



Harrison School Newsletter 19 June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harrison School is such a vibrant community and I'm always amazed at the variety of achievements and talents our students show both at school and in the community.

We have had many students representing the school at north side and ACT cross country events and sporting teams participating in carnivals. It is always great to hear how they have gone on their return, however, I am always so proud to receive comments and emails from staff, parents, organisers and members of the community about how well our students represent the school in their sportsmanship, respect, teamwork and demeanours. The compliments we get on the behaviour of our students not just when representing the school in sports, but whenever we take groups of Harrison students out of the school, are always glowing and positive.

As we reach the end of Term 2 it is important that all students take stock of where they are on their learning continuum and consider how they might ensure they have demonstrated their learning by the end of this term. This is particularly so for our year 9 and 10 students. Behaviour, attendance and academic performance are required to be satisfactory for the award of a year 10 certificate. There is still time for students to ensure their end of semester report reflects their abilities. Please encourage your son or daughter to be diligent in their classwork and in ensuring all work is submitted by the due date.

I'm excited for the upcoming Exhibitions of Learning 7-10. I love to hear students reflect on their achievements on the goals they set for themselves at the start of the year. It is always a lovely moment to sit with a student while they take you through their learning and discuss their achievements with the evidence present in the work samples they have collected.

Diary

Term 2 Week 8

Wednesday 20

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- P & C Meeting **CANCELLED**

Thursday 21

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics
- Science Show Off – Preschool - KD, CD, NT
- Yr. 3/4 Botanical Gardens Excursion
MPO, SH, FE, AB & SA
- Indigenous Students Health Check

Friday 22

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics

Term 2 Week 9

Tuesday 26

- Yrs. 7 – 10 Exhibitions of Learning

Wednesday 27

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

Friday 29

- Pyjama Day Fundraiser
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club

Term 2 Week 10

Tuesday 3 July

- Yr. 10 Retreat

Wednesday 4

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am- Gym

Thursday 5

- RMC Rock Band Visit
- Movie Night Yrs. 1 - 10

Friday 6

Last Day of Term 2

2018 Calendar

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



This year we have a new format that is heavily based on feedback received from the parent community. I am optimistically excited about an increase of parents and significant adults in our students' lives attending the school to join in demonstrations and celebrations of student learning.

Year 7-10 students are currently completing their electives and enrichment choices for Semester 2. All students will be notified of their Semester 2 timetable before the end of term. Changes in electives will be possible, but limited, in the first week of Term 3 only.

Hoping everybody had a great and relaxing weekend and managed to stay warm.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Hugh M	James O'D	Mishka K
Annabel L	Kiril M	Aayra S
Olivia M	Connor G	Layla G
Nadia D		

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.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

ALL students arriving late at 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

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.

SCHOOL CAR PARKING

School car parking and explanation of the various coloured zones/areas.

BLUE coloured zones are for **DROP** and **GO** and **COLLECT** and **GO ONLY- NOT PARKING** (cars not to be left unattended by driver).

WHITE coloured zones are for parking

YELLOW coloured zones are for Disabled parking

RED coloured zones are **NO PARKING AREAS**

Thank you for your support in following the car park zones.

If parents are concerned about car parking issues please email:

parking.operations@act.gov.au with a photo to report a car illegally parked around the school.

Please include the date, time and any other relevant information such as parked in a no parking area.

2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just a reminder that Preschool enrolments for 2019 are now open. Due to the high demand within the school priority enrolment area we advise that you complete the online application as soon as possible.

YEAR 7 – 10 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING

Exhibitions of Learning will take place on **Tuesday 26 June, 3:00 - 6:00pm** at the senior school site (Years 7-10). This significant event is the main opportunity for you to engage with your child's learning and receive feedback on their progress.

The Exhibitions of Learning will have two key opportunities for you to engage with your child's learning:

- Demonstrations of Learning Activities
- Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are an opportunity for your child to talk to you about what they have learnt and to discuss their goals for future learning with the assistance of the classroom teacher. These must be pre-booked online prior to the day through our **Student Online Booking (SOBS) system**. Information on how to access **SOBS** has been sent home to all parents in 7-10 via a letter and email. If you have not received this information, please contact your child's Homeroom teacher or Juliet Moody:

juliet.moody@ed.act.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Allocated Laptops

We would like to remind year 7-10 students and parents that if there is a problem with their laptop (provided by ACT Government this year) then the student must bring it to the library for assessing. If the problem can be fixed under warranty, the school will organise that. If not (e.g. accidental damage, cracked screens etc.) then further information will be sent home outlining the

options available for repair. More information about the allocated laptops can be found [here](#)

Entertainment Books

We have already raised \$660 for our school library by selling 55 Entertainment Books! If you would like your own copy please click [here](#). You will be able to choose a book or digital membership. The holidays are coming up so you will be able to put your vouchers to good use and save lots of money.

Books in Other Languages

We are trying to increase our collection of books written in other languages. If you are planning on travelling overseas this year we would love you to consider purchasing a book in another language (suitable for toddlers to teens) and donating it to the library. We are more than happy to collect second hand books too - perhaps you have family overseas that would be willing to send you a pre-loved book.

Lost Property

Please check once again that all your child's clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles and personal possessions are clearly labelled with their name. Our lost property box is looking very full!

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH VISIT - 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 59 students. As we did last year, we have an opportunity to host some amazing Japanese students for their stay in Canberra from the evening of 24 October until 27 October. If you're able to help out by hosting 1 or 2 students for 3 nights, please contact Amy McLeod at amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au by the end of week 9 (29/9).



When: Thursday 5 July

Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Who: Year 1 – 10

Where: Harrison School Gym

Cost: \$10 (Includes ticket, popcorn and a popper)

Bring along a pillow or rug

Inquiries: Rebecca.Lee@ed.act.edu.au

Fundraising will go to the Year 10 Formal Committee. A permission/payment note with more information has been sent home and is available on the website.



DEFENCE NEWS

The latest Defence Community Organisation (DCO) newsletter has come out this week. It is jam packed full of information for Defence families in the local area. To view the newsletter, follow this link for the June/July 2018 edition - <http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Master/documents/Newsletters/ACT/Canberra.pdf>

Or if you wish to be on the DCO Canberra mailing list please email: dco.canberra@defence.gov.au

Coming Up: RMC Band Visit to Whole School Thursday 5 July.

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 lunchtimes and the Y3 - 4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in Y5/6 the Defence Hang out is NOW Wednesday lunchtimes and 7 – 10 Thursday lunchtimes.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the school library on Monday mornings between 9:00 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

P & C Meeting

CANCELLED

The P & C Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 20 June has been cancelled.

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](#)