



Harrison School Newsletter 27 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4 ☺

Thanks to parents and families for their flexibility around the postponed Aqua Fun Day on Monday this week. Deb Gordon and Kate Bradley put a lot of effort into organising this 5-10 experience and waking up to a cold and wet morning was not on anybody's agenda. A phone call was made to the pool staff early Monday morning so we could get news to parents ASAP and we thank parents for working with us to get students to school in warm clothes and ready for learning.

The government Chromebook roll out occurred at Harrison last week for all students who had returned their paperwork 7-10. If you would like to access this program, you still can. Paperwork and forms can still be returned and once the school has had a day to process these a Chromebook can be collected through our library system.

At Harrison, in years 5-10, we heavily utilise the online management system Google Apps for Education to enhance students access to tools that allow them to make their own individual learning adjustments, work collaboratively online, access their school work from wherever they have a device and share their learning and progress with home. We are holding a parent session on GAFE (BYOD and student) to assist parents to become more familiar with this learning platform and how to access their child's learning so we can continue to work in partnership with you around each and every student's individual academic growth. The workshop is being held in the Library on **Thursday 8 March, from 5.30 to 6.30pm**. The workshop will be hands on so bring your device and your child. If you can't bring your child, bring their Schoolsnet logon details. All families of 5-10 students are welcome.

It has been lovely to see so many parents at the school over the past few weeks with Getting to Know You interviews and cohort information nights. I would like to thank the parents who attended and provided us

Diary

Term 1 Week 4

Kindergarten PIPS

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know you Interviews

Wednesday 28

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- EALD Morning tea 9:00 – 10:00am – Library
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program

Thursday 1 March

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics

Friday 2 March

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics

Term 1 Week 5

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know you Interviews

Monday 5

- Yr. 7 – 10 Leadership Conference

Tuesday 6

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Harrison School Swimming Trials

Wednesday 7

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program

Thursday 8

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Google Apps for Education Parent and Student information Session 5:30 – 6:30pm

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

[2018 Calendar](#)



quality feedback about the opportunity. We also thank those parents who volunteered some time to assist the P and C run highly successful discos in the K-6 area of the school last week. We strongly encourage you to keep in contact with your child's homeroom teacher so these partnerships continue for the social, emotional and academic growth of students.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

William O Mishka K Salpa-Wuni R
Natalie P Sree Saranya C

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENT INFORMATION CHECKLISTS

REMINDER

You should have received a Detailed Student Information form for your child/ren. This information reflects student details which are held on our computerised record keeping system. There is often a need to contact parents of children at the school for various reasons. We are aware that phone numbers and home email addresses etc. often change and we need current information at school.

All correspondence from the school will be sent to the home email address. This includes absences and all correspondence from teachers and the school.

Please check the details and make any corrections required, sign the form and return it to school **EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES** as soon as possible.

2018 Aquatic Carnivals - Dates

Carnivals are always early in the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Harrison Swimming Carnival** – Tuesday 6 March, at the AIS
For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers.
Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m
- **Please complete permission slips and medical notes and return to the school.**

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.

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 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. Parents receive a green slip to give to the teacher.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office. Parents must receive an electronic slip before collecting students from class.

SCHOOL CAR PARK INFORMATION

Please do NOT park and leave your car unattended in the blue **DROP OFF and PICK UP ZONES**. These areas are not for parking but for parents to drop their children off and go.

If you wish to walk your child /ren into the school please park in the parking bays.

School car parking and explanation of the various coloured zones/areas.

BLUE coloured zones are for **DROP OFF and PICK UP ONLY- NOT PARKING** (cars not to be left unattended by the 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 to report any cars illegally parked around the school.

Please include the date, time and any other relevant information such as where the car is parked and the licence plate details.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Bags

Library bags are required for Preschool to Year 2 and encouraged for Years 3-6. If you do not have one you may purchase a Harrison School Library bag for \$3 from the front office.

Borrowing / Browsing with your child

Many children love to come in and spend some quiet time looking at books before and after school (8.30-8.50 and 2.50-3.15). Please feel free to come with your child so you can enjoy the books together. You could also bring your own book and model reading for enjoyment! Research shows that it is vital that children have good reading role models in their lives. The added bonus for you is some downtime to enjoy your books.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

EALD MORNING TEA

The English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) teaching team would like to invite you to a morning tea for parents and carers who speak more than one language.

When: Wednesday 28 February, 2018

Time: 9:00 – 9:40 am

Place: Library

At this morning tea we would like to celebrate the cultural diversity within our school by coming together to build and enhance our partnership and friendship.

HARMONY DAY 2018

Harrison School is fortunate to have a wide range of cultures in our community and we would like to showcase our cultural diversity in our upcoming

Harmony Day Assembly. We are inviting any cultural group who would like to volunteer to perform at the Assembly to contact us by Friday 9 March. If you have a connection with a group who is happy to volunteer, please forward their details to us. In the past we have had performances including Irish Dancing, Martial Arts, singing traditional songs, cultural dances and music.

Our contact details are listed below

Cheryl.Davis@ed.act.edu.au (Kindergarten)

Jennifer.Davis@ed.act.edu.au (Years 1/2)

Margaret.Olson@ed.act.edu.au (Years 3/4)



DEFENCE NEWS

Kookaburra Kids Foundation supports kids living in families affected by mental illness. The program provides free recreational, educational camps and other activities, giving kids a break in a fun, positive and safe environment. Kids have the opportunity to meet other kids in similar families and develop new friendships. This program is for serving and ex-serving ADF families who have children aged 8 -18 with a parent with a mental illness as a result of military service. (This does not have to be the serving parent.) For further information please contact us or www.kookaburrakids.org.au or phone 1300 566 525.

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

Coming Up:

Defence Welcome Dinner – Thursday 22 March
Raiders Club Gungahlin

ANZAC Day Service – Thursday 12 April 9:15am

in the gym.



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. The 5-10 Chill out session is held on a Thursday lunch time in the Mulligans Building in room G29. We would love to see your children there!



HARRISON HEARTS

New day and time!!! It is lovely to see some new and familiar faces at Harrison Hearts this year. If you would like to join us come to the Multipurpose room near the junior hall 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

P & C MEETING

The Harrison School P & C Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 28 February at 7:00pm** in the Library. If you would like to nominate for a position on the P&C please email: secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

ALL parents welcome.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 8:30 – 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](#)

ROAD SAFETY SURVEY

A School Crossing Supervisor Program has been introduced in the ACT at 20 crossing sites. School crossing supervisors (lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

To help determine if the Program is successful, Transport Canberra and City Services have engaged First Person Consulting to evaluate the School Crossing Supervisor Program. One of the ways that they will be doing this is through this survey to help capture attitudes to children travelling actively (i.e. walking or riding) to primary school.

To complete the survey please click [here](#), or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4172882/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey>

The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact the [TCCS Schools Program](#).



GUNGALIN BUS STATION PLATFORM 1 CLOSURE

This is to advise that School Routes **421, 575, 580, 630, 802, 804, 808** will see diversions in place from **Monday 5 March 2018**.

Effective Saturday 3 March 2018, Platform 1 Hibberson Street will close to allow for continued works within the Gungahlin Place precinct.

As a result of Hibberson Street closing, Platform 1 will relocate to Gozzard Street (opposite the Raiders Club). Platform 2 will remain temporarily on Gozzard Street. On the completion of works the Gungahlin Bus Station will move to its permanent location at Gungahlin Place.

We further advise that parents and students are able to use our [NXTBUS](#) system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations.