



Harrison School Newsletter 13 August 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the very cold weekend, with the added novelty of snow that we have all just experienced, the students here at Harrison have had a hot start to this week.

Last Thursday Harrison welcomed the ACT Minister for Transport, Chris Steel MLA and CMET General manager Tilo Franz for the launch of **Rail Safety Week**. This inaugural Safety Week's campaign, which runs from August 12 to 18, is "Pay Attention: It's everyone's responsibility. As a school positioned so close to the light rail corridor, the safety messages and videos of near misses presented were timely reminders of the importance of being vigilant around the light rail. Some of the key messages were, to stay behind the yellow line at the light rail stop, stop and look both ways before you cross and pay attention around the tracks and stops. When around the light rail some of the handy hints given were,

- Road users remember to always check blind spots - particularly to your right - before crossing light rail tracks
- Pedestrians to be alert to your surroundings, limit distractions such as mobile phones and headphones when walking around or across light rail tracks
- Pedestrians only cross the tracks at designated walkways
- Passengers should look to make sure the road is clear when exiting a light rail vehicle

More information about Rail Safety Week and staying safe around the Light Rail can be found below:

<https://tracksafefoundation.com.au>

<https://cmet.com.au/safety/> www.transport.act.gov.au

I would like to congratulate all those students and teachers who have been a part of Wakakirri this year on making it through to the ACT Region Award Night Performance on the 3rd of September. I was lucky enough to see the performance at the Canberra Theatre on Friday 2 August and was

Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 14

- Preschool - Yr. 2 Assembly – Hall 9:15am
- Yr. 3 - Yr. 6 Assembly – Gym 9:15am
- AIME Program Day
- Yrs. 3 – 6 Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:00pm

Thursday 15

- Kindergarten Woolworths Excursion KTF & KKJ
- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 SM & MP
- Yr. 7 – 10 STEM Enrichment Day
- Yr. 7/8 Secondary North Football Comp

Friday 16

- Kindergarten – Yr. 2 Volunteers Reading Workshop

Term 3 Week 5

BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 20

- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 NO & AH
- Write a Book in A Day Challenge Yr. 7 – 10

Wednesday 21

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Preschool – Yr. 2 Book Week Performances

Thursday 22

- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 SM & MP
- Yr.5/6 Combined Band Practice

2019 Calendar

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



amazed at the incredibly high level of the performance. After having seen how brave and confident our students were performing in front of a packed house, it was great to hear the news last week that their performance had earned them a place, amongst only 5 other schools, at the award night. The level of some of the schools who missed out on a place had to be seen to be believed, so to get this result is a real testament to the commitment and quality of all involved.

The Exhibitions of Learning have been held over the last few weeks and are continuing into this week. It has been lovely seeing all those parents and carers take the opportunity to attend these sessions and share with their child a first-hand experience of the learning taking place. I can't wait to catch up with as many parents as possible during these times.

A reminder that school satisfaction surveys have been sent out to parents via email. If you did not receive an email with the details on how to complete the survey, please get in touch with our front office. The surveys will be open until 2 September 2019.

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 to school **MUST** sign in at either the main front office or the Senior Office

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

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL QUICKWEB PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

QuickWeb is the preferred method of payment for Harrison School. Below is a link to follow with instructions on how to access and utilise the online payment system.

[QuickWeb Online Instructions](#)

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Week 5 Book Week Parade



The Book Week parade will be held on Friday 23 August 2019. It will be held in the school gym starting at 9:15am. Please encourage your child to use their creativity to make a simple book character costume for this exciting day. Come along and enjoy the celebration. Families are also invited to come to the

library each morning before school to listen to stories being read by mystery storytellers.

Book Week books.

Here is a link with the short-listed books for 2019. Feel free to look at the categories and read about the books. We have most of the books on display in the library for viewing and reading.

<https://www.readings.com.au/news/the-cbca-book-of-the-year-awards-shortlists-2019>

Book Week at Westfield Belconnen

Westfield have exciting events coming up this month to celebrate Book Week.

Harrison School has been lucky enough to have been asked to be involved and students have been busy creating displays to be used in the promotion.

Storytime will be held on Thursday 22 August and Superhero activities will run during August.

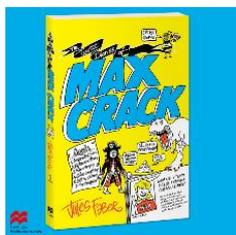
For more information click on the links below.

<https://www.westfield.com.au/belconnen/event/7v0A2HXNa2oWNxKVTam1Hm/book-week-storytime-abc-in-the-act>

<https://www.westfield.com.au/belconnen/event/46MSrVclQ6yKMBbV4H5cnz/superhero-month>

Book Donations

Thank you to Amy McLeod and the Wakakirri crew for the donation of ten copies of, The Quest Diaries of Max Crack. We will be adding these books to our library collection for all to enjoy!!



Library Trust Fund



We would like to thank the generous families who have donated to the library trust fund. We appreciate your interest and support.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

This year from the 23 to the 26 of October, Harrison School will be playing host to 8 students from Nara University High School. We are looking for families to host each of the students for the 3 nights they will be here. It is always a hugely enriching experience no matter what grade your children are in! If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Amy McLeod Amy.McLeod@ed.act.edu.au

WAKAKIRRI 2019



On Friday August 2, we had over 70 very talented students perform in front of a very full audience at the Canberra Theatre as part of the national dance competition; Wakakirri. Their story about 'Fire' was spectacular as it focused on how firefighters can save the day when all seems lost.

If you weren't one of the lucky ones in the audience that night, don't worry, as they will be performing their item again at the Canberra Theatre on September 3, as they have made it into the Canberra FINALS!!

A huge thank you to Amy McLeod, Erin Res, Kate Riordan and Lauren Scott for the months of work they invested in organising, supporting and preparing our students for such an amazing experience.

And thanks to Natalie Edwards and Dianna Wright for their help and assistance on the performance day!

LIMELIGHT 2019

Limelight Feature Act

The Gala Performance for Harrison School will be on Thursday 29 August at 7:00pm at the AIS Arena.

Students will be expected to attend a technical rehearsal at the AIS Arena on Wednesday 28 August from 12:30pm until 2:30pm and a dress rehearsal at the AIS Arena all day on the Thursday of the Gala from 9:10am until 2:30pm.

If you would like to be a member of the audience, tickets for Step into the Limelight will be on sale through Ticketek from Thursday 1 August. Please make sure when you are purchasing tickets you order for Thursday 29 August as that is the only day our students will be performing as part of the Step into the Limelight program.

Limelight Ukulele Foyer Performance

Ukulele Project has been rehearsing for their next big performance at the Step into the Limelight event. Students will need to meet in the foyer of the AIS Arena at 5:30pm ready for a 6pm concert on Thursday 29 August. **Students need their own transport to and from this performance.**

HARRISON SCHOOL WELLBEING TEAM

Please see the attached notice that outlines the roles of the Wellbeing Team at Harrison School. This covers the roles of the School Psychologists, Executive Teachers involved, the Wellbeing Coordinators and the School Youth Health Nurse. This information can also be found on the Harrison School website.

LIGHT RAIL SAFETY MESSAGE



SAFETY MESSAGES



Safety for drivers

- It is prohibited to drive along the tracks at any time
- Do not queue across the tracks at any time

- Do not drive across the tracks unless the path ahead is clear
- Truck drivers should ensure their vehicle load does not come close to the overhead wire when crossing at intersections.



DEFENCE NEWS

The ADFA production, “Footloose” is on this weekend. It is a great family night out and entry is via gold coin donation with profits going to Legacy. Also coming up this month is the ADFA Open Day which is a great opportunity to learn more about the lifestyle, military training and tertiary education on offer at the Academy.

Postings: As posting orders are starting to come out, 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, (e.g. MWDU/Deployments) to let us know, as it is important, we have accurate information.

DCO Support for ADF Families:
defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or
1800 624 608.

Coming Up:

- ADFA Musical Footloose (entry via gold coin donation) Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 August
- ADFA Open Day – Saturday 24 August (9:00am – 4:00pm)
- DCO Kidsmart Program - Tuesday 20 August
- Battle for Australia Commemoration (AWM) – Wed 4 September
- Defence Families Dinner @ Raiders Club Gungahlin – Wed 11 September

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DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that the K - Yr.2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and Yr.3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in Yr.5/6, the Defence Hang out is NOW Wednesday

lunchtimes. Student in Years 7 – 10 remain Thursday lunchtimes.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the school library on Monday mornings between 9:00 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 in to 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.