



Harrison School Newsletter 26 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin week four, I am happy to be able to report that classes are buzzing with the amazing learning taking place. I would like to extend my thanks to all those parents and carers who attended meetings with their child's class teacher in the past week. These meetings are vital in establishing clear lines of communication early in the year to assist us to work in partnership with you to support your child's education.

Over the past week, our kindergarten students have been undertaking PIPs (Performance Indicators in Primary School) testing. This test is taken by all kindergarten students in the ACT Education system and measures literacy and numeracy skills at the beginning of the year, and again at the end of the year. From all reports, it seems like we have an enthusiastic group of kindergarten students with a real thirst for learning. Well done kindergarten!

As I write this article, excited students from years 5 to 10 are boarding buses to travel to the Big Splash Aquatic Centre for the 2019 Aqua Fun Day. I would like to thank parents for their understanding around the tight timeframe for the return of notes. The hold up on notes going home was due to changes in the rating system for outside providers.

This week marks the beginning of a partnership with the University of Canberra, as we start the UC Affiliated Schools Program. The initial program will see some students in our year 1 and 2 cohort working with pre-service teachers from the university, over six weeks, learning about geography. We look forward to welcoming the University of Canberra into the Harrison community.

Just a reminder that high school basketball trials will be taking place this week. If your child is in high school and is interested in trying out for the school team, please check the calendar for more details.

A message for interested parents around keeping their children safe online. There will be Cyber safety information sessions held at Gungahlin

Term 1 Week 4 2019

Kindergarten PIPS

Tuesday 26

- Yr. 7 - 8 Girls Harrison School Basketball team trials 1:00pm

Wednesday 27

- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 9 – 10 Harrison School Basketball team trials 1:00pm.
- Welcome BBQ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait families 5:00pm.

Thursday 28

- Yr. 9 – 10 Boys Harrison School Basketball team trials.

Friday 1

- Yr. 7 – 8 Boys Harrison School Basketball team trials

Term 1 Week 5 2019

Tuesday 5

- Yr. 5/6 AFL Primary North Gungahlin Cup 9:00am
- Harrison School Swimming trials (8-16 year old competitive swimmers only)

Wednesday 6

- Whole School Assembly 9:00am -Gym
- International Women's Day Event Yr. 9-10

[2019 Calendar](#)

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



College this week. Booking information is on the school website calendar for those interested in attending.

Have a wonderful week,
Dan Breen

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Summer B	Charlotte V	Asha C
Gabby H	Elena N	Charlotte W
Ethan C	Taniya S	Tayah B
Vignesh G	Elliot H	Om K
Sam J	Romeo G	Madeleine O
Emily S	Jack H	Nathan H
Shrey G	Kristine M	Ankushdeep M
Marko J x 2		

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

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.

2019 AQUATIC CARNIVAL - SAVE THE DATE

- **Harrison Swimming Trials**– Tuesday 5 March, at AIS Pool

For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers. Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m.

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. If you need to add a parent/guardian to your child's contact details, please come to the front office to fill in the appropriate form.

Preschool – Yr. 6 students **MUST** be signed out from the main administration office before they are collected from class.

Years 7 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

Voting for the Harrison School Board opened at 11:00am on **Monday 25 February** and closes at 11:00am on **Monday 4 March 2019**. Ballot papers and nominee information are available from the front office. Please ensure that you read the instructions carefully. Please find attached information in regard to the nominees.

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.

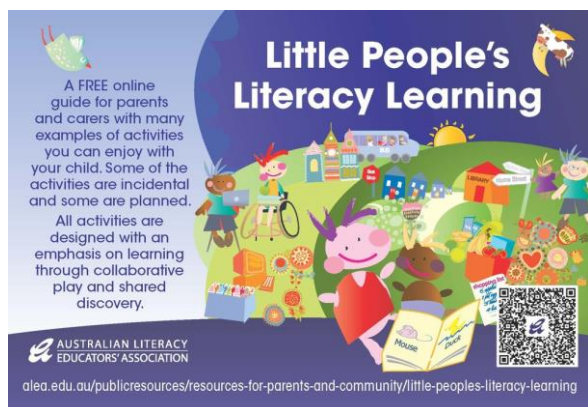
LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books

Overdue notices and emails will be going out next Wednesday 27th February. Could parents remind their child to return their books on time to avoid receiving a notice.

[ALEA Little People's Literacy Learning:](https://www.alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning)
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A FREE online guide for parents and carers with many examples of activities you can enjoy with your child.



Family Reading time

The library is open from 8.30 every morning for borrowing and reading. We would like to invite families to come into the library each morning and enjoy a special time, sharing a book together with their child.



