



## Harrison School Newsletter 8 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 2!

I have thoroughly enjoyed the energy of the children as they have commenced new inquiry based study and learning this term. From many accounts, the children have enjoyed holiday time with their families and have relished the opportunity to share their experiences with their teachers and friends over the past couple of weeks.

### Aqua Safe Program (Week 1 and 2)

Year 2 students have been engaged in the Aqua Safe Swim Program at Gungahlin Leisure Centre during Weeks 1 and 2. Whilst the weather has proven a little chilly, the program has been exciting and an important part of our Health and PE program.

### Mother's Day Stall (Thursday 10 May)

Harrison School will celebrate Mother's Day on Thursday 10 May. We will be hosting a BBQ Breakfast from 8.15am. Breakfast will be served by the wonderful Harrison School staff at a cost of \$2 per person. All monies raised will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

### Preservice Teachers

Harrison has welcomed Preservice Teachers to the senior and junior sites to complete pre-service teaching placements. The length of each teacher placement may vary depending on their level of experience. Harrison School prides itself on being able to support beginning teachers in their professional growth and extend a warm welcome to all placement staff and trust that they will enjoy their time working alongside our students.

### Essential Literacies Project (P-2 Wednesday 9)

Junior School staff have been engaged in a series of professional learning experiences that have supported them to develop knowledge and practice aligned to effective Early Years literacy practices. Network leaders will visit Kindergarten classrooms next week to conduct Learning

## Diary

### Term 2 Week 2 Yr.2 Aqua Safe Program

#### Wednesday 9

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15 am- Gym
- K - Yr.6 Australian Girls' Choir Workshop
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- ACT 13&O Swimming Carnival

#### Thursday 10

- Mother's Day Stall
- **Mother's Day Breakfast 8:15am**

#### Friday 11

- **Book Club DUE**
- Yrs. 7 – 10 Athletics Carnival

### Term 2 Week 3 NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9 BOOK FAIR

#### Wednesday 16

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15 am- Gym

#### Thursday 17

- Learning Support Unit Parent Information Session 9:00am
- Indigenous Student Health Checks

#### Friday 18

- Yr. 7/8 Best SELF Day
- Yrs. 5 - 10 Games Club

### 2018 Calendar

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



Walks. At these times, they will talk to children about their learning and view teacher practice. The feedback our communities will gather from this and subsequent visits will inform our future teaching and learning directions.

### Harrison School Book Fair (Week 3)

The Scholastic Book Fair will return to the library in Week 3 from Tuesday 15 May 2018. Parents and children are welcome to view the book collection before and after school to find favourites. Students P-6 will have the opportunity to visit the Fair with their classroom teacher to compile a booklist. A percentage of the overall funds raised through this event will be donated back to the school to purchase additional library resources.

### End of day collection of students

Parents are reminded that students K-4 conclude classes at 2.50pm and 5 -10 conclude at 2:55pm. Collection is required at this time to enable teachers to travel to professional learning and attend school based meetings.

We ask that parents/carers contact the school to advise if they are unavoidably late. The Front Office staff do not have the capacity or duty of care to provide supervision and therefore students are to remain with their classroom teachers until collection.

Ongoing late collection of students will be discussed with parents and primary caregivers to ascertain an alternate procedure to ensure that students are collected shortly after 2.50pm (K-4) and 2.55pm(5 - 10) and that they remain safe.

We thank all families for their co-operation in this matter.

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Oli K	Olivia H	Yazmin B
Ridhi G	Ava T	Emmeline P
Brooke C	Tahlia K	

### STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

**ALL** students arriving late at 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

### EXCURSION/CAMP 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.

### NEW 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.

### 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 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.

Preschool – Yr. 4 students must be signed out from the main administration office before they are collected from class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office.

### FAMILY STATEMENTS

Recently you should have received a family statement from the school outlining Years 7-10 elective course costs and asking you to make a voluntary contribution to the school. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as they assist the school in providing high quality learning

opportunities and projects for your children. Voluntary contributions are used to purchase a range of resources across the school to support the provision of challenging, interesting and personalised learning. Subject contributions received from families are used to purchase resources and consumables such as decorative timbers, 3D printing materials, specific art supplies and recipe ingredients that allow students to go beyond basic project work to produce materials that are high quality, allow personalisation and often provide additional challenge. If you have any questions about the family statements please contact me on the school's general number.

Jason Holmes

### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Please join us for a bacon and egg sandwich, fresh fruit, tea and coffee at Harrison School's annual Mother's Day breakfast on

**Thursday 10 May**



Breakfast will be served from 8:15am at the junior netball courts (near the library).

Don't forget to wear **PINK** and bring a \$2 coin for breakfast per person. All money raised goes towards the Breast Cancer Foundation.

After breakfast, mums are warmly invited to visit their children's classrooms for some maths activities.

### 2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just a reminder that Preschool enrolments for 2019 are now open. Due to the high demand within the school priority enrolment area we advise that you complete the online application as soon as possible. [Online Application](#)

## HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND



Harrison School has established a special **LIBRARY FUND** to build the school's library and information resources.

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible.** Under our tax laws all donations to public libraries qualify as a tax deduction - our library being in a public school meets this criterion.

This fund gives our school the chance to build a quality reading and reference facility and provide selected electronic information services for our students.

**All donations, no matter the amount, are invaluable.** The important thing is that they will be used to support your child's education.

