



## Harrison School Newsletter 23 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter by taking the opportunity to introduce myself to the community and thank the staff and students for making me feel so welcome in my first week at Harrison School. It has been wonderful to have seen some of the great learning being undertaken across this very friendly school.

This week marks the first visits by students who will make up our kindergarten classes of 2019. The kindergarten orientation program is a valuable way for new students, especially for those coming from other sites, to gain some experience before starting in earnest next year. It is so refreshing to see the excitement on faces as these young people make the first steps on their educational journey as full-time students.

In my travels around the school last week, I was really struck by the respectful and friendly way that the community interacts with each other. This was highlighted for me during the years five to ten assembly, in the way that students conducted themselves, listening so respectfully and being present for their peers as they were informed and entertained by a variety of presentations. I was particularly impressed by the dance performance, and considering the size of the audience, the performers were exceptionally courageous.

### Uniforms

Now that weather is starting to warm up and the days are getting longer, it is a good time to remind everyone that in term four we move into the summer uniform part of the year. Understandably, as students grow, new uniforms are needed, and I would like to remind people that Harrison School's P&C runs an excellent second-hand uniform store here at school. Harrison uniforms are also available through a number of suppliers in the wider community as well.

It would be timely to also remind everyone about the need to wear hats

## Diary

### Term 4 Week 2 BOOK CLUB DUE

#### Wednesday 24

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program

#### Thursday 25

- Kindergarten Orientation Program 9:00-11:20am Group 2 (New Students)
- Yr.1/2 St. John's School house Museum Excursion Yr. 1/2 MP, DN & LO
- ACT Nowaste Recycling Discovery Hub & Resource Centre Excursion Yr. 3/4MP & DF

#### Friday 26

- Yr.1/2 St. John's School house Museum Excursion Yr. 1/2NE & KW
- ACT yr. 9/10 Badminton

### Term 4 Week 3 BOOK FAIR

#### Tuesday 30

- ACT Nowaste Recycling Discovery Hub & Resource Centre Excursion Yr. 3/4TW & PG
- Yr. 5 Combined Band Practice
- Yr. 7 – 10 Exhibitions of Learning

#### Wednesday 31

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- **Thursday 1**
- ACT Nowaste Recycling Discovery Hub & Resource Centre Excursion Yr. 3/4DB & HK

### 2018 Calendar

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



that provide appropriate sun protection whilst outdoors now that UV levels are increasing throughout the day.

### Learning Focus

In my short time here at Harrison School I have been lucky enough to have been shown and learn about the focus for the school on improving the literacy skills and achievements of students. In my visits to get to know the staff and students in the preschool to year two part of the school, I have seen evidence of the learning being undertaken around the Essential Literacy Practices and how that is impacting the achievements of those students. Whilst visiting the classes in years three to six, the student learning around writing has been evident by the high level of quality of some of the student writing pieces that are on display. The work being done by the staff as part of the Writing Project looks to be paying off. I look forward to hopefully getting a chance in the near future to get see how that work is being translated into the senior part of the school through the High School Writing Project.

Kind regards,  
Dan Breen

### **STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL**

**ALL** students arriving late to 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](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.

### **COLOUR FUN RUN REMINDER**

Just a reminder that Colour Fun Run notes are due back now.

Colour Fun Run Date: Thursday 15 November

OPTION 1 – T-shirts has now **CLOSED**.

### **HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD**

The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 October 2018. The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board. [hsbparentrep@outlook.com](mailto:hsbparentrep@outlook.com)

## TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

- Yr. 7- 10 Exhibitions of Learning Tues 30 Oct
- Book Fair: Tues 30 – Fri 9 Nov
- Harrison School Art Show: Wed 7 – Fri 9 Nov
- Preschool Information Session: Wed 7 Nov
- Remembrance Day Service: Fri 9 Nov
- Harrison School Spirit Week: 12 – 16 Nov
- School Drama Production: 27 – 30 Nov
- Concert Dates: Wed 5 & Thurs 6 Dec
- Yr. 10 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly: Fri 7 Dec
- Yr. 10 Graduation and Formal: Tues 11 Dec
- Harrison School ACE Awards: Thurs 13 Dec

For more detailed information please see the school Calendar on the website: [2018 Calendar](#)

## HARRISON SCHOOL 2019 STATIONERY LISTS

The Stationery lists for 2019 are now available online from OfficeMax. The stationery lists and access codes for each year group can be found on the school website: [Stationery Lists 2019](#). A hard copy will be sent out to all students as soon as available. For Information on how to order please see the attached document.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book fair



You are invited to Harrison School Library to visit the book fair. All students in P - 6 will visit the fair during school hours, but we are also open for families and visitors before and after school.

Tuesday October 30 - Friday November 9

8.30am - 4.00pm every day

**Thursday November 1 and November 8**

**OPEN until 6.00pm!**

### Book club

Issue 7 orders are due back by this **Friday, 26 October**. We have a short timeframe for orders due to the book fair in week 3.

