



Harrison School Newsletter 4 June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few weeks we have held very successful, if not cold Athletics Carnivals. The students participated with great Harrison spirit and it was a lovely representation of our school values as students cheered each other on and participated and competed in the spirit of the carnival. Our thanks and congratulations go to the organising teachers and the staff involved in making the carnivals run smoothly and enjoyable for all.

This week, we join together as a community to celebrate Reconciliation. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The timing commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme is Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage. Staff and students have been discussing, learning, exploring and challenging together the meaning behind reconciliation and what our role as a community is in this important part of our history with the lens of Truth and Courage.

Tonight, our Year 7 -10 students participate and perform in a demonstration of some strong and focussed learning in class in the ACT Up Fringe Festival at the Canberra Theatre. ACT UP! STUDENT FRINGE is a two-day fringe festival of eclectic original performances about the world we live in – created by you! Young artists will generate ideas based on how they view the world and their place in it. The pieces

Term 2 Week 6

Wednesday 5

- CANCELLED - Yr. 7-10 Assembly

Thursday 6

- Reconciliation Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Preschool Wiradjuri Echoes Incursion

Friday 7

- Yr. 5 Band Excursion

Term 2 Week 7

Wednesday 12

- P – 6 Assembly
- ACT 12 & U – 13 & O Combined Cross Country
- Christian Ed Kindergarten – Yr. 6

Thursday 13

- Yr. 7 – 10 Boys Rugby League 9's
- Harrison Hoppers School Demonstration

Friday 14

- 8 – 9 Yr. old Athletics Carnival

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday 18

- 5v5 – Capital Football Gala Day Yr. 5 & 6

Wednesday 19

- Yr. 7-10 Assembly
- Cricket ACT 7/8 North Indoor Cricket

Friday 21 June

- Kindergarten National Arboretum Excursion

Term 2 Week 9

Tuesday 25

- 6pm Ukulele Project including Turner School

Wednesday 26

- Preschool – Yr. 6 Assembly

2019 Calendar

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



should reflect ideas they care deeply about, connect with a contemporary audience and above all, make for an inspiring audience experience! We wish our students luck and congratulate them for striving to have their voices heard and utilising creative mediums as a way to connect with others.

Jacqui

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

NORTH GUNGAHLIN CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday 29 Harrison runners and their super supportive families braved a very wet, windy, cold day at the Nth Gungahlin Regional Cross country at Stromlo Forest. All students did extremely well, considering the conditions and friends and families are to be commended for cheering on their loved one in very trying conditions. Congratulations to all athletes and to our 4 runners, Ethan C, Denali W, Callum M and Will C who will be competing at the ACT Cross Country Championships at Stromlo on Wednesday 12th June. (Let's hope the weather is kinder!!!)

LIBRARY NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

A reminder that we are taking orders for the Entertainment Book 2019. You can purchase it from the school or online by following the link below. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2d6190>



OVERDUE NOTICES

Overdue notices will be issued this week. Please remind your children to return their overdue books as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

HARRISON SENIOR TOILETS

Due to ongoing and significant damage to senior toilets over the course of Term 1, toilet facilities are now going to be locked during class time. Students will be able to access the toilet facilities in the Mulligans building by getting a key from the Senior Front Office. The toilets in the VAST building will be open and free for students to use during both break times. This measure will help ensure that all toilet facilities remain clean and safe for all Harrison School students to use.



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!

Through this program, the school can get new educational resources. Stickers will be available from all Woolworth stores until 25 June.

They can be dropped off in the box in the front office or Franklin and Gungahlin Shopping Centres.

If you would like to know more visit: woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

GUNGAHLIN COLLEGE ENROLMENT

Gungahlin College has now been deemed a Category A School by the ACT Education Directorate. This means students enrolling must reside within the Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) including suburbs of Amaroo, Bonner, Casey, Crace, Forde, Franklin, Gungahlin, Hall, Harrison, Jacka, Mitchell, Moncrieff, Ngunnawal, Nicholls, Palmerston, Taylor and Throsby. This rule applies to all programs offered by Gungahlin College.

Students should enrol early within the enrolment period to ensure placement within preferred course areas.



DEFENCE NEWS

MWDU: If you have decided to stay in Canberra whilst a member of your family has been posted to a new locality could you please let us know, as this is something that we can keep track of and report to DCO & DFA with regards to housing and education assistance and the DSM roles in Canberra.

It is also beneficial to your children if you can inform us of these changes so that we can provide extra support.

COMING UP:

- Defence Family Dinner (Gungahlin Lakes) Tues 18 June (more info to follow via email.)
- Defence Family Morning Tea - Monday 1 July
- RMC Band Visit to Whole School - Thursday 4 July.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au

or 1800 624 608.

Sarah and Zoe

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

or

zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

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



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Multipurpose 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.

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](#)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

ACT PARENTS AND CITIZENS AND THE EDUCATION DIRECTORATE WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, what is working well or not working well, and who contributes to these? A second workshop with representatives of the P&C Council and the Education Directorate considered the outcomes of the first workshop to help prepare for further conversations with our school community. We want to make it easy for anyone who wants to have a say to be given the opportunity to be involved. There are two remaining workshops you may wish to attend:

- In June 2019, a 2 – 3-hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times during the day.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend the June workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912.