



Harrison School Newsletter 27 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harrison School is a hive of activity at the moment, with our students and staff involved in a range of great learning that has been evident as I have visited classes around the school. In addition to that, we have had many students and staff participating in a number of special events both around and outside of the school.

It has become apparent to me this term that Harrison School has a great tradition in the performing arts. This week, the Harrison School drama production, Elf, will be staged Wednesday night in the senior performing arts building. I have heard that an incredible amount of work has been invested into this production to date, and the result being, it is very good and well worth securing a ticket for yourself.

I would like to congratulate all the students and teachers who represented Harrison School at the 2018 Bandstravaganza, which was held at the Llewellyn Hall last Monday and Wednesday. Our High School Band, as well as both of our Primary Bands put on great performances in front of large crowds.

This week will also see our Year 5 to 8 Senior Choir travel to Parliament House to perform Christmas carols. The performance will take place in the Marble Foyer and is a part of the Christmas at Parliament House Celebrations.

Last week many students across the school put themselves forward, showing true endeavour, for positions as student leaders. I would like to congratulate all these students, whether they were putting themselves forward for school prefects or for whole school student leader positions. The results will be announced shortly.

If you happened to see a large fire-truck parked outside the school on Monday, please do not be alarmed, it was here as a part of the ACT Fire and Rescue visit to kindergarten. Our students met with members of

Diary

Term 4 Week 7

Harrison School Drama Production

Wednesday 28

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- Concert B Rehearsal
- Harrison School Drama Production 7:00 – 9:00pm

Thursday 29

- Preschool Transition to Kindergarten 11:20am
- Harrison School Drama Production 7:00pm

Friday 30

- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club

Term 4 Week 8

Concert Week

Monday 3 Dec

- Concert A Rehearsal
- 2019 European Trip parent Information Session 5:30pm

Tuesday 4

- Concert B Rehearsal
- Preschool Exhibitions of Learning 4:30 – 5:15pm

Wednesday 5

- CANCELLED Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly
- Concert A Matinee – 11:00am
- Yr. 5 – 10 Special Projects Exhibition 4:00pm
- Preschool Exhibitions of Learning 4:30
- BBQ 5:00 – 6:30pm
- Concert A Evening Performance 6:30pm

[2018 Calendar](#)

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



ACT Fire and Rescue Team and learnt some very important safety lessons during the visit.

Last week also saw a visit from representatives from Canberra Metro who came to speak at the Preschool to Yr. 4 assembly. Our students all learnt about the dangers associated with the metro lines and trains, which was very timely considering the impending opening of the light rail network.

Dan Breen

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Alice L	Zara M	Maddie B
Theo B	Xavier A	Mikaela B
Molly M	Winston J	Sebastian D
Jimmy P	Eshaan A-R	

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

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.

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.

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

- School Drama Production: 27 – 30 Nov
- Concert Dates: Wed 5 & Thurs 6 Dec
- Yr. 10 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly: Fri 7 Dec
- Yr. 10 Graduation and Formal: Tues 11 Dec
- Harrison School ACE Awards: Thurs 13 Dec
- Yr. 6 Celebration: Fri 14 Dec 9:30 – 11:00am

For more detailed information please see the school calendar on the website: [2018 Calendar](#)

HARRISON SCHOOL 2019 STATIONERY LISTS

The Stationery lists for 2019 are now available online from OfficeMax. The stationery lists and access codes for each year group can be found on the school website: [Stationery Lists 2019](#).

For information on how to order please see the attached document.

Please **DO NOT** send your 2019 Stationery packs to the school until next year.

HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT

This year, the Harrison School Concert will be held on **Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December**. Please find attached a copy of the class performance timetable.

[2018 End of Year Concert Class Schedule](#)

Tickets for the concert are available from the front office. Tickets are \$2.00 per person. Students who are performing do NOT require a ticket. **Please Note: Lost tickets can NOT be replaced.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tickets for the evening performances are starting to run low. If you wish to attend the evening performances, you need to purchase your tickets to avoid disappointment.

HARRISON SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

Come and celebrate the Yr. 9/10 Drama Production in a festive musical spectacular of epic proportions! Based on the much-loved Christmas movie, Elf - this modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.



Performances will take place in the PATS Theatre on Wednesday 28 November and Thursday 29 November 2018 at 7:00pm.

All tickets \$5.00 and can be purchased online via the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/ZHRR>

HARRISON SCHOOL YEAR 4 AND 6 PREFECTS FOR 2019

We have been in the process of selecting Yr.4 and Yr.6 School Prefects for 2019. The field was narrowed down from an extensive number of applicants and last Friday, those who

were shortlisted, presented their speeches. Their peers then had the opportunity to vote for their chosen representatives.

Our congratulations go to Zara M, Isabella P, Riley R and Marco T who were successfully elected into the 2019, Year 4 prefect positions. In the Year 6 prefect positions for 2019 are: Ella J, Hannah K, Hannah P and Neha K.

During their presentation speeches, the students spoke about contributing to positive learning communities, wanting everyone to have a great experience at Harrison School and the importance of persevering when things get tough. They also explained ways in which they had demonstrated personal resilience. A couple of quotes that stood out included; 'I will be up the front, leading, and at the back, supporting others.' 'I've never won anything, but I've always tried.' and, 'Like my dad tells me, you can learn something new every day, if you listen.'

Congratulations to the 2019 Year 4 and Year 6 prefects and to every student who expressed an interest in the role. We're so proud of you!

Ms Hill, Ms Zarac and Ms O'Brien

Library News

Book Club

Orders for our last issue of Book Club for 2018 are due in this Friday, November 30. Please either send cash with the order in a labelled envelope or follow this link to pay online www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP If your order is a gift you can choose that option online; for cash orders please enclose a note so we don't hand it to your child by mistake.

Due date for Library Loans

This is our last week for borrowing books. Next week we are asking for ALL loans to be returned so we can get ready for our annual stocktake in weeks 9 & 10. Please ensure your child returns all books by **Friday, December 7** at the latest. If you have any queries or concerns please call the library on 614 22244.

Lost Property

We will endeavour to return all lost property that is named, but please keep checking in our lost property box in the library if your child is missing something, especially lunchbox containers, drink bottles, unnamed uniforms and non-uniform items. These will be donated to the uniform shop or clothing bins at the end of term.

Books in Other Languages

As we know some of our families are getting ready for international travel over the Christmas break we thought we would remind you that we are on the lookout for more children's books in languages other than English. If you are in a non-English speaking country please think of us as you walk by the bookshops! We would be very excited to receive a souvenir.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

EARTH RANGERS

The recent Earth Rangers fundraiser Save the Koalas raised \$65.65. Well done to our Earth Ranger students.


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education for Kindergarten – Yr. 6 for Term 4 will be held on Wednesday 28 November 2018.

BACK TO SCHOOL ASTHMA CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

Talk About Asthma.

Every year there is a sharp rise in the number of asthma attacks for children when they return to school after the summer break. This results in a significant increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school. Not only is this unsettling for children as they start a new year at school, but often it impacts on time off work for the parents/carers also.

- [Back to school Asthma Checklist for Parents](#)  (161kb)

Please see the attachment for further information



DEFENCE NEWS

Last Tuesday we put together our care packages for ADF Personnel that will be deployed over the Christmas period. We are pleased to report that we were able to send off 22 care parcels and would like to thank the families, teachers and organisations that contributed by donating gifts, food, letters and post packs.



Postings: As posting orders are out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (eg. MWDU/Deployments) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

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 the K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday 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.

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

The school psychologists have had a very busy year at Harrison School, and are now unable to take any new referrals until Term 1 2019. If you have concerns about your child's learning, or social or emotional wellbeing, their class teacher or the team leaders for your child's year group are often the best place to start a conversation about these concerns.

Alternatively, you may wish to access community agencies for support such as:

- Gungahlin Child and Family Centre
Phone: (02) 6207 0120
Website: <http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocys/children/childandfamilycentres>
- Marymead
Phone: (02) 6162 5800
Website: <http://www.marymead.org.au/>
- Belconnen Community Service
Phone: (02) 6264 0200
Website: <https://www.bcsact.com.au/>

If you have concerns about your child's mental

health that cannot wait until next year, we recommend the following services:

- Your family GP who may refer to a private psychologist
- Headspace Canberra (for young people over the age of 12)
Phone: (02) 6201 5343
Website: <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/headspace-canberra/>
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
Phone: (02) 6205 1050
Website: <http://www.findahealthservice.act.gov.au/c/fahs?a=sp&pid=1316133581&site=51105&servicecategory=23>

Jorja Zollinger and Ashleigh Kinlyside
School Psychologists

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to the many students who have made a fabulous effort with their savings. The certificates and rewards will be sent out during the week.

Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward. I encourage you to order your rewards soon as we are now in Week 6 and there are only **two weeks** left for ordering rewards. The last week to order rewards this term will be **Week 7**. We have been advised by the Commonwealth Bank that no orders will be accepted after this date, so that all rewards can be back before the end of year holidays.

To all our School Banking families, we **urgently** need one or two parents to volunteer to run the program, it only takes one to two hours each week and all training will be provided. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Maria on 6241-2008.

Happy savings,
Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

P & C NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on
Fridays from 8:30am – 9:30am

CANTEEN NEWS

Please Note: The Canteen will **NOT** be open on
Friday 21 December

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](#)



Late Food Order Service Changes starting Term 1, 2019

As of Term 1, 2019, Flexischools' Customer Service Team will no longer be taking late orders over the phone from parents.
Cut off time for Harrison School is 9:00am.