



## Harrison School Newsletter 5 June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 6.

As the temperatures cool off in the morning it is most important that children come to school dressed warmly. Whilst the sun may be shining, jumpers and coats may be necessary to keep them warm whilst they are outside before school and during break times.

The cooler weather brings with it coughs and colds and it is important that children who are unwell are given adequate rest at home to recover from illness. We thank parents and carers for their understanding and support of our office staff when calls are made to collect children who may become unwell during the day. Additionally, we appreciate those families who have provided notification of changes to update contact details.

### Hats-Off Period – Commenced 1 June 2018

The hats-off period has commenced at Harrison School. The 'Hats Off' period is a Cancer Council recommendation that enables children to be hat and sunscreen free throughout the day when the UV levels are at their lowest. This exposure additionally supports children to acquire their winter vitamin D needs. Children may choose to wear winter beanies to keep the morning chill at bay; particularly when the frost is thick first thing in the morning.

### Car Parking - before and end of day

It is essential that parents who park to walk their children into the school prior to classes and additionally arrive at the end of the day to collect children, park legally and courteously. Please be sure that your vehicle is parked between the white lines in a single parking bay and that if your first attempt isn't quite right, that you take the time to correct your parking position as a courtesy to other drivers so that all parking bays can be accessed.

## Diary

### Term 2 Week 6

#### Monday 4

- Wiradjuri Echoes Preschool Incursion M/T Groups

#### Tuesday 5

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics

#### Wednesday 6

- Whole School Reconciliation Assembly  
9:15am- Gym

#### Thursday 7

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics
- Wiradjuri Echoes Preschool Incursion TH/F Groups

#### Friday 8

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics
- 8 & 9 Yrs. Athletics Carnival

### Term 2 Week 7

#### Monday 11

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

#### Tuesday 12

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics

#### Wednesday 13

- Preschool – Yr.4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- ACT Cross Country 12yr & under Yr. 1 - 6 students
- 13&O Northside Cross Country
- Christian Education

#### Thursday 14

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics

#### Friday 15

- Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4 Tennis Clinics
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club

### [2018 Calendar](#)

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



Parking bays are limited, yet incorrect and illegal parking is reportable and causes angst in other drivers who cannot access what should be an available parking space for their vehicle.

### **Wiradjuri Echoes Incursion – Preschool (Monday and Thursday)**

The Wiradjuri Echoes have been a prominent presence in the Canberra and surrounding communities, showcasing Wiradjuri Dances and also teaching dances as well. They have performed for the likes of the Prime Minister of Australia, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Kate, the King and Queen of Sweden and more importantly though, they have impressed the hardest of crowds – pre-schoolers! We look forward to welcoming Wiradjuri Echoes performers to Harrison School on Monday and Thursday of this week.

### **School Based Reporting**

Teachers are approaching the concluding phase of report compilation for this semester. Children have been involved in a range of formative and summative assessment tasks to determine their growth towards year level achievement standards. The achievement standards articulate the measurable knowledge, skills and understandings of each subject area. These can be viewed on the [ACARA website](#).

Teachers work across teaching communities (K-6) to incorporate moderation practices that inform A-E grades.

Attendance data is included and communicated via reports as is academic achievement and effort ratings. Lateness is calculated as partial attendance. We ask that parents and carers make every effort to have children at school prior to the commencement of classes.

### **Playground Support Crew (Years 2-4)**

Applications were sent home to children who would like to submit a group application to join the Playground Support Crew. The initiative has been developed to support children in the playground to join in co-operative, positive play experiences with their peers.

Years 3 and 4 children can forward completed applications to Ms Hill and Year 2 students can forward completed applications to Ms Zarac. **All applications are due by Friday 8 June 2018.**

### **Before School Play – Junior School**

The assembly point prior to the commencement of the school day for all students from K-4 is the Central Courtyard. Parents are more than welcome to join us for morning messages but we ask that they additionally support us to remind children that this is a walk and talk time. Running and chasing games are dangerous and can cause accidental injury. Fixed equipment in the central area can be used for play before school.

### **Queen’s Birthday Holiday – June 11 2018**

Please be reminded that the Queen’s birthday holiday occurs next Monday June 11 and that this is a public holiday. Classes will resume for all students on Tuesday 12 June, 2018. Have a happy and safe long weekend.

Cheers,  
Nada

### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

|           |           |            |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Pepper C  | Minh N    | Victoria P |
| Sarah T   | Alyssa T  | Saina B    |
| Daisy Mcl | Lynn K    | Molly M    |
| Ayla K    | Ibrahim A | Kristian R |
| Winston J | Eloise J  | Charles H  |

### **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 at school **MUST** sign in at either the main Front office or the Senior office.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Year 7 – 10 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Date: Tuesday 26 June

Time: 2:00 – 6:00pm

## 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](#)

## GUNGAHLIN COLLEGE 2019 YR. 11 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment for Year 11 2019 at Gungahlin College is now open and the initial enrolment period closes at **9.00am on Monday 11 June**. To secure a place at the College next year please ensure that your [online enrolment form](#) is completed. ACT residents who live outside of the [Priority Enrolment Area \(PEA\)](#) will need to provide a reason that meets the enrolment criteria outlined in the [Gungahlin College School Enrolment Management Plan](#).

For more information see the [Gungahlin College](#) or [Education Directorate](#) websites.

## 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](mailto: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.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education for Kindergarten – Yr. 6 for Term 2 will be held on Wednesday 13 June.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been delivered to the school and distributed to the students. If you have any concerns in regard to school photos please contact MSP Photography directly.

### Special Group Photos

Order forms for Special group photos listed below are available from the front office. The photos can be viewed at the main front office. All orders for special group photos are to be sent to MSP Photography by **Friday 8 June**.

#### Groups

|   |                 |                      |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| Captains and Vice Captains  | Student Leaders | Leadership Committee |
| Year 8 Prefects   | Year 6 Prefects | Year 4 Prefects      |
| House Captains and Vice Captains  | Senior Band     | Year 6 Band          |
| House Captains and Vice Captains<br>Katoomba, Mapleton, Nullarbor & Wimmera | Senior Choir    | Harrison Hoppers     |

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Fair

Thank you to everybody who came to support our book fair. Due to such high sales figures we received almost \$2500 in books and cash for our library! It was really lovely to see so many excited children leaving with the books they love.

### Entertainment Books

Last year's Entertainment Books have now expired so it is time to think about buying the 2018/19 edition. We have sample books for you to look at in the library and the front office and we will be selling digital and book memberships during Terms 2 & 3. Fantastic value for \$60

ORDER YOURS HERE!

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

### Winter Reading

Cold mornings? Not in our warm library! Why not come to school a little early with your children (and avoid the carpark chaos) and come to the library between 8.30 and 8.50 and read together. Research

has shown that reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (ie., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life. Please remember also that families are very welcome to borrow from our library.

We hope to see you soon!

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

## HARRISON SCHOOL JAPAN TRIP BBQ FUNDRAISER

Students going on the Harrison School Japan Trip will be running a BBQ fundraiser.

- Where: Beside the basketball courts near the Junior Oval.
- When: **Friday 8 June**, the day of the 8 and 9 Year Olds' Athletics Carnival.
- Cost: \$2 for a sausage sandwich and \$1 for a fruit drink popper.

All staff and students are most welcome to support this fund raiser event. Many thanks from the Japan Trip students.



When: Thursday 5 July

Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Who: Year 1 – 10

Where: Harrison School Gym

Cost: \$10 (Includes ticket, popcorn and a popper)

Bring along a pillow or rug

Inquiries: [Rebecca.Lee@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.Lee@ed.act.edu.au)

Fundraising will go to the Year 10 Formal Committee.

A permission and payment note with more information will be sent home soon.



## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Wednesday, 39, 12yrs & under runners competed at the North Gungahlin Cross Country Championships and on Thursday, 33, 13yrs & over runners competed at Northside Cross Country Championships.

Congratulations to:

Amelia F. 1st 8yrs      Ethan C. 2<sup>nd</sup> 8yrs  
Riley R. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9yrs      Tom C. 1<sup>st</sup> 14yrs  
Peter V. 3<sup>rd</sup> 13yrs

Congratulations also to the following athletes who have also qualified for ACT championships:

Zac H                  Denali W                  Chloe P  
Sally K                Joshua S                  James H  
Alex H                Flynn K.

The Combined ACT Cross Country Championships will be held on Wednesday 13 June at Stromlo Forest Park.

Congratulations to all the runners who competed at the North Gungahlin and Northside events. Good luck to the runners competing at next week's Championships.



## DEFENCE NEWS

Duntroon Community Centre provides programs and services for Defence and Civilian Families. They offer Playschool (for 3 & 4 yo.) which is an early childhood program licensed by the ACT Government. They also offer playgroups, adult craft groups, fitness groups and book clubs. The centre is open to everyone for a yearly membership fee of \$27.50 per family per calendar year. For further information about the centre please visit: [www.duntrooncommunitycentre.org.au](http://www.duntrooncommunitycentre.org.au) or contact the centre on 02 6265 9411 or email: [admin@duntrooncommunitycentre.org.au](mailto:admin@duntrooncommunitycentre.org.au)

**Coming Up:** RMC Band Visit to Whole School Thursday 5 July.

**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

ALL DEFENCE GROUPS ARE NOW OPERATING OUT OF THE DEFENCE ROOM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY! Please remind your children that the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and the Y3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in Y5/6 the Defence Hang out is NOW Wednesday lunchtimes and 7 – 10 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.

## P & C NEWS

### 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



Congratulations to the many students who have received their School Banking certificates and rewards – what a great savings effort.

Don't forget that our Super Savers Grand Prize competition finishes at the end of Term 3 2018! Students will need to have made 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of term 3, for their chance to win an unforgettable family trip to Hawaii. Remember School Banking is processed every Wednesday, you just need to keep banking every week, **commencing tomorrow** to be eligible to enter the competition and to collect your tokens to be eligible for the rewards – it doesn't really matter how much money you bank, you just need to bank every week.

Remember if you would like to be part of the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank or visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

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