If you wish to donate, or if you have a business which may like to consider a gift, we would welcome any contributions.

Donations to the Library Fund can be left at the school office or sent to school with your child. Please complete the attached form.

On behalf of all the students at Harrison School, we thank you for your donation.

Please find the information and form attached or on the school website: Library Fund

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Book Club - Due May 11

Issue 3 brochures have been distributed to students up to Year 6. They are due back this Friday, May 11. It is a very short ordering period this time as we wanted to avoid overlapping with our Book Fair in Week 3.

Please note that sometimes you will see the same books for sale in BOTH book club and book fair, and they are quite often (but not always!) cheaper in book club.

## Book Fair



Tuesday 15 May (Week 4) – Friday 25 (Week 5)

8:30am – 4:00pm

**Thursday 17 OPEN TILL 6:00pm**

Harrison School Library

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS 2018 (ICAS TEST FOR YEARS 3 - 10)**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please give consideration towards having your child/children participate in ICAS testing this year. We are offering opportunities for students to participate in English and Mathematics competitions. The tests provide an opportunity for all Year 3 – 10 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results on English, Mathematics and Science.

The competition is run by The University of NSW with certificates given for High Distinctions (top 1%), Distinctions (next 10%), Credits (next 25%), Merit (next 10%) and Participation for all other students. A university medal is given for the top candidate in the whole competition.

The **closing date** for participation and payment is **Friday 25 May 2018**. Cost for participation is outlined below as well as sitting dates.

English – Tuesday 31 July 2018 \$9.00

Mathematics – Tuesday 14 August 2018 \$9.00

All of the tests - \$18.00

**Please be aware that students who are away for the ICAS sitting date will miss out as they need to be posted back the day after sitting.**

*Please note that Science will not be offered this year*

*but we hope to organise it in following years.*

Students who wish to participate in the International Competition for Australian Schools (ICAS), need to return the permission slip with the entry fee to the front office by 25 May 2018. The permission slip can be found following this link:

[ICAS Note and Permission Slip](#)

Alternatively, you may obtain one from the front office.

Thank you,

Yara Jerious

ICAS Coordinator

[yara.jerious@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:yara.jerious@ed.act.edu.au)

## **SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS YEARS 7-10.**

Calculators are a valuable tool for education that allows students to reach a higher level of mathematical power and understanding. By reducing the time, that in the past, was spent on learning and performing tedious paper and pencil arithmetic, students and teachers can spend more time developing mathematical understanding, reasoning, number sense and applications. Calculators are learning tools that complement but do not replace mental strategies and, expand students' ability to solve problems by providing multiple solution techniques. Calculators simplify tasks but do not do the real work for the student. Students still need to read the problem, understand what is asked, determine an appropriate mathematical model, solve the problem using an appropriate method and interpret the answer.

At Harrison School, we ask that every student has their own scientific calculator to work with in their Mathematics Classroom. Chromebook (and other devices including phones) are not acceptable as appropriate calculators as they are not able to be used during any testing situation as also have limited functionality and ability to change between different modes used in Mathematics, such as statistics mode. As a school, we have purchased Scientific Calculators for students to buy at cost price. It is an expectation



of teachers that students will bring their own calculator to class each lesson or that students will purchase one through the school. **Calculators are available to purchase through the school for \$25.** The calculator is the **Casio Scientific Calculator fx-82AU Plus II**. Students can collect a note from the Senior Front Office or their maths teacher.

### **CROSSING SUPERVISOR NOTE**



Crossing Reminder: Please remind your children to make sure that they use the supervised crossing at the front of the school in the mornings and afternoons.

### **Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport**

The Education and Training 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**.



### **DEFENCE NEWS**

Last week we sent out an email with regards to Mother's Day events and seeking suggestions for Defence family catch ups. If you didn't receive the email and would like to be on our mailing list please contact us.

**Deployments:** At this stage we are aware that quite a few families have a loved member away on operational deployments/courses and exercises. It is beneficial to your children if you can inform us of these changes so that we can provide extra support during this time.

**Coming Up:** Tyler Turtle (Year 1 Students) - Friday 18 May

**DCO Support for ADF Families:** [defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.

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

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



### **DEFENCE KIDS**

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. Defence Hang Out for Yrs. 5 - 10 will be back this Thursday at lunch time in the Mulligans building room G29.



### **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.

## **P & C NEWS**

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

The P & C will be running the Mother's Day stall again this year on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 May. Please see the attached class roster. The roster can also be found on the School website:

[2018 Mother's Day Stall Class Roster](#)

All gift items will be available for purchase for between \$2 and \$5.

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with the stall. If you are available to help even for a short period of time please email:

comms@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

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

## **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](#)

[FLEXI-SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

## **SCHOOL BANKING**



Harrison School participates in the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking Program which has great benefits to both the school and students. Last year our school received over \$1,500-00 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank from all our new accounts and regular deposits.

This week we have sent out parents' information packs to everyone in Preschool to Year 6. They contain

more information about the School Banking program and also include the rewards cards for this year's rewards. If you are in High School and are interested in the program, there will be information packs at the senior office for you to collect. If you would like to be part of the Commonwealth School Banking program you simply need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch or go to [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Congratulations to all students who received their rewards or banking certificates this week, what a fabulous effort for your regular savings. Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack  
School Banking Coordinators