



Harrison School Newsletter 13 March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 6!

As we farewell summer, the need for warmer clothing is apparent. Please ensure that jumpers and coats are labelled so that if children remove items during the day, they can be easily identified and returned to their owners.

Hats Off period does not commence until June/July (winter months) so please ensure that your child has sun protection every day at school.

School Photos – Tuesday through Friday THIS WEEK

Please ensure that your child is in school uniform for school photos this week. A schedule has been included below to this newsletter to advise families of class photo days. Class photos will start promptly at 9:00am.

Day of the Week:	Classes :
TUESDAY – 13 MARCH 8.15am Family/sibling photos	7/8 CW 7/8 FA 7/8 JC 7/8 RK 9/10 AL 9/10 JD 9/10 MP 1/2 NM 1/2 OP 1/2 SK 1/2 MJ 1/2 EL 7/8 AH 7/8 CN 9/10 DE 9/10 FB 9/10 RM 9/10 KB 9/10 RL 1/2 KR 1/2 RP Preschool
WEDNESDAY – 14 MARCH 8.15am Family/sibling photos	7/8 BW 7/8 DS 7/8 JB 7/8 JM 7/8 SQ 9/10 CW 9/10 JK 9/10 LM 1/2 RM 1/2 CL 1/2 EC 1/2 YJ 3/4 TW 5/6 JCO 5/6 DJ 5/6 SD 5/6 AP 5/6 JC 5/6 SM 5/6 JL 5/6 KC 5/6 AH 5/6 TK 5/6 MO 5/6 DM

Diary

Term 1 Week 6 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 12

Canberra Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 13

- Preschool Photos Mon/ Tues groups

Wednesday 14

- Yr. 5 – 10 School Assembly 9:15am – **CANCELLED**
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program

Thursday 15

- Preschool Photos Wed/ Thurs groups
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Aqua Fun Day

Term 1 Week 7

Tuesday 20

- Yr. 7/8 Defence Students' Integration Day
- Nutrition Magician Preschool Incursion

Wednesday 21

- Harmony Day Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm Library

Thursday 22

- Yr. 3/4 Botanical Gardens Excursion DF, PG, TW, DB & HK
- Nutrition Magician Preschool Incursion

[2018 Calendar](#)

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



THURSDAY – 15 MARCH 8.15am Family/sibling photos	KLK KTP 1/2 NE 1/2 KW 1/2 JH 1/2 DN 1/2 LO 3/4 MPO 3/4 SH 3/4 FE 3/4 SA 3/4 SV 3/4 HK 3/4 DB 3/4 PG 3/4 DF 3/4 MP 3/4 DW 3/4 JD 3/4 JH 3/4 LM
FRIDAY – 16 MARCH 8.15am Family/sibling photos	KJB KKN KKS KLS KRB KSW Executive Team Student Leadership Groups x 4 House Leaders Groups x 2 Harrison Hoppers

Safety at the Pedestrian Crossings

I am extending a strong message to all parents and carers to ensure they model correct protocols for our students at the crossing areas before and after school.

Using a mobile phone whilst crossing is not advisable and it does not allow you to fully attend to the directions of the crossing supervisor. We have communicated the need for all students to stop, look and wait for instructions from the supervisors at the road. At times, there is a need to hold pedestrians to allow traffic to pass, and motorists take guidance from the supervisors as to whether they proceed or halt.

If you are collecting young children at the end of the day, please meet your child on the school side of the crossing and escort them across safely. Please prioritise your own child's safety at all times; do not call them to meet you at the car or cross the road at any other point other than the crossing.

Additionally, please do not park and vacate cars in the blue kerb area as this affects traffic flow. We have school buses that collect children from these areas and double parking compromises our ability to get children safely on to the bus from the kerb side.

I extend thanks to our children who have been supporting parents of additional language backgrounds to understand the processes and importance of road safety in and around our school areas, and to those parents who make a point of waiting to receive instructions from the crossing

supervisor, prior to crossing the road.

Early Years Literacy Initiative – Preschool to Year 2

Harrison School will join with teaching staff from Neville Bonner and Gold Creek to participate in phase 2 of the Early Years Literacy Initiative. The project will engage all staff across the identified North Gungahlin Schools in professional learning to build capacity in planning and teaching practices. Christine Topher, the critical friend leading the project, is a national literacy leader in Early Years education. Harrison School staff will welcome Christine and network school leaders to our site on Thursday 22 March to view classroom practice and observe demonstration lessons in two of our Early Years classrooms.

Harmony Day and P-4 Assembly – Reschedule Friday Week 7

An alternate assembly time for P-4 students has been scheduled for Friday 23 March in Week 7 at 11.20am. The alternate arrangement recognises the Harmony Day event that will occur at the previously scheduled time and date: March 21 Whole School Assembly.

2018 Aquatic Carnivals - Dates

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

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Thursday 15 March, Big Splash Macquarie. All classes Yr. 5 -10, aquatic activities all day
- **Please complete permission slips and medical notes and return to the school.**

“BULLYING. NO WAY” DIFFERENT SOCKS DAY

At Harrison School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. On Friday 16 March we are saying “**Bullying. No Way**”. To acknowledge this day, we are asking all students to wear different socks. This is an initiative by the Student Leadership team. Their reasoning behind it is to signify that it is ok to be different and to celebrate individuality.

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 PHOTOS

Harrison School Photos will be held from Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 March. You should have received your child's photo envelope with the instructions as to how to order online or with cash.

If you did not receive a photo envelope, please see the front office. If you are a parent of separated families and wish to order a photo you will need to complete a photo envelope (available from the front office and clearly mark on the envelope mum or dad's order, or contact MSP Photography directly to place your order).

Sibling photos are available again this year for students with siblings attending Harrison School and will be taken before school from 8:15am to the beginning of the school day. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the main and senior front offices. Please **DO NOT** return sibling envelopes to the school but either bring or send them with your children on the day. A discount applies for families with 3 or more children after purchasing individual packs for **EACH** child. A sibling Presentation pack of your choice will be free.

A class timetable for School Photos is attached and can be found on the School Website:

[2018 Harrison School Photos Class Timetable](#)

SCHOOL CAR PARK INFORMATION

Please do **NOT** park and leave your car unattended in the blue **DROP OFF and PICK UP ZONES**. These areas are not for parking but for parents to drop their children off and go.

If you wish to walk your child /ren into the school please park in the parking bays.

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

BLUE coloured zones are for **DROP OFF and PICK UP ONLY- NOT PARKING** (cars not to be left unattended by the driver).

WHITE coloured zones are for parking

YELLOW coloured zones are for Disabled parking

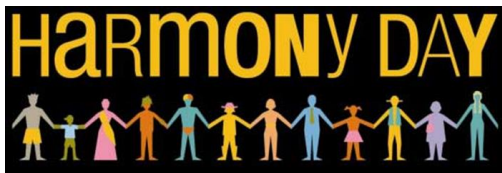
RED coloured zones are **NO PARKING AREAS**

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 to report any cars illegally parked around the school.

Please include the date, time and any other relevant information such as where the car is parked and the licence plate details.



HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

Harmony Day is a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is that **'Everyone Belongs'**, which means that all Australians are a welcome part of our country regardless of their background. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia such a great place to live.

Harrison School will come together to celebrate Harmony Day with a Whole School Assembly, commencing at 9.15am on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

Students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or something orange to school on the day.

It is our hope that many parents and families attend our special assembly to participate in the day's celebrations. Parents are invited to return to their child's class to share their cultural stories, games, songs and traditions with the students after the assembly.

Harmony Day celebrations will continue during March and throughout the year, within classrooms. We encourage any parents who would like to share their traditions and culture to contact classroom teachers.



DEFENCE NEWS

Education Support is available to families in the first 18 months of their posting to a new locality. Students may be entitled to up to 14 weeks of tutoring in any subject that has been recommended by the school principal or the child's teacher. This applies to primary and secondary students. In order to receive further information about this process, please contact us or obtain the form from

<http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Family/Kids/Education.asp>.

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:

- Birrigai Excursion – Tuesday 20 March
- Defence Welcome Dinner – Thursday 22 March Raiders Club Gungahlin
- 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.

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](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our first group of students to receive their rewards for this year. Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward, I encourage you to order your rewards. Could you please send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card so they can be ordered. Rewards Cards can be located via the following

link <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

Remember if you would like to participate in the School Banking Program, you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators