



Harrison School Newsletter 3 April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 9!

This week is a short one as we return after a four day break; hoping that you were all able to enjoy some quality time with your nearest and dearest.

Day light saving has ended which means that lots of little ones are adjusting to sleep. Please ensure that bed time routines stay regular to allow little bodies to adjust.

Staffing news:

Ms Arianna Cansdell will undertake a period of personal leave and Ms Heather Hill will assume the Acting 3-6 Deputy Principal position for the remainder of Term 1 and Term 2.

P-4 Assembly

Junior School Assembly will occur this Wednesday in the Gymnasium from 9.15am.

Cross Country (Thursday from 9.15am)

Cross Country is scheduled this Thursday K-4 9.20am – 11.00am and Years 5-10 11.30am - 1.00pm. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in their sports uniform (junior school) with appropriate footwear to complete the course.

If the weather is inclement, the event will be rescheduled.

Emerging Reader Workshop – postponed

A new date for this workshop will be advertised shortly. Unfortunately both our facilitators are unwell and unable to proceed this afternoon.

Tips for home reading with beginning and emergent readers:

- **Read me a story!** Whether snuggled under the covers with a snack, or following along with a book on tape while on a road trip, reading together is a powerful tool in motivating your child to read.
- **Beyond Books:** Reading material comes in many different shapes and sizes,

Diary

Term 1 Week 9

Wednesday 4

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 10 Immunisations

Thursday 5

- Harrison School Cross Country

Friday 6

- 13&O North Boys Basketball
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:20pm

Term 1 Week 10

Monday 9

- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 1
Departs 8:30am 3/4LM, JD, JH, DW, DB
SH & MPO
- Yr. 5/6 AFL Clinics

Wednesday 11

- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 2
Departs 8:30am
3/4TW, PG, DF, SV, HK, FE, SA & MP
- Whole School Assembly 9:15 am- Gym
- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 1
Return approx. 3:30pm
- Combined Regions 13&O Swimming
Competition

Thursday 12

- ANZAC DAY Assembly 9:15am-Gym

Friday 13 Last day Term 1

- Yr.9 Introduction to College
Presentation
- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 2
Return approx. 3:30pm

[2018 Calendar](#)



some of which may be more accessible to a new reader. Video games, magazines, and comic books all provide opportunities for reading practice. Other suggestions for sneaking under a wary child's reading radar include playing board games that involve written instructions,

- ***I want THAT one!*** Reading should be a choice, not a labour. Make sure there are a variety of books, magazines, and other materials available for your child to choose from, wherever your child may be. Let your child's interests guide his or her reading choices. While it's fine to make suggestions, don't force your conceptions of what your child should be reading onto your child. Try to keep an eye on the reading level of the books your children choose. Let them stretch to the best of their ability, but be ready to help if they get discouraged.
- ***Something to talk about:*** Reading doesn't have to stop when you put the book down. Talk to your child about books you've read and books you think he or she might enjoy. Point out similarities between everyday events and stories you have recently read.

Taken from:
<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/tips-encouraging-kids-read>

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm**

For all enquiries and calls

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

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

EXCURSION/CAMP 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.

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We are pleased to announce the following appointments to the Harrison School Board.

Parents Representatives

Samantha Murray and Chetra Joshi

Staff Representatives

Kelly Dunstan and Ben Saunders

Student Representative

Keely F

LIBRARY NEWS

Entertainment Books

We are raising funds for our School Library by selling Entertainment Books. Order the new book or digital membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our School. PLUS, order now to receive **up to \$200** of bonus Early Bird Offers, including Soul Origin at Gungahlin, Escape Rooms at Phillip, and Baked at Braddon. The books will be available on Friday of Week 10, just in time for school holidays.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2d6190>

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

All students in preschool to Year 6 will be taking part in this year's Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

Students will read and record 15 books between now and September. Recording sheets will be kept in class and signed by the class teachers.

Volunteers

Our lost property pile is building up again and we are always looking for volunteers to help us return the items back to their owners. We also have lots of books to cover and would appreciate some help getting through the pile faster so our resources can be used in the classrooms. If you would like to volunteer for either of these jobs please come and visit us.

Lost Property

PLEASE LABEL **ALL** CLOTHING, LUNCH BOXES AND DRINK BOTTLES so we can return missing items back to your children.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

Harrison School Cross-Country Carnival Thursday 5 April, 2018

Our Junior (K-4) and Senior (5-10) cross-country carnivals will both be held on Thursday 5 April (Week 9 Term 1) on the Harrison Playing Fields located just behind the school. Every student has been preparing for the event in their classes over the past couple of weeks. We highly encourage and expect all students on the day to participate. Classes will resume as normal on completion of the carnivals.

Please ensure your child:

- Has a drink bottle and hat.
- Brings jumper/jacket in case the weather is cold and/or windy.
- Dresses appropriately to run long distances and is in their house colours or PE uniform.