DEFENCE NEWS

Education Assistance: 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 me 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.

Sarah

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

Coming Up: ANZAC Day Service – Friday 12 April 9:15am in the gym.

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defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.



DEFENCE KIDS

Defence Kids: Please remind your children that the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. The Chill-Out sessions have also recommenced. 5/6 are Wednesday lunchtime and 7/10 are Friday lunchtime. All groups are held in the Defence Room in the library!



HARRISON HEARTS

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 Defence Room in the library on Monday mornings between 9am and 11am. 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.

HARRISON OSHCLUB PROGRAM UPDATE

We've had a very busy start to 2019! Firstly, we'd like to say a big welcome to all our new families as well as those returning from last year. As you may be aware, we've made a few changes to the structure of the program this year and have received some great feedback from families and children regarding these changes. The children have settled in well with the new structure.

Kindergarten (Wombats) are in the canteen area (also known as the GA Room). The Coordinator for the Kindergarten room is Pam. Each afternoon we have our staff go to each Kindergarten classroom with a list of children booked in for the day. The children are then escorted to the canteen area and signed in. They then have their afternoon tea and participate in planned activities for the rest of the afternoon.

Years 1, 2 and 3 (Echidnas) are in the hall and multipurpose room this year. These children are expected to go straight to the hall after the bell goes where they are signed in by staff. They then have their afternoon tea and participate in planned activities for the rest of the afternoon. The coordinators for this room are Emma and Nerida.

Years 4, 5 and 6 (Crocodiles) are in the Joseland Building. These children go straight to the Joseland Building and are signed in. They then have their afternoon tea and participate in planned activities for the rest of the afternoon. The coordinator for this room is Zac.

We've just commenced our free weekly sports incursion. The program is delivered by Fit Kids and includes ball sports and non-ball sports. This incursion takes place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. We've had two sessions so far and the children have had a great time with very positive reviews.

Just some housekeeping reminders:

-If your child/ren will be absent from a session, it is vital that you let us know. This can be done by calling or texting us on 0418 223 198. A \$5 no show fee

applies if we are not notified at least an hour before the beginning of the session.

- If your child/ren have any allergies or medical conditions, it is vital that we have current doctor's plans and in date medication kept on site.

- Please check your bookings for the term to ensure that they are correct and contact us if you have any questions.

Parent information

Contact details:

Phone: 0418 223 198

Email: harrison@oshclub.com.au

Program Director: Jacqui Martin

Lead Coordinator: Emma Murphy

Assistant Coordinators: Pam, Nerida and Zac

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

SSACT 12&U Track and Field State Team Selection Trials

The School Sport Australia 12&U Track and Field Championships will be taking place in Darwin, NT this year and due to their weather conditions, the event has moved to 18-23 September, from its traditional dates in December, requiring a much earlier selection process.

The State Team Selection Trial dates have been confirmed:

Wednesday 20 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park

AND

Tuesday 26 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park

The eligible events have been divided between the 2 dates in an effort to not disadvantage any one group of athletes.

A Program of Events, Qualifying Standards and Rules of Competition can be found on the Track and Field page of the SSACT website; <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/SportDetail/Index/21>

All students wishing to trial will be invited to register online sharing their events and performance details - the portal will be opened for registrations on Friday 22 February and close on Friday 15 March to allow time for Meet Manager processing. There is a small fee at the time of registration.

Note these trials are the selection vehicle for the State Team, there will be no selections made at the 10 September ACT Championships, this event will still be the culminating event for students from the four regional carnivals.

Attention
Year 7 Parents

Your child's first round of vaccinations are due in Semester 1

The following vaccines will be offered FREE as part of the ACT High School Immunisation Program in Semester 1

- ✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Dose 1
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa

Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1

Q find
S sign
R return

Where can I get more information?
www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents

P & C NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

CANTEEN NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 2019 Canteen Menu.

[2019 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.



PARENT CYBER SAFETY EDUCATION SESSION

We are offering a workshop for parents to learn more about managing children's technology use, including an introduction into the most popular social media platforms, and practical tips for keeping teenagers safe online. We will also cover information on setting boundaries around technology, online behaviour management and tools for managing technology both in and outside of the home.

Cyber Safety Parent Information Sessions will be held at Gungahlin College Theatre on:

Thursday 28 February 2019 from 6:00 - 7:00pm

Friday 1 March 2019 from 9:30 – 10:30am

We will also have representatives from community services and ACT Policing in attendance for parents to connect with and know what supports are available in the region.

To register for the session please follow the links below:

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Session Thursday 28 February 2019](#)

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Session Friday 1 March 2019](#)