



HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 24 July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of Term 3! It was great to visit different areas of the school today and touch base with students. I'm pleased to report that most were very excited to be back at school and in classes I saw great evidence of quality learning happening (which is exactly what I expected to see 😊). Yesterday also marked the start of OSHClub before and after school care at Harrison. I dropped in during the morning and afternoon and was pleased to see students settled and engaged in a range of activities. I was impressed with the care for students being displayed by OSHClub staff and the competence they were demonstrating. Please remember that if you foresee that you might use the OSHClub before and/or after school care service that you must register first and book sessions. This can be done via their website (<https://www.oshclub.com.au/>), by phoning the service on 0418 223 198 or their Customer Service & Billing Team on 1300 395 735.

School Board Elections

School Board elections occurred earlier in the year and our successful parent representative nominees were Samantha Murray and Chetna Joshi. Unfortunately Chetna Joshi is unable to continue on the Board so we will need to hold another election to fill the vacant position. Nominations to fill the vacant parent representative position will open next Monday.

Term 2 Week 10 Events

We certainly finished Term 2 with a "bang", with three major events occurring. Harrison, Gold Creek and Amaroo school students were fortunate enough to take part in the first Gungahlin Year 10 Retreat held at Gungahlin College. The highly successful day, organised by Andi Stapp Gaunt, started with an inspirational session from Glen Gerryn from The Hopeful Institute (<http://thehopefullinstitute.com/about>) - I have to say that it's rare to see a theatre of Year 10 students mesmerised, but they

Diary

Term 3 Week 1 Kindergarten Health Checks

Wednesday 25

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym

Friday 27

- College Course Information for Yr. 10 students
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00-5:00pm

Term 3 Week 2

Monday 30

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am

Tuesday 31

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am
- Kindergarten – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 3:30-5:30pm
- Harrison School Board Meeting 5:30pm
- Course Information Night Gungahlin College

Wednesday 1 August

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- PISA Assessment Yrs. 7 – 10

Thursday 2

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am
- Kindergarten – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 4:30-6:30pm

Friday 3

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am
- Harrison Hoppers Heart Foundation Workshop

2018 Calendar

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



definitely were! Students also attended workshops during the day with a major emphasis being on student well-being.

On Thursday we had the RMC Rock Band perform and as always they put on a marvellous show for our school. The RMC Band visit is a great way to showcase a side of the ADF that many may not be aware of and with our strong music program it offers an opportunity for students to see where their musical abilities may take them. We also had the Year 10 Formal movie night fundraiser on Thursday and it was a highly successful evening that brought together students and teachers from all year levels for a fun event.

We celebrated NAIDOC with our assembly on Friday morning. At Harrison, we are fortunate to have a strong Indigenous community and teachers who are passionate about improving our cultural integrity. Our NAIDOC assembly, with the theme of *"Because of her, we can!"* was a terrific example this.

Reports and K-2 EOL

You should have received an end of semester report for each of your children towards the end of Term 2. Apart from term or semester long elective subjects, this report should be viewed as a progress report, giving an indication of where your children are at in relation to the Australian Curriculum achievement standards. The reports contained information about your child's achievements as well as areas for focus for Semester 2. Please be sure to contact teachers if you have any queries about your child's report or are seeking tips on how to support your child's learning at home.

During Week 3 of this term K-2 students will be showcasing their learning so far to their parents via the Exhibitions of Learning (EOL). The EOL are a great opportunity to "see" learning first hand and to unpack what this learning means for your child, including the challenges, successes and strategies they've used.

Parking

I think we can all agree that parking will continue to be a problem at Harrison due to the size of our car

park and the large number of users at the peak times of drop off and pick up. I wanted to thank the parents I've observed doing the right thing even when they think no-one is watching by continuing to circle the car park at the 10km/h speed limit rather than parking in the drop off and pick up zones - you are all stars contributing to the safety of our students and great ambassadors for the Harrison values of Respect, Care and Integrity.

On another parking related note, I've been asked to pass on a request from the managing agents and residents of the units across from the school on Wimmera St. A number of our parent community are parking on the footpath outside the complex or in the driveway, which is causing damage and inconvenience. If you are someone who parks in this area, please stop.

Uniform Reminder

I'll take this opportunity to remind parents and students of the expectation for students to wear the school uniform every day. Our winter uniform includes long navy pants (fleece is OK), our school shirt and the red school jumper. On particularly cold days, students can also wear a navy parka and a Harrison beanie.

Quick Read

I want to get in the habit of sharing a [quick read](#) with you in my newsletter article and this one is a good one on fostering good technology habits with our children in a world where digital connection is an everyday event for many (and all day event for some).

