



## Harrison School Newsletter 16 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the onset of some warmer weather and longer days, I welcome you to the start of Term 4. I'm excited to say that we've started this term with our new leadership structure in place. I congratulate and welcome Dan Breen (Junior School Principal) and Paul Van Campenhout (7-10 Deputy Principal) to Harrison and congratulate both Debbie Carne (Corporate Manager) and Jacqui Ford (7-10 Principal) for their promotions. I also congratulate Rebecca Jeremenko, who is our newly elected parent representative on the Board. I look forward to the added strategic direction and leadership Dan, Paul, Debbie, Jacqui and Rebecca will bring in their new roles as Harrison School continues to grow.

### Garden Beds

I hope you received my email yesterday morning regarding the work that has been carried out to clear the school of asbestos containing material during the holidays. If not, I'm sure you've seen the big changes that have happened, with the most noticeable one being the removal of the majority of construction fencing. In particular, I'm especially pleased to see the car park fully operational again and I will (of course) take this opportunity to give a reminder that the safety and efficient use of the car park is a responsibility that falls to all of us - please do your part. I acknowledge the terrific work of the Education Directorate's Infrastructure and Capital Works team in managing and resolving the asbestos issue and I look forward to the rehabilitation of the gardens later this year. I'd also like to thank OSHClub for their flexibility and commitment to Harrison families by providing vacation care places at their Nicholls service.

### Term 3

In reflecting about this article over the break, I thought it was worthwhile revisiting the end of Term 3 briefly to:

- congratulate our intrepid 7-10 travellers - both the 7/8 campers

## Diary

### Term 4 Week 1

#### Wednesday 17

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly – 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 7 2019 Parent Information Session  
6:00pm – Senior PATS Bldg.
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm - Library

#### Thursday 18

- Yr. 7 Immunisations

#### Friday 19

- Yr. 1/2 Questacon Incursion Yr. 1/2 YJ, EC, RM, TP, RP & KR

### Term 4 Week 2

#### BOOK CLUB DUE

#### Monday 22

- Kindergarten Orientation Program 9:00-11:20am Group 1 (New Students)
- Yr. 7/8 ACT Badminton Competition
- Yr. 10 NAP – Science Assessment

#### Tuesday 23

- Preschool Excursion – Gruffalo PMT CD, KD & KR

#### Wednesday 24

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program

#### Thursday 25

- Kindergarten Orientation Program 9:00-11:20am Group 2 (New Students)
- Yr.1/2 St. John's School house Museum Excursion Yr. 1/2 MP, DN & LO
- ACT Nowaste Recycling Discovery Hub & Resource Centre Excursion Yr. 3/4MP & DF

### 2018 Calendar



who visited Sydney for three days to experience the city and enjoy the sights and attractions and, our Japan trip attendees who were brilliant ambassadors for Harrison School as they visited Tomio Daisan and a number of historically significant sights in Japan (not to mention avoiding the typhoon!). Many thanks to the staff who attended these excursions and a special thank you to Farah Atallah and Jayde Condon (7/8 Camp) and Roxy McKay (Japan Trip) for their amazing organisation and leadership.

- thank everyone for their involvement in our great 10 Year Birthday Celebration. The terrific assembly was another one of those #veryproudprincipal moments for me and I know the celebrations across the various learning communities were enjoyed by one and all. A number of staff, students and parents collaborated to make the event a success and a special thank you goes to Mariam Hijazi for her awesome co-ordination and leadership.
- congratulate our kindy students and staff on a very successful Kindy Athletics Carnival, where I saw students participating beautifully and the Harrison Values in abundance.

### Learning Focus

While high quality learning and helping students understand themselves as learners has always been a priority of the school, throughout 2018 we've continued to have a focus on improving the literacy skills and achievements of students. This has been driven by our involvement in the Essential Literacy Practices for years P-2, the Writing Project for years 3 - 6 and the High School Writing Project for years 7 - 10. Our involvement has included teachers developing their knowledge and skills through professional learning, continued collaboration for planning, teaching and assessment and more targeted literacy learning through the adoption of specific strategies and best practice.

### Quick Read

My [quick read](#) for you in this newsletter comes from Parenting Ideas and provides some basic information, ideas and tips for developing emotional intelligence in children. The one tip I'd add is to be sure to take a quick check of your emotional state before engaging with your children on this - success is unlikely in an 'emotionally charged' state and calmness and rationality will definitely be your allies.

