



Harrison School Newsletter 5 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrations

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of term 4. Last week we were treated to your children showcasing their learning through the Exhibitions of Learning and amazing concerts. It was great to see the quality of work in the years 7 - 10 e-portfolios and I hope you had a chance to sit with your child, talk through their learning and complete the questionnaire. It was equally as great to talk to the very excited children who performed in the concert and I hope you enjoyed the show. We also farewelled our cohort of lovely year 10 students on Friday and as always, it was a bittersweet experience. On one hand it is great to see the confident young men and women we have nurtured preparing for the next stage of their learning. On the other hand, they are great kids and we will miss them. We do at least get to celebrate their achievements at the year 10 graduation and formal tomorrow night.

We have two other celebrations during the week as well. On Thursday we have our ACE Awards ceremony, where we celebrate the academic and sporting achievements, efforts and community contributions of students from preschool to year 10. We also have a year 5/6 celebration and acknowledgement of the transition to year 7 happening on Friday morning. While it is a hectic time of year, as a principal, it is a terrific one.

Reporting on Student Achievement

Shortly you will receive the end of semester report for your child/children. I hope your children have achieved strong growth in their learning and that they are able to talk through this with you. I encourage you to take the time to have these conversations and ask your children questions like:

- "What surprised you in your learning this semester?"
- "What are you most proud of in your learning and why?"
- "What's one area that you think you would like to improve on

Diary

Term 4 Week 9

Wednesday 6

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm
- Yr. 10 Graduation and Formal 5:00 – 11:00pm National Arboretum

Thursday 7

- Alan Tongue Aspire Program Yr. 9
- ACE Awards Presentation Evening 5:30pm Gym

Friday 8

- Yr. 7 Immunisations
- Yr. 5/6 Celebration
- Yr. 6 Drumming
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:30pm

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 12

- Kindy Walk to Franklin Park 9:30am – 12:30pm

Wednesday 13

- Uke Project 8:15am
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am
- Yr. 5/6 End of Year Excursion 9:30 – 1:30pm
- Advanced Uke Project 1:15pm

Thursday 14

- Kindergarten – Yr. 2 Aqua Fun Day 9:00am – 2:30pm

Friday 15

- Last Day of Term 4

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

[2017 Calendar](#)



next year? How do you think this might happen?"

If you have any questions about your child's/children's report, please be sure to contact their class teacher via email or phone for clarification - we love talking about student learning!

Volunteers

Volunteers to Harrison school make a huge difference to a large number of students and the teachers they support. We are extremely grateful for the time and effort our volunteers make throughout the year and thank you wholeheartedly. This year, volunteers will receive a certificate of appreciation by the class(es) they have supported.

Jason.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2018

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2018 could you please complete the form on this link [Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#) and return it to the front office to assist us in organising classes for 2018.

STUDENTS ON HOLIDAY LEAVE

If your family is on an extended holiday and will not be back at school before the beginning of Term 1, 2018 Tuesday 6 February could you please complete the form on this link [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office ASAP.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: **Student Name and 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 the students 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 and receive a green slip before collecting students from their class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office. Parents must receive an electronic slip before collecting students from class.

HARRISON SCHOOL DAILY NEWS

Just a reminder, that if you wish to subscribe to the Harrison School Daily News you will receive notifications and updates regarding school events. You can also access the school calendar from this site. Please see the link below:

<https://harrisonschoolnews.com/>

2018 STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LISTS



The 2018 Stationery Requirements lists will be sent home this week. The lists are also available on the school website on the link below:

[2018 Harrison School Stationery Packs](#)

Please follow the ordering instructions

1. Go to the OfficeMax website OfficeMaxSchools.com.au
2. Search for Harrison School, Harrison ACT and enter your school access key **2XQ5Q**
3. Complete the student details and select the year level that your child will be in for 2018. Eg. If your child is in Yr.1 this year then you

need to select the 2018 Yr. 2 list.