### Overdue notes

Notes for P - 6 and emails for 7 - 10 will be printed/sent tomorrow, Wednesday October 24. Please remind your children to return overdue books before then.

### Other Languages

We are still trying to increase our collection of books in other languages. If you have any children's books you would like to donate, we would love to accept them. We are also looking for volunteers to help us translate title information for some of the books we already have, especially Chinese, Korean, Thai and Indonesian. If you think you can help please drop in to see us in the library.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

## NARA CANDLE FESTIVAL

This week we have a group of 8 students from Nara University High School visiting us. They will arrive Wednesday evening and spend Thursday and Friday with us at Harrison before performing at the Nara Candle Festival on Saturday. If you are interested in going to watch some awesome performances, taste some delicious food and learn some more about the Japanese Culture, don't miss it! **Saturday 27 October 4:00 – 9:00pm, Canberra Nara Peace Park in Lennox Gardens.**

## BANDSTRAVAGANZA 2018

The Senior Band and Year 6 Band will be performing at the School of Music for Bandstravaganza.

Senior Band- Monday 19 November 7.00-8.30pm

Year 6 Band- Wednesday 21 November 7.00-8.30pm

**Tickets go on sale through Ticketek on Monday October 22 from 9am.**

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BANDSTRA18> (website link)

<http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BANDSTRA18> (mobile link)

If you have any further questions please email [sarah.wicken@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.wicken@ed.act.edu.au)

## HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT

This year the Harrison School Concert will be held on **Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December**. Please find attached a copy of the class performance timetable.

[2018 End of Year Concert Class Schedule](#)

More information regarding tickets will be sent out at a later date.

## SCHOOL BAND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michaela T in year 9 for on her recent tour Japan performing with the ACT Senior Concert Band in the recent school holidays. Michaela is the only student from Harrison School currently in The ACT Senior Concert Band Tour. The tour included many performances, rehearsals with the Ichijo School Band and well deserved sightseeing. Michaela has been playing Flute for many years and first joined the Harrison Year 5 band when she was in Year 4. Michaela auditioned for the ACT Primary Concert Band at the end of year 6 and that was the beginning of her exciting journey with the ACT band program. Michaela went on to audition and earn a place in the ACT Junior Concert Band in Year 7 and then again in Year 8 before auditioning for the ACT Senior Concert Band at the end of last year, successfully gaining a place this year. Michaela is about to audition for her place in the ACT Senior Concert Band for next year and has the opportunity.

The ACT band program run by the Instrumental Music Program is highly competitive to get into and Michaela should be commended for her commitment to continue to reach higher levels in her performance.

Michaela has continued on in the Harrison Band program since year 4 and this year decided to extend her music ability by playing Bass Clarinet.

Michaela has been an asset to the band program both at Harrison School and in the IMP ACT Band Program and is proof that hard work pays off.

Congratulations again Michaela!

## MUSIC COUNT US IN

Come along to watch our amazing music groups across the school perform in Week 3 for Music Count Us In!

Please see the attached timetable or on the website link below:

[Music Count Us In – Timetable Term 4 Week 3 2018](#)



## DEFENCE NEWS

Well as you will have no doubt noticed if you are receiving our emails we have a busy term ahead. If you would like to support our Christmas Care Parcels for Deployed Personnel please have items to us by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you are leaving Canberra and posting to a new location be sure to let us know so that your child/ren don't miss out on our Farewell Morning Teas coming up in Week 5.

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

### Coming Up:

- Remembrance Day Service – Friday 9 November
- Defence Students' Farewells – Mon 12 to Wed 14 November
- Defence Family Christmas Pizza in the Park – Friday 16 November
- Christmas Care Parcel Packaging – Tuesday 20 November

**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 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 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.

## CHRISTMAS CARE PARCELS FOR DEPLOYED PERSONNEL



This is an opportunity for Harrison Families to show pride in our Australian Defence Forces.

Harrison School wishes to send Christmas Care Parcels to deployed personnel over the 2018 Christmas Period!

We are seeking donations by Wednesday 14 November. Donations are to be left at the main office or given to classroom teachers. Please see the attached flyer for further details and suggestions or on the School website at: [Christmas Care Parcels Information](#)

## SCHOOL BANKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The wonderful volunteer parents that have been doing the student banking for several years are unfortunately unable to continue next year. We are therefore looking for parent volunteers to take over and continue the wonderful work that both Maria and Linda have been doing. Maria and Linda are happy to train anyone interested in taking on the school banking.

If you are interested could you please contact the front office on 6142 2200.

## 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



**REMINDER:** School Banking has been changed from Wednesday to **Tuesday** for this term only.

Congratulations to all students who received their School Banking certificates and rewards today – what a great savings effort

This term's rewards the Slushie Maker Cup and Zoom Flying Disc are available while stocks last, so make sure you claim your rewards early in the term – you don't want to miss out.



Remember, if you would like to be part of the School banking Program you just need to open a YouthSaver Account ant any Commonwealth Bank branch or [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop  
School Banking Coordinator