Jason

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Term 2 L J Hooker Award recipients: Zara M and Jacob H

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

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| Quistina R | Ridhi G | Ethan C |
| Seth R | Amelia R | Mia F |
| Bailey B | Shion K | John K |
| Daniel K | Chuti Y | Samara B |
| Tanisha K | Sophie P | Zahra Z |
| Patrick T | Lincoln F | |

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

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.

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.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club will be going home this week and are due back **Friday 10 August**.

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.

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 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.

NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH VISIT - HOSTS

Students from Nara University High School have been hosted by various ACT Schools to participate in the Canberra Nara Candle Festival since 2005. This year Nara University HS will be bringing 59 students. As we did last year, we have an opportunity to host some amazing Japanese students for their stay in Canberra from the evening of 24 October until 27 October. If you're able to help out by hosting 1 or 2 students for 3 nights, please contact Amy McLeod at amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au by the end of week 9 (29/9).

K-2 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING



Exhibitions of Learning will take place on **Tuesday 31 July 3.30 -5.30pm and Thursday 2 August 4.30 - 6.30pm** in your child's classroom. These exhibitions give you to opportunity to engage with your child's learning and to celebrate a fantastic semester in the classroom. This is a significant event on our school calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!

Preschool Learning Journey

Learning Journeys will take place **Monday July 30 /Tuesday 31/Thursday 2 and Friday August 3 between 8.30 and 9.30am**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to participate in activities with your child and discuss what they have learnt in their first semester of preschool. More information will soon be distributed by your child's teacher.

BBQ FUNDRAISER

The students, parents and teachers going on the Japan Trip would be most grateful if you could support two more BBQ fund raisers this term.

- ✚ Tuesday of Week 5 and again on
- ✚ Tuesday of Week 7.

Sausage sandwiches @ \$2 each
Fruit box popper drinks @ \$1 each

We look forward to your support and that of the students in Years 3 – 10. The Fund raiser will be running at LUNCH time outside the Technology Building in the Senior School.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES TRIP 2019



Harrison School is in the initial stages of planning its inaugural trip to Europe. The trip is being planned for late September to early October of 2019 and is

targeted at French and Italian language students in years 8-10. The purpose of the trip is to provide language students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture of both France and Italy. The tour will commence in Paris and continue through Lyon and Annecy before moving onto Milan, Florence and finishing in Rome. There will be a variety of authentic activities and experiences planned for the duration of the trip. Highlights include day trips to Versailles in France and Pompeii in Italy as well as a cooking class in Italy, an art class in France and language workshops along the way. An official expression of interest will be sent out Week 1, Term 3. For more information please contact Andrea Kemp (andrea.kemp@ed.act.edu.au) or Clare Warwick (clare.warwick@ed.act.edu.au) by email or by phone on (02) 6142 2200.



DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you all had a nice relaxing break. Term 2 ended on a wonderful high note with our RMC Rock Band Concert. Everyone appeared to enjoy letting loose dancing and singing along. Special thanks to the Hospitality Team for providing an amazing morning tea for the band members. Also thanks to Mrs Aksila and the Year 6 band for their participation in the workshop with RMC Band members.

DCO Support for ADF Families:
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 or
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 lunch times and the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. For students in 5/6, the Defence Hang out is NOW Wednesday lunch times. Students in Years 7 to 10 remain Thursday lunch times.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us come to the Defence Room in the School Library 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.

P & C NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 1 August

Entry is FREE

Session Times:

Pre – Kindergarten: 5:15 – 6:00pm

Year 1/2: 6:15 – 7:15pm

Year 3/4: 7:30 – 8:30pm

Year 5/6: 7:30 – 8:30pm

Hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase.

VOLUNTEERS CALL OUT

We need volunteers to assist on the night.

Please email: disco@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Find us on Facebook:

[facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC](https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC)

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

Welcome back to school for another exciting school term, 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 term, the Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero headquarters, ready to continue their Super Savers Adventure with students participating in School Banking. There are two new Super Savers reward items for students to select from when redeeming their 10 silver Dollarmites tokens. These include the Mighty Boom Handball and the Heat Reactor Pencils.

Term 3 Rewards

In Term 3, two new reward items from our Super Savers range become available to redeem.

- Mighty Boom Handball



- Heat Reactor Pencils

Don't forget in Term 3, School Bankers still have a chance to enter the Super Savers Grand Prize competition, where one lucky student will win a family trip to Hawaii. To be eligible, students need to make at least 15 School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3. Good luck everyone!

Remember 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 more students receiving some fabulous rewards throughout the year.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators