



Harrison School Newsletter 20 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the acting 3-6 Deputy Principal for Term 1. Last year was my first year at Harrison School co-leading the amazing 5/6 team. With the departure of our previous 3-6 Deputy Principal, Allison Edmonds, who won the Principal position at Turner School, an opportunity arose. I'm not one to shy away from opportunities or challenges, so I couldn't resist the opportunity to lead the 3-6 area of the school. I can confidently say that we have a very skilled 3-6 executive team and a wonderfully diverse, highly capable and extremely dedicated group of teachers. They have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to prepare for and ensure a smooth transition back to school for 2018. In the coming weeks, they will continue to work closely with families to plan for individual learning needs. Our goal is to build strong partnerships with you so that we can best cater for the academic and social needs of your child/ren.

A little bit about me. My professional passion is coaching. Facilitating powerful conversations in order to bring the best out in others, and develop solutions focussed and growth mindset is my focus. I love working with students in this area and I'm particularly passionate about working with teachers and parents. Bringing the best out in our teaching teams will ultimately benefit our students and their learning. I'm looking forward to sharing my knowledge further in this role.

This term, as a teaching team, we are focussing on collaboration and celebration. We have mapped our strengths across the team and will be observing each other deliver lessons in order to share quality practice and build capacity. You will also notice team teaching happening in many of our classrooms as teachers plan together, teach together and learn from one another.

Some important events were held last week. We had information nights for 3/4

Diary

Term 1 Week 3

Kindergarten PIPS

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know you Interviews

Wednesday 21

- Preschool – Yr.4 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8/9&10 Alan Tongue Program

Thursday 22

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Yr. 5/6 Geoscience Excursion 5/6 MO, AH, DM &TK.
- Canberra Metro Community Session 5:30- 7:00pm - Senior PATS Bldg.
- Preschool – Yr. 6 **DISCO**

Friday 23

BOOK CLUB DUE

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- NRL Respect Assembly 12:30 – 1:10pm
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:20pm - Library

Term 1 Week 4

Kindergarten PIPS

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know you Interviews

Monday 26

- Yrs. 5 – 10 Aqua Fun Day

Tuesday 27

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

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

[2018 Calendar](#)



and 5/6 parents about our direction for learning this semester. Thank you to all the parents who attended. We also heard more information about our exciting 3/4 camp to Wombaroo which is coming up in Week 10 of this term. This is an opportunity for our 3/4 students to step outside of their comfort zone into a learning zone, build resilience and teamwork skills in the beautiful bush setting of the Southern Highlands. We always find after a camp together that students and teachers build stronger relationships with each other and skills learned are transferred back into the classroom. It will be a memorable and rewarding experience for our students.

For the last couple of weeks our 5/6 students have been actively engaged in Tennis Clinics. We are fortunate to have a number of sporting clinics running across the school year, with expert teachers sharing their passion, knowledge and skills for their chosen sport. We also have our inaugural Aqua Fun Day for 5-10 students in Week 4. This Thursday our 5/6 Burton Learning Community are heading off on an excursion to Geoscience Australia as part of their learning in Science this term. A number of other excursions will happen across the term linked to our learning in the classroom, so stay tuned and remember to check (and maybe subscribe to) our [Google calendar](#) !

I would like to remind you of our P & C Disco held on Thursday this week. Students, get your dancing shoes on! Session times are listed on the P&C Facebook page with Preschool and Kindergarten kicking us off at 5.15. If you are available to volunteer on the night, please email disco@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au. Conveniently on at the same time, is an information session hosted by Canberra Metro about the new light rail construction. This will be held in our Senior PATS from 5.30 – 7:00pm.

I will leave you with a quote for the week. *'If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you'*.
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Have a fantastic week everyone! Arianna

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENT INFORMATION CHECKLISTS

Your child/ren should receive a student information checklist form this week. This information reflects student details which are held on our computerised record keeping system. There is often a need to contact parents of children at the school for various reasons. We are aware that phone numbers and home email addresses etc. often change and we need current information at school.

All correspondence from the school will be sent to the home email address this includes absences and all correspondence from teachers and the school.

Please check the details and make any corrections required, sign the form and return it to school **EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES** by **TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY**.

CANBERRA METRO LIGHT RAIL

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to hear from Canberra Metro and the ACT Government about exciting developments taking place along the light rail corridor, particularly for Gungahlin.

If you have a question about the light rail project, this forum will provide the opportunity to get answers and talk with key representatives.

DATE: Thursday 22 February 2018

WHERE: Harrison School

TIME: 5:30- 7:00pm

RSVP ESSENTIAL: for use of the school facilities it is required that we manage the number of people attending. Please advise numbers to cbr.communications@canberra-metro.com.au

If you are unable to attend but would like to discuss the project, please call Canberra Metro's information line on 1300 208 824 or email cbr.communications@canberra-metro.com.au

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.**

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

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

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 the students 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 and receive a green slip before collecting students from their class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office. Parents must receive an electronic slip before collecting students from class.

CHROMEBOOK DEVICE DISTRIBUTION

All students in Years 7 – 10 who returned their note accepting a Chromebook will receive and bring home their devices today Tuesday 20 February 2018.

SCHOOL CAR PARKING

Our friends at Access Canberra have provided the following for your consideration on school parking.

Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Issue 1 Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed. Orders are due by **Friday February 23**. Please enclose your cash order in a sealed envelope and return to the library, or simply go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to place an online order.

Library Bags

Library bags are required for Preschool to Year 2 and encouraged for Year 3-6. If you do not have one you may purchase a Harrison School Library bag for \$3 from the front office.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi



DEFENCE NEWS

It has been lovely to meet our new defence families and catch up with returning families over the past couple of weeks. We hope everyone is settling well into the new school year.

By now you should have received a welcome email from us, if you haven't received it could you please send us your current contact details.

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

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

Sarah and Emma

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au or

emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au

Coming Up:

Defence Welcome Dinner – Raiders Club Gungahlin

7:00pm, Thursday 22 March

ANZAC Day Service – Thursday 12 April 9:15am in the gym.



DEFENCE KIDS

K-4 Activity groups recommenced this week we had great fun playing outside games inside the junior hall. Please remind your children that K-2 Activity

Group is Monday lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. The 5-10 chill out session also recommenced last week, it is held on a Thursday lunch time in the Mulligans Building Rm G29.



HARRISON HEARTS

New day and time!!! 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 Multi-purpose room near the junior hall 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.

SCHOOL BANKING



School Banking has recommenced and will continue every **Wednesday**, so remember to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher.

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.

Many of you already have enough tokens to redeem and are eligible to claim the Twister Power Handball. If you would like to claim your reward, simply click on the link below and you will be able to print a rewards form. Remember to

send in your 10 silver tokens along with your form, so that your rewards can be ordered. Please remember that all rewards take about two weeks to be delivered from Brisbane and they will be sent to you via the black bag back to your classrooms. <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

We are still 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 SCHOOL DISCO

The P & C are holding a Disco for students from
Preschool – Yr. 6 on Thursday 22 February.

Pre- Kindergarten – 5:15- 6:00pm

Yr. 1/2 – 6:15 – 7:15pm

Yr. 3/4 – 7:30 – 8:30pm

Yr. 5/6 – 7:30 – 8:30pm

Entry is Free.

Please see attached flyer for further information.

P & C MEETING

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

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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