4. Review your requirements list and make any changes (if necessary). Please note that some items have been denoted as a requisite for the subject or year.

If you have more than one student at the school you will need to repeat the above steps, ordering the correct 2018 year level list.

Once completed, an order confirmation will be sent to your email address.

Order Deadlines and Delivery

When ordering your child's 2018 Stationery packs please **DO NOT** enter the school address for delivery of stationery packs. Orders will **NOT** be delivered to the school.

Please enter either your home address or your work/business address for stationery pack delivery.

Orders are delivered via Australia post's eParcel service and you will receive an email with the Australia Post tracking ID Number. Post Offices Box addresses are **NOT** accepted.

- Orders placed on or before 17 December will be delivered free of charge.
- Orders placed after 17 December and on or before 31 December will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee.
- Orders placed after 31 December will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee and all efforts will be made to deliver prior to the beginning of Term 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT

- **ALL** Stationery packs need to be brought to school on the first day of **Term 1, 2018** and given to the class teacher.

Please note that OfficeMax now has zipPay

OfficeMax now has zipPay. You can buy your requirements list now and pay later.

For full terms and conditions visit officemaxschools.com.au



If you need any help placing your order, returns or refunds, delivery information or have a general

enquiry please visit OfficeMaxSchool.com.au/help
Please **DO NOT** send any Stationery Lists or money to the school, ALL orders are through OfficeMax.

LIBRARY NEWS



Returning Library Books

Please remember to return all library books as soon as possible.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi Teacher Librarians

GARDEN STALL



Thinking of planting a vegetable garden in the holidays?...

The Harrison Garden Club will be running our last garden stall for the year on Thursday 7 Dec (Week 9). There is a variety of vegetables and succulents for sale. We will be outside the hall from 8:15am onwards.

Hope to see you there.

2018 AQUATIC CARNIVALS - SAVE THE DATE

Carnivals are always early in the beginning of the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Harrison Swimming Carnival** – Monday 6th March, AIS Pool

For 8 -16 yr old **competent** 50m swimmers.

Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 26th February, Big Splash Macquarie
- All classes Yr 5 -10, aquatic activities all day



DEFENCE NEWS

Wow what an amazing week last week was. Congratulations to all that were involved in the fantastic concerts! I know I thoroughly enjoyed both days!

For those of you that are frantically packing/decluttering in preparation for the removal trucks to arrive, please ensure that you pop in to the front office and complete the Checklist For Students Leaving Form (like a post out form). We hope you have safe travels to your new locality and that everything goes smoothly for you.

Coming Up:

- Australian Military Wives Choir Christmas Open Rehearsal Thursday 7 December
- 2017 Year 6 students gifting a Cenotaph to Harrison School Friday 8 December.

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri.

Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

Emma Marrinan (DTM) available school hours Mon, Tues, Thurs and Wed mornings.

Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups have finished for this year due to concerts and other activities. If you have suggestions for what you would like to do at activity groups next year please tell Mrs McGavin. We hope to see you back at activity groups in the new year, please watch this space for times and locations.

SCHOOL BANKING

Wow what a week – fabulous concert performances!

Just a reminder to let you know we will still be processing your **School Banking tomorrow and in week 10**, so you can continue to collect your tokens for next year. Unfortunately we cannot order any more rewards as they will not arrive before the end of the term.

Don't worry if you have already collected 10 tokens as they can be redeemed next year. We will soon have a brand new set of exciting rewards, I'm not sure yet of next year's theme but will let you know as soon as I find out!

Happy Savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

CANTEEN NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE END OF THE YEAR

The canteen will be slowly decreasing their stock and are requesting from **Monday 4 December** that if you are placing a lunch order for your child, you add a second choice to the order please.

REMINDER: The Junior and Senior canteens will be **CLOSED** on **Friday 15 December**.

Please find attached an updated Canteen Menu. Please see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)