Regards,  
Jason.

### 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](mailto: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.

### **YEAR 7 2019 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

All current Yr. 6 students and Yr. 7 prospective students and parents are invited to attend the Yr. 7, 2019 Parent Information Night.

**When:** 6:00-7:00pm – **Wednesday 17 October**

**Where:** Senior Performing Arts Building (located in the senior section of the school). Entry will be from Nullarbor Ave.

The evening will be a showcase of the many opportunities available to Year 7/8 students at Harrison School, including learning opportunities in core subjects areas and the range of elective classes offered to students in Year 7 and 8, (for example Arts, Technologies and Languages). Additional information will also be presented to ensure your child is ready for Year 7 such as structure of timetable, the use of devices, how to use Google Drive and uniform expectations.

The evening will be led by the Year 7/8 Team Leaders (Rebecca Platten and Juliet Moody) with many of the subject teachers and leadership staff

on hand for a chat about the various learning opportunities, and a cup of tea or coffee as well.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Term 4 is our busiest term. We have two issues of book club, a book fair, 8 weeks of encouraging students to read as much as possible, retrieval of the 7,200 items currently on loan (and shelving them!) before a big two weeks of stocktake. Phew! If we have any community members wondering what it would be like to volunteer in a library we would love to welcome you!

#### Book Club

Issue 7 will be distributed this week and is due back by **Friday 26 October** (end of Week 2). We have a short timeframe for orders due to the Book Fair in Week 3.

#### Book Fair

#### **Tuesday 30 October – Friday 9 November**

How exciting – we are having another book fair! Books will be on sale from 8:30am – 4:00pm every day. Our late night is Thursday 1 November, open until 6:00pm. Put it in your diary!

#### Overdue Notes

Notes for P - 6 and emails for 7 - 10 will be printed/sent next Wednesday, October 24. Please remind your children to return the books they borrowed for the holidays before then.

#### Lost Property

Please remember to label EVERYTHING so we can return lost property to its owners. Items not collected will end up at the uniform shop, clothing bin, school kitchens (lunch containers etc.) or in the bin. We would rather it go straight back to your children.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

### **MUSIC COUNT US IN**

Come along to watch our amazing music groups across the school perform in Week 3 for Music Count Us In!

Please see the attached timetable or on the website link below:

[Music Count Us In – Timetable Term 4 Week 3 2018](#)

## HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We would like to congratulate Mrs Rebecca Jeremenko on her appointment to the Harrison School Board. The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 October 2018. The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board. [hsbparentrep@outlook.com](mailto:hsbparentrep@outlook.com)

## STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

## 2019 ACT SECONDARY BURSARY SCHEME

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides financial assistance to low-income families with student(s) in years 7 – 10 attending an ACT public, independent or catholic school or who are home schooled. To be eligible, applicants must have a current Centrelink card or Healthcare card with means-tested payment codes. Each student's

attendance is checked for unexplained absences. More than five unexplained absences per semester may result in the application being denied.

Applications must be lodged by 30 November 2018 to ensure eligible applicants receive payment in 2019. Application forms are available from the main and senior front offices and can also be found online at: [2019 ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme](#)



## DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you all had a relaxing break. For those of you that are moving on to new locations later in the year, we hope that the preparations are going smoothly. If we can be of any assistance please let us know.

**DCO Support for ADF Families:**  
[defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.

### Coming Up:

- Remembrance Day Service – Friday 9 November
- Defence Students' Farewells – Mon 12 to Wed 14 November
- Defence Family Christmas BBQ – Friday 16 November

**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

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[emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto: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

#### REMINDER

#### P & C Meeting

The P & C Meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 7:00pm in the Library.

All parents and community members welcome.

### 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](#)

### SCHOOL BANKING



Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a great holiday. This term we have two new fantastic rewards from the Super Savers range. The Slushie Maker Cup and Zoom Flying Disc are available while stocks last, so make sure you claim your rewards early in the term – you don't want to miss out.



Some important news for this term: School Banking will be processed on **TUESDAY commencing Week 2 (next week)**, also all rewards need to be ordered by **Week 8** to ensure delivery before the end of year break. I am still waiting for the last set of rewards ordered from last term – as the school was closed during the holidays I'm hoping they get delivered this week. I will send them out as soon as they arrive, apologies for the delay.

Remember, if you would like to be part of the School banking Program, you just need to open a YouthSaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch or [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop  
School Banking Coordinator