Proposed Schedule and Distance

(Please note that this should be used as a rough guide only)

Junior Carnival (K-4) 9:20 – 11:00am

Kindy Boys 1km	09:30
Kindy Girls 1km	09:35
9 year old Boys 2km	09:45
9 year old Girls 2km	09:50

Year 1 Boys 1km	10:00
Year 1 Girls 1km	10:05
8 year old Boys 1km	10:15
8 year old Girls 1km	10:20
10 year old Boys 2km	10:30
10 year old Girls 2km	10:35
7 year old Boys 1km (Year 2 students only)	10:40
7 year old Girls 1km (Year 2 students only)	10:45

Senior Carnival (5-10) 11:20am- 1:10pm

16 year old Boys 6km	11:40
11 years old Boys 3km	11:45
11 year old Girls 3km	11:50
14 year old Boys 4km	12:00
14 year old Girls 4km	12:05
12 year old Boys 3km	12:15
12 year old Girls 3km	12:20
15 year old Boys 4km	12:30
15 and 16 year old Girls 4km	12:35
13 year old Boys 3km	12:45
13 year old Girls 3km	12:50

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us, your classroom teacher or any member of the PE staff.

Kate Bradley and Kieran Sands
Cross-Country Co-ordinators

CROSS COUNTRY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage sandwiches (\$2) and drinks (Fruit Poppers in a box - \$1) will be on sale at the Cross Country as a fundraiser for the Harrison School Japan Trip. K – 4 can buy bottled water; older students may choose a can of soft drink. Please bring exact change, that would be most helpful.

HARRISON SWIMMING CARNIVAL & AQUA FUN DAY

We have had a busy term with Aquatic carnivals. A fantastic day was had at the AIS pool for our Harrison Swimming Carnival on 6 March. Congratulations to the 2018 Harrison Fish Meg Senior. Following this was our postponed Yr 5-10 Aqua Fun Day at Big Splash Jamison. We were lucky with the weather the second time round and students and staff had a great day. A big thank you to the PE staff, Sports Leaders and Gungahlin College students who assisted at both of these carnivals.

Age Champion Medals are being presented separately at Junior and Senior assemblies due to camps and sporting commitments of our recipients. Congratulations to the following:

	Girls	Boys
U/8	Zara M	Denali W
U/9	Daisy M	Patrick T
U/10	Tia K	Khan W
U/11	Jaidi B	Ethan P
U/12	Chloe	Ben C
U/13	Piper G	Thomas P
U/14	Emily	Tom C
U/15	Meg S	Thomas R
U/16	Sarah	Archer B

Swimmers have been selected to represent Harrison at the Nth Gungahlin 12yrs & under carnival on Monday 9 April and the Northside Regional 13yrs & over on Wednesday 11 April. Both carnivals are at the AIS pool. (Permission notes and money should be returned). Good luck to all swimmers.



SPEND and COLLECT VOUCHERS

Don't forget, to bring your vouchers to the main front office and place in the Coles Sports for Schools box by **Friday 6 April**.



DEFENCE NEWS

We hope all our Defence families and friends had a wonderful Easter, we know that the children who attended activity groups last week enjoyed themselves immensely and were pleased to walk out with little goodies.

This week we are in the final stages of preparation for our Anzac Day Assembly which is happening next week. We would love to see lots of Defence families there and invite you to join us for morning tea afterwards.

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

Coming Up:

- ANZAC Day Service – Thursday 12 April 9.15am in the gym.



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. The 5-10 Chill out session is held on a Thursday lunch time in the Mulligans Building in room G29. We would love to see your children there!



HARRISON HEARTS

New day and time!!! It is lovely to see some new and familiar faces at Harrison Hearts this year. If you would like to join us come to the multi-purpose room near the junior hall 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.

SCHOOL SPORT ACT – TEAM TRIALS INFORMATION

School Sport ACT now has an updated website with information regarding all regional sporting events as well as trial information and dates for ACT teams. The website can be accessed at www.schoolsportact.com.au

Registration Process for trials

School Sport ACT now collects all registration information online – this is to prevent the movement to and fro of a paper notes and have all information readily available to officials prior to the trial. As this process incurs a fee for data storage, system maintenance and admin a small \$3 fee payment via credit card will be required.

1. Go to the School Sport ACT website – www.schoolsportact.asn.au
2. Click Register (top right corner of homepage) for an Account – enter details and password
3. A confirmation email will be sent to your chosen email that will contain a link that you must click on to verify the email account.
4. Click Log In (top right hand corner of home page) enter password then click on top tab My Profile
5. You will see a 'dashboard' of your information, click green box to Add Student – enter student and medical details and save.
6. Go to the Sports Tab – choose your specific sport, click on Trial Information box then click on the Register to Trial link.
7. Select your child's name from the dropdown box and then enter the optional fields for Playing History, Preferred Position (if applicable) and Representative Experience.
8. Make the \$3 credit card payment then click to register.
9. An automated email will then be sent to your Principal/School Approver for their approval to trial (no need to take anything to school for the Principal

to sign).

10. You will be able to see the process has been complete back in My Profile – once your Principal/School Approver has completed the approval process your child's information will be collated onto a list for the Team Manager and Coach prior to trial.

11. Note the registration process closes two days before the first trial date to allow sufficient time for approval and sharing of collated information.

P & C NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 8:30 – 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](#)

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