



HARRISON NEWS



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Harrison School Newsletter 13 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are mid-way through Term 4 and it's great to see the terrific learning that's occurring in classes and to talk to teachers about the achievements many students have made. If the number of Principal's Awards achieved towards the end of last term and the beginning of this term is any indication, it would appear that many students are seeing the impact of their efforts and having great success. For those students who have achieved awards, keep up the great work and continue to try to be better tomorrow than you were today! While on awards, our annual ACE Awards Ceremony is fast approaching and invitations to the families of award winners will be sent home shortly. We are going to try something a little different this year by splitting the ceremony P-4 and 5-10, with a short break between the two.

New Leadership Structure

I'm pleased to let you know that the new principal structure which includes Dan Breen (P-6), Jacqui Ford (7-10) and me (Executive Principal) is working very well. The three of us are enjoying the opportunity to share responsibility for leading our great school and I'm excited about the combined capacity to make great strategic decisions that align with the ACT Education Directorate [Strategic Plan](#) and the [Future of Education Strategy](#) to improve teaching and learning at Harrison. If you have questions or concerns, our normal pathway of class teacher, team leader and deputy principal still exist and Dan, Jacqui and I are also always available for conversations.

Events

We've had some significant events at the school recently, most notably our Annual Art Show and our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Both events showcase the Harrison community as well as providing opportunities for our students, staff and parents to shine.

Diary

Term 4 Week 5 Harrison School Spirit Week

Wednesday 14

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am- Gym

Thursday 15

- Yr. 4 – 5 and 6 – Yr. 7 2019 Transition Day
- Yr. 7 – 10 Senior Bandstravaganza Rehearsal
- Preschool to Kindergarten Transition
- North Indigenous Cluster Celebration
- Yr. 3 – 10 Harrison School Colour Run

Friday 16

- Yr. 5/6 Old Parliament House and MOAD Excursion 5/6 AP, BM, DJ & SD
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:20pm

Term 4 Week 6

Tuesday 20

- Yr. 6 Bandstravaganza Rehearsal

Wednesday 21

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- P & C Meeting 7:00 pm - Library

Thursday 22

- Smashed Project Yr. 9 Students

Friday 23

- 2019 Yr. 4 Prefect speeches and voting 10:00 – 10:50am
- 2019 Yr. 6 Prefect speeches and voting

2018 Calendar

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



- Our staff did an amazing job of organising the events (Remembrance Day - Sarah McGavin, Emma Marrinan, Dan Ewin and Rebekah Evans; Art Show - Alan Harding) with lots of support from other staff. It was great to see staff artworks in the Art Show - we have some very talented staff!
- Our parents, Felicity and Andrew Petrie, were impressive speakers at the Remembrance Day ceremony and a very big thank you to Ivan Benitez-Aguirre who presented the school with an Australian flag that he received permission to bring back from Kabul, where he was serving. The flag comes with a certificate of authentication and is a very impressive gesture of thanks to the school from Ivan and his family
- I was yet again amazed by the creativity and skill of our students, expressed through diverse artworks and I was very impressed by our student cadets, who made our Remembrance Day ceremony even more memorable through their participation.

It was great to see so many students and parents visiting the Book Fair last week. I spent a morning 'working at the desk' and I loved the excitement of students as they carefully selected the book, poster, pen or eraser that their heart desired - love of reading and writing is always great to encourage and be part of.

PBL

We are busy preparing for the introduction of [PBL](#) (Positive Behaviours for Learning) in 2019. The major attractions of PBL for me are the ability to maintain and consolidate the Harrison School Values to underpin consistent messaging of behaviour expectations and the inclusion of students and parents in the development and implementation of the program. We have a core group of staff undertaking professional learning towards the end of this month and I'll keep you posted on how you can be involved.

Learning

Instead of a quick read for you I have an opportunity for you to access a webinar from Parenting Ideas. The webinar is on 27 November 2018 at 7:30pm and is about *Preparing for High School*. You can register for and access the webinar at <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/> and clicking on the Find out more button. The code to access the webinar is TRANSITION

Jason.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Madeleine S	Shaheer K	Ben R
Harry E	Zachary B	Imogen S
Manasvi B	Arai N	Charlie K
Noah K	Josie M	Minh T
Maddison D	Amaani H	Jai F
Aarza J	Maya N	Ankushdeep M
Ameera H		

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR CHESS

2018 Canberra Chess Challenge 18
8 Years and Under Prize: Alex L
2018 Canberra Chess Challenge 18
1st Place: Charles H

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

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.

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.

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

- 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
 - Yr. 6 Celebration: Fri 14 Dec 9:30 – 11:00am
- 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](#). For information on how to order please see the attached document.

Please **DO NOT** send your 2019 Stationery packs to the school until next year.

HARRISON SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

Come and celebrate the 9/10 Drama Production in a festive musical spectacular of epic proportions! Based on the much-loved Christmas movie, Elf - this modern day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.



Performances will take place in the PATS Theatre on Wednesday 28 November and Thursday 29 November 2018 at 7:00pm.

All tickets \$5.00 and can be purchased online via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZHRR>

HARRISON DJEMBE PROJECT

Harrison Djembe Project has finished for 2018. It will resume in Term 1 2019. Thank you to all who attended over the year.

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](#)

Tickets for the concert are available from the front office. Tickets are \$2.00 per person. Students who are performing do NOT require a ticket.

Please Note: Lost tickets can NOT be replaced.

CHRISTMAS CARE PARCELS FOR DEPLOYED PERSONNEL



Harrison School wishes to show pride in our Australian Defence Forces by sending Christmas Care Parcels to deployed personnel over the 2018 Christmas period. We are seeking donations by **Wednesday 14 November** and these can be left at the main office, given to classroom teachers or dropped off to the Defence Room in the library.

Please see the attached flyer for further details and suggestions or the School website at: [Christmas Care Parcels Information](#)

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



DEFENCE NEWS

Last Friday we had our school Remembrance Day Service which celebrated the 100 years of the signing of the Armistice and the end of World War 1. Special thanks to Ms Evans, Mr Ewin, Ms Watson, Mrs Aksila, Mr Adams and the students involved.

Postings: As posting orders are out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (eg.MWDU/Deployments) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

DCO Support for ADF Families: defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Coming Up:

- 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

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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.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to all students who have ordered their rewards, what a fabulous effort for your regular savings. I am hoping the rewards get delivered this week. They will be sent to you via the black bag as soon as they arrive.

Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward. I encourage you to order your rewards soon as we are now in Week 5 and there are **only three weeks** left for ordering rewards, the last week to order rewards this term will be **Week 8**, so that they can be back before the end of year holidays. Don't forget to send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card please so they can be ordered.

To all our School Banking families, we **urgently** need one or two parents to volunteer to run the program, it only takes one to two hours each week and all training will be provided. If you are

interested in helping out, please contact Maria on 6241-2008.

Happy savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

P & C NEWS

REMINDER

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21 November** at 7:00pm in the Library. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Please come along and support your children's school

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

PLEASE NOTE: The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be **CLOSED** Friday 16 November

CANTEEN NEWS

Please Note: The Canteen will **NOT** be open on Friday 21 December

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](#)