru H Rebecca T
Marvin M Samma H Didi T
Elia T Grace L Megan V
Dean M-Mc Matilda W Kiyann W
Pahnkit C Nicholas A Isabel S
North Gungahlin District Cross Country
Last Tuesday 18 students represented Harrison School at the North Gungahlin District Cross Country. It was a competitive team with the first two runners in each age group being selected to represent the school. We had a successful day with 6 of our runners finishing in the top 10:
Sarah T - 2nd       Marzuq R – 3rd       Peter V – 3rd, Hayden V – 5th       Caitlin C – 7th
Chloe P – 8th. We look forward to confirmation of these results as these placings allow them to proceed to the ACT Cross Country Carnival on Monday 2 June. Congratulations to all runners.

Enrolling for 2015
A reminder that applications for Preschool close on Friday 30 May. Forms must be completed online. If parents do not have access to the internet they can complete the form at school. Please see the front office staff for assistance. Please note, students currently enrolled at Harrison do not need to complete an enrolment form for Kindergarten or Year 7. Year 11 enrolment applications for Gungahlin College close on Friday 30 May.

Uniform Policy
The School Board has endorsed the recommendation to include an option for girls to wear shorts or long pants. This does not replace the official School Uniform. A copy of the options and guidelines for implementing the uniform policy are attached or can be found on the website. Please see link Uniform Policy Guidelines

Japanese News
Thousand Paper Cranes Project
In preparation for the Harrison School trip to Japan this year our aim is to make 1000 paper cranes. Students from Years 8-10 will be visiting our sister school in Nara, Tomio Dai San. In addition to this, they will also be visiting Hiroshima. At the Peace Park in Hiroshima, there is a memorial to Sadako.
Sadako was a small girl who died, aged 12, as a result of radiation poisoning from the Atom bomb. Before she died, she tried to make 1000 paper cranes hoping that if she did so, she would survive her illness. In Japan, cranes (or tsuru in Japanese) are a symbol of longevity.
Our Harrison students are hoping to take the 1000 paper cranes our school community have made, and place them at Sadako’s memorial. This week we are reminding members of the Harrison community to make a crane. If you would like to contribute, please make a crane and bring it to school, or if you need help, please contact one of our Japanese teachers, Sayoko Thompson, Hugo Walker or Kate White via the front office.

Origami Crane This should be the link to the crane instructions.

Lunchtime Irish Dancing Club!
Irish Dancing is held every Tuesday lunchtime in the music room in the library for Year 1-6 students with Mrs Khan. It’s a great way to make new friends, get some exercise and learn some traditional soft shoe Irish dance steps!

Nude Food Day
This week on Thursday 29 May Harrison School will be having our term 2 Nude Food Day. It is important for your whole family to understand why we have this special day once a term, so try involving your children in decisions and discussions regarding how their lunch will be packed on Thursday. They will be aware through class discussions and messages at school that we are trying to reduce the amount of rubbish collected that day, in order to play a small but important role in looking after our environment.

Nude Food Tip: Making homemade snacks like
muffins, biscuits and muesli slice (instead of buying packets of commercial snacks) will not only reduce the amount of packaging that goes into our rubbish bins, but it will save you lots of money as well.

FAST AND FRESH CANBERRA THEATRE PERFORMANCE
On Friday 30 May some of our Year 8 and 10 students are performing original pieces at the Fast and Fresh 10 Minute Play Competition at the Canberra Theatre. Tickets are available form canberratheatre.com.au

Harrison School Choirs
National Arboretum Performance
Coordinating Teacher: Kieryn Khan
You are invited to watch the Kinder – Year 2 Choir, Year 3/4 Choir and Year 5-10 Choir perform in the Café at the National Arboretum on Saturday the 14 June! The National Arboretum is a wonderful venue which boasts a café with breathtaking views, picnic areas, exciting playgrounds and beautiful indoor and outdoor gardens.
Date and Time: Saturday 14 June 2014 at 10:30am
Where: National Arboretum Café

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Defence News
A reminder about the EAS (Education Assistance Scheme) with reports due to come out in the following weeks. If you are new to Canberra this year your child may be eligible for tutoring through the EAS. Email us for more information. holly.mattison@ed.act.edu.au jennifer.welsh@ed.act.edu.au

This year Harrison School has registered to take part in the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards. The Battle of Long Tan holds a special place in the memories and hearts of Australians. As a tribute to the veterans of that battle, the very traits they demonstrated such as mateship, determination, teamwork, compassion, leadership and tenacity are the same attributes encouraged and recognised by this award for students of Year 10 and 12. We are looking for a stand out student in Year 10 who demonstrates these attributes at school and in the wider community. The winner of this award (to be announced later in the year) will receive a certificate, $250 and the opportunity to place their name on the honour roll of ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork winners.

Holly and Jenny

Defence Kids
We started planting out our many plants on Thursday and hope to continue throughout the term. Thanks to Ms Fiona Vogt for her time, advice and students. We need more students from 5 – 10. If you are interested meet at the Gardens at 1:10pm. The students from 5/6 did an amazing job and we hope that our little plants take off over spring. Next week we continue with arts and crafts on Monday and Tuesday Lunchtimes. Monday (K - 2) cards making and Tuesday (3 -10) will be creating the ever popular mosaics. See you there!

Harrison Hearts
No Harrison Hearts this week due to the HSCA Fun Run, but we will be back Week 6. Last week we assisted Ms Karen Da Silva with sorting music, covered books for 3/4HTH, cut patterns for Mrs Suzanne Brown’s textile
HSCA NEWS

HSCA FACEBOOK PAGE
Harrison School Community Association Facebook page
Harrison School Recipe Book

Harrison Art Show
(harrionartshow@hotmail.com)
(Student Pamphlet and Entry Information)
Entry Collection/Drop Off Times
Monday 2 June to Friday 6 June 8.30am – 9:00am in the Hall.
Last date for accepting entries Tuesday 10 June. Times and Location to be confirmed.

Fundraising & Meet and Greet Organisers
Come and join us this Sunday 1 June, between 8:00am and midday at My Parea Cafe. A portion of sales will go towards the running costs of the Art Show.

We are also looking for a few parents to bake again for us. Some of our sponsors will be in attendance, but we cannot confirm the times. Don’t forget you can always email Christina at harrionartshow@hotmail.com with your questions in relation to entries.

CANTEEN NEWS
You can now order your lunch online
* www.flexischools.com.au
You can still order the old way with a paper bag
*Fees apply
  0.29 cents to top up credit
  0.25 cents per child per order

UNIFORM SHOP SPECIAL OPENING
HOURS
REMINDER: The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 28 May from 2:45-6:00pm.

HSCA FUN RUN
Students may wear either P E or sports uniform to school.
As you would know by now, we are holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Wednesday 28 May within the school grounds and on to Well Station after lunch to the end of the school day.

Please see link for the class timetable:
HSCA Fun Run Schedule

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Try to make sure you have collected all your sponsorship money by the end of this week as you will need to have it handed into the front office, along with the back page of your Sponsorship book (if you did not use online fundraising) to be able to claim your prize! All funds and notes are due in by Friday 30 May.

Prizes will be ordered after all monies have been returned and then distributed once received (expected to be in the two weeks after the run). Please note, you can select up to 3 prizes per student, as long as it fits within the amount you have raised.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the HSCA at hscafundraising@hotmail.com or via our Facebook page www.facebook.com.au/#!/harrison.school.community.association

Good luck!
HSCA Fundraising