



## Harrison School Newsletter 6 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new students, families and staff. Yesterday was very exciting as we welcomed our Preschoolers and Kindergarteners and new students from Year 1 to Year 10 and will welcome our Thursday/Friday Preschoolers for their first day on Thursday. It was a great opportunity for them to find their way before all students returned today and we checked in with a short get together in the afternoon. You may have noticed some new staff faces in our classrooms and around the school too, as we also welcomed 14 new staff to the school. They are:

1/2	Michelle Thompson (Team Leader)	7-10	Jackie Males
K	Justine Boreham	7-10	Fatima Beyrouthieh
3/4	Steve Vukelic	7-10	Beau Walker
5/6	Shane Dean	7-10	Rebekah Evans
7-10	Lavisha Malik	7-10	Ashleigh Kinlyside

We are also excited to have the following staff returning to the school:

5/6	Laura Simsen (Team Leader)		
P	Erin Res	1/2	Eve Canonigo
K	Lisa Gorell	1/2	Caitlin Lee
K	Justine Church	P-4	Laura Aksila (music)

### Communication

Parent information sessions are scheduled for this week (Kinder) and next week (1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7-10). Please check the Harrison School calendar [http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our\\_community/calendar2](http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar2) for dates, times and venues.

We attempt to communicate with our community members in a number of ways including this newsletter, our Community News publication, the Harrison School Daily News blog (<https://harrisonschoolnews.com/>) the

## Diary

### Term 1 Week 1

#### Wednesday 7 February

**CANCELLED** P- 4 Assembly 9:15am

- Kindergarten Information Session 5:00pm – Hall

### Term 1 Week 2

#### Tuesday 13

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Yr. 1/2 & Yr. 3/4 Information Session 5:45pm - Hall
- Yr. 3/4 Camp Information Session 6:30pm - Hall

#### Wednesday 14

- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 9/10 Alan Tongue Program

#### Thursday 15

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Yr. 5/6 Information Session 5:30pm – Senior PATS Bldg.
- Yrs. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30pm - Senior PATS Bldg.

#### Friday 16

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics

### Term 1 Week 3

Kindergarten PIPS

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know you Interviews

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

[2018 Calendar](#)



school calendar, the Harrison School P&C Facebook page, Class Parent Facebook messages, email, SMS, telephone and face to face conversations. I encourage you to take time to drop in and meet your child's/children's teacher(s) - the information sessions mentioned above might be a great time to do this - or at least drop them an email to introduce yourself. Teacher email addresses are in the format [firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au). If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

### **Assemblies**

Our whole school assemblies are in the Gym in Weeks 5 and 10 on the Wednesday at 9:15am. For Semester One, we will hold Preschool to Year 4 assemblies on odd weeks (starting week 3, 21 February) and Years 5-10 assemblies will be held in even weeks (starting week 2, 14 February). All assemblies are in the Gym and start at 9:15am. Class teachers will contact you if your child is receiving a school certificate or participating in the assembly. School certificates are awarded for recognising excellence in achievement, citizenship or endeavour and/or for showing the school values. More information about the Harrison School award system can be found at [http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/392469/Harrison\\_School\\_Award\\_System\\_and\\_Flow\\_Chart.pdf](http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/392469/Harrison_School_Award_System_and_Flow_Chart.pdf). Parents, friends and family are always welcome at assemblies.

### **Harrison School Board**

Nominations, which opened yesterday, are sought for two parent representatives and two staff representative. Terms for Board membership are generally two years. Nominations close on Monday 13 February. For more information or to nominate, please contact the front office.

### **Chromebook Information (Years 7 - 10)**

During Term one 2018 the ACT Government will provide all public school students in Years 7 to 11 with a Chromebook at no direct cost to parents. To be eligible to receive a Chromebook, parents and students are asked to complete a Chromebook Device Allocation to Secondary Students Note and

Acceptance Form and return it to the school no later than Monday 12 February 2018. The form and a Devices for Students parent booklet are available on our school website at [http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our\\_community/School\\_Notes/General\\_School\\_Notes](http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our_community/School_Notes/General_School_Notes) or you can collect a paper copy of the form at either of the school's offices.

### **Uniform**

A quick reminder that Harrison is a uniform school and that students are expected to wear their uniform every day they attend school unless there is an official special program or event that allows them to wear non-uniform clothes for the day. Parents will always receive notification of these events. For Term one students need to wear the summer school uniform and details of our uniform requirements can be found at on our school website in the Policies and Procedure section.

### **Attendance Procedures**

Due to a new administration system being implemented across ACT schools, teachers at Harrison will now be marking all attendance rolls electronically. One major advantage of this is that starting tomorrow, regardless of the year level your child is in, the school will send an SMS to your designated number at approximately 10:30am, if your child is absent and we haven't received notification from you about the absence.

### **Special Event**

Congratulations to Shea and Talon Cass-Dunbar who were both very honoured to carry the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton in the Relay on Australia Day in Commonwealth Park. It was a very exciting event and proud moment for the boys and their families. Well done Shea and Talon!



#### School Crossing Supervisor

We have one! The School Crossing Supervisor program is being introduced in the ACT during 2018 to increase safety at 20 of the ACT's busiest school crossings and to encourage more students to walk and ride to school. Our person will supervise the raised crossing on Wimmera St. Pedestrians will be required to follow the instructions of the supervisor, rather than crossing when they believe it is safe. Please see the attached information from the Education Directorate.

#### Car Park

Our P&C worked hard during 2017 to improve safety for students and provide better traffic flow in the main car park (off Wimmera St). We are currently in the process of having the temporary measures made permanent and I ask that you do your part in this by:

- driving at 10 km/h in the car park
- parking only in designated parking bays
- when picking up, only pulling into the pick up/drop off zones when you can see your children
- turning left only when exiting the main car park

Finally, with school starting back I will take this opportunity to remind you all about the importance of keeping to the 40 km/h speed limit around the school and paying extra attention as you drive around the school. Also could you please **NOT** park in the Childcare Centre carpark or the apartment carparks across the road.

Jason Holmes

## DATES FOR TERM 1 2018

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

#### Wednesday 7 February

Kindergarten 2018 Information Session: 5:00 – 5:45pm – Hall

#### Tuesday 13 February

Yr.1/2 & 3/4 combined Information Session 5:45 – 6:30pm - Hall

Yr. 3/4 Camp Information Session 6:30-7:00pm - Hall

#### Thursday 15 February

Yr. 5/6 Information Session 5:30 – 6:30pm - Senior PATS Building

Yr. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30 – 7:30pm - Senior PATS Building

### Year 3/4 2018 Camp Information Session

The Year 3/4 2018 Camp Information Session will be held on Tuesday 13 February at 6:30pm following the Yr. 3/4 Information Session in the Hall. The Year 3/4 2018 Camp will be held in Week 10 of Term 1.

### 2018 Aquatic Carnivals - Dates

Carnivals are always early in the beginning of the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 26 February, Big Splash Macquarie. All classes Yr. 5 - 10, aquatic activities all day
- **Harrison Swimming Carnival** – Tuesday 6 March, at the AIS  
**For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers.** Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m
- **Please complete permission slips and medical notes and return to the school.**

### HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We have two parent and two staff positions that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2018. Nominations for the Harrison School Board open at 11:00am on **Monday 5 February** and close at 11:00am on **Monday 19 February**.

If you wish to nominate for the school board and

would like to know what the position entails please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Holmes.

The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board.

[hsbparentrep@outlook.com](mailto:hsbparentrep@outlook.com)

## **HOW TO HELP THE FRONT OFFICE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD**

### **FRONT OFFICE HOURS**

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday**

**8:30am – 3:30pm**

For all enquiries and calls

### **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 the students name and class.

### **Money**

Money for excursions and events collected throughout the year is handed to teachers in the classrooms and is then forwarded to the front office for processing. We request your co-operation with the following:

1. Please enclose correct money.
2. Place money and permission note in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name, teacher's name and purpose.
3. Please ensure coins are not able to slip out of the envelope by folding over the opening edge of the envelope. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP MONEY IN CLING WRAP OR STICKY TAPE.**
4. Individual contributions are preferred, but if it is necessary to send money to cover more than one child, please be sure to enclose each child's permission note. It is preferred that money be sent to the class teacher, not the front office.
5. Students from Years 5-10 need to hand money directly into the Senior Office by 9:30am.

## **EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS**

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: Students Name and Excursion details.

### **Emergency Medical Plans**

Any student requiring an Emergency Medical Plan medical **MUST** have their plan updated yearly as required by the Education Directorate. If your child requires an Emergency Medical Plan please see the Front Office for the appropriate form required.

### **Medication**

If children require medication during school hours, please collect the required forms which are available from the front office. Due to education directorate policy, school staff are unable to administer medication without this authority. If the medication is prescribed by a doctor, it is also preferable to have the doctor sign the form. All medication to be administered must be in the medication container/box from the chemist with dosage and time of administration and handed to the front office staff.

### **Clothing**

Please mark all clothing clearly with your child's **full name**. Lost property can then be returned promptly to the owner.

### **Contact Details**

For the well-being of your child please keep us informed of up-to-date contact phone numbers, addresses and essential details. We would also appreciate being informed of any changes in domestic arrangements in your child's family.

If you require further information on general procedures within the school please do not hesitate to contact us on 6142 2200

Thank you for your assistance.

Debbie Carne – Business Manager

## HARRISON UKULELE PROJECT

**When:** Wednesdays 8.15am (starting 21 February, Term 1 Week 3)

**Where:** Music Room in the Library

**What to bring:** ukulele from home if you have one otherwise we can provide you with one

**Who:** everyone welcome!

If you have any questions please email Ms Aksila- [laura.aksila@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:laura.aksila@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome back for 2018 to all our continuing families. To all of our new Defence families arriving this year, welcome to Harrison School and to Canberra! We hope that your moves have gone smoothly and that you settle into our community very quickly.

The latest DCO Canberra newsletter has just come out if you haven't received it and would like to please contact: [dco.canberra@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.canberra@defence.gov.au) to have yourself added to their mailing list.

DSTA: available Mon – Wed and Friday during school hours. 8:50am – 2:30pm

DTM: available Mon – Thurs, during school hours 8:50am – 2:30am

Sarah and Emma

[sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)

or

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

**Coming Up:** ANZAC Day Service – Thursday 12 April 9.15am in the gym.



## DEFENCE KIDS

Activity Groups will recommence next Monday further details will be displayed around the junior school with regards to activities for K – 4. The 5-10 Chill out session will be advertised down the senior end of the school.



## HARRISON HEARTS

**New day and time!!!** Come to the Multipurpose room near the junior hall on Monday mornings between 9am and 11am. We would love to have you join us for a cuppa, a chat and to create some resources for the classrooms. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office.

## STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education 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.**

## SCHOOL BANKING



Welcome back to school for another exciting school year, we hope you all had a great holiday and are ready to keep saving your money. School Banking will recommence **this Wednesday**, so don't forget to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher.

This year, the Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero headquarters, ready to start a Super Savers Adventure with students participating in School Banking.

There's eight new Super Savers reward items for students to select from when redeeming their 10 silver Dollarmites tokens. These include a handball, scratch pad, glow light, flying disc, glitter pens, heat-reactive pencils and a slushie maker cup. In Term 1 the Twister Power Handball will be available.



We are waiting on Parent Information Packs to arrive and we will send them out as soon as we have them. In the meantime, 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.

We look forward to some great savings this term and to many students receiving some fabulous rewards throughout the year.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack  
School Banking Coordinators

## P & C NEWS

The Harrison School P & C Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 28 February at 7:00pm** in the Library. If you would like to nominate for a position on the P&C please email:

[secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au)

**ALL** parents welcome.

## 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](#)

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