



Harrison School Newsletter 31 July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 2 and a special welcome to all the new students and families that have joined Harrison School this term. Whilst the cooler mornings keep us on our toes, it has been wonderful to note the blue skies and sunshine on most mornings.

Preschool Learning Journeys

Preschool Learning Journeys will take place **Monday July 30 - Tuesday July 31 and Thursday Aug 3 - Friday Aug 4 August 3 between 8.30 and 9.30am**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to participate in activities with your child and discuss what they have learnt in their first semester of preschool.

Exhibitions of Learning K-2

Exhibitions of Learning will take place on **Tuesday 31 July 3.30 - 5.30pm and Thursday 2 August 4.30-6.30pm** in your child's classroom. By now, you will have received a personalised invite to this event from your child and classroom teacher. These exhibitions give you an opportunity to engage with your child's learning and to celebrate a fantastic semester in the classroom.

This is a significant event on our school calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!

Book Week

Junior school children will have the opportunity to enjoy a musical performance to celebrate Book Week on Monday 13 August.

This year the theme for 2018 is *Find Your Treasure*. As per usual one of our celebrations will be a book character parade held on August 24. Plenty of time between now and then to start thinking of a favourite book character costume!

Diary

Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 31

- Kindergarten – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 3:30-5:30pm
- Course Information Night Gungahlin College

Wednesday 1 August

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- PISA Assessment Yrs. 7 – 10
- Say 'NO' to Violence Yr. 9 Female Students
- Yr. 7 – 10 Combined Band Practice
- P & C Harrison School Disco

Thursday 2

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am
- Taipei Youth Folk Sports Group 2018 Performance 11:45am – 1:00pm
- Kindergarten – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 4:30-6:30pm

Friday 3

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am
- Harrison Hoppers Heart Foundation Workshop

Term 3 Week 3

Monday 6

- Yr. 7 Drumming Program

Tuesday 7

- EALD Parent Morning Tea 9:00am – Library
- Yrs. 3/4 & 5/6 Exhibitions of Learning

2018 Calendar

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



P-6 School Disco Wednesday - August 1 Entry is free!

Session start times:

Pre - K - 5:15pm - 6:00pm

Year 1/2 - 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Year 3/4 - 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Year 5/6 - 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Hot dogs, drinks and glow sticks will be available for purchase on the night. Parent volunteers can communicate their availability to: disco@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Please ensure that you collect your children promptly from the school hall at the conclusion of your relevant session time.

ICAS Competitions – ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS

ICAS testing for students in years 3-10 who have elected and paid entry will commence today in the junior school hall. It is important that students arrive at school promptly on scheduled testing days as testing is facilitated in the morning session in the junior school hall.

Course Information Night - Gungahlin College TONIGHT

A reminder to students and families transitioning to Gungahlin College in 2019, that a course information night will be held at the college TONIGHT at 6pm. Visit Gungahlin College website for more details.

Taipei Youth Group Visit – August 2

Harrison School will welcome a group of performing acrobatic artists to Harrison School on Thursday August 2. The students will rehearse and perform (alongside our very own Harrison Hoppers) to inspire and amaze what will undoubtedly be a captivated audience.

Harrison students will welcome the primary and high school aged students to their playground and classrooms for part of the day.

Have a wonderful week!

Nada

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Parent Representative

Reminder that we need to fill a parent representative position. Nominations to fill the vacant parent representative position are now open. Nomination forms are available from the front office and need to be submitted to the front office by **11:00am Monday 13 August**.

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.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club will be going home this week and are due back **Friday 10 August**.

K-2 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING



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EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING YRS.3 – 6

Yr.3/4 and 5/6 classes will be conducting Exhibitions of Learning in Week 3 of Term 3. The conferences are facilitated by students and teachers and are an opportunity to share your child's learning and to encourage students to evaluate and reflect on their work and to discuss goals for future learning.

As part of the Exhibition of Learning, you are invited to visit classrooms and learning areas, view student's books and displays and share their e-portfolios while they explain their learning and changes in their thinking.

In Yr.3/4, each learning community is having their Exhibition on a different day due to allocation of resources. If you are unable to attend on the day offered for your child's class, you are welcome to attend any of the other

sessions.

Learning Community	Date
Joseland East – LM, JH, JD, DW and MP	Tuesday 7 August
Joseland West – DF, PG, TW, DB and HK	Wednesday 8 August
JPA – AB, SA, FE, MPO and SH	Thursday 9 August

All Yr. 3/4 Exhibitions of learning are from 2:30 – 3:30pm and 4:30 – 6:00pm.

The Yr.5/6 team's EOL is from 3:30 – 6:30pm on Tuesday 7 August.

We look forward to meeting with you to share your child's learning.

BBQ FUNDRAISER

The students, parents and teachers going on the Japan Trip would be most grateful if you could support two more BBQ fund raisers this term.

- 🚩 Tuesday of Week 5 and again on
- 🚩 Tuesday of Week 7.

Sausage sandwiches @ \$2 each
Fruit box popper drinks @ \$1 each

We look forward to your support and that of the students in Years 3 – 10. The Fund raiser will be running at LUNCH time outside the Technology Building in the Senior School.

EALD MORNING TEA

The English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) teaching team would like to invite you to a morning tea for parents and carers who speak more than one language.

When: Week 3
Tuesday 7 August, 2018
Time: 9:00am – 9:40 am
Place: Library

At this morning tea we would like to celebrate the cultural diversity within our school by coming together to build and enhance our partnership and friendship.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES TRIP 2019



Harrison School is in the initial stages of planning its inaugural trip to Europe. The trip is being planned for late September to early October of 2019 and is targeted at French and Italian language students in years 8-10. The purpose of the trip is to provide language students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture of both France and Italy. The tour will commence in Paris and continue through Lyon and Annecy before moving onto Milan, Florence and finishing in Rome. There will be a variety of authentic activities and experiences planned for the duration of the trip. Highlights include day trips to Versailles in France and Pompeii in Italy as well as a cooking class in Italy, an art class in France and language workshops along the way. An official expression of interest will be sent out Week 1, Term 3. For more information please contact Andrea Kemp (andrea.kemp@ed.act.edu.au) or Clare Warwick (clare.warwick@ed.act.edu.au) by email or by phone on (02) 6142 2200.



DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome to Harrison to our new Defence families. We hope you have had a great first week and are looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all soon.

Australian Military Wives Choir is a choir for women who support Defence Force Members in Canberra. As a no audition, no experience necessary choir they welcome new members at any time during the year. Despite the word wives in their name they welcome any woman who has close links to ADF members and Foreign Defence Force members posted to Canberra.

For more information email amwc.canberra@gmail.com or check out their

Facebook page and website www.amwchoir.com

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

SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 1 August

Entry is FREE

Session Times:

Pre – Kindergarten: 5:15 – 6:00pm

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Year 3/4: 7:30 – 8:30pm

Year 5/6: 7:30 – 8:30pm

Hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase.

VOLUNTEERS CALL OUT

We need volunteers to assist on the night.

Please email: disco@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Find us on Facebook:

facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC

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](#)

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