



Harrison School Newsletter 5 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the second week of term, it is so nice to see how settled the school feels so early in the term. I have had the pleasure of visiting most of the classes from preschool to year 6 in the last week and the atmosphere has been incredibly friendly and calm.

Communication

Parent information sessions for students in Years 1 to 6 will be held this Tuesday, the 12 February. The session for Years 1 and 2 will begin at 5:15pm in the school hall and conclude by 5:45pm. The session for the senior primary will start at 6pm in the school hall. After an initial information session for everyone, parents will be invited to visit learning spaces for information that is relevant to their child's class for the year. Please be aware that information regarding this year's school camps will also feature during these sessions. After the excellent turn out by the parents of our kindergarten students, I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The parent information session for years 7 to 10 will be held this Thursday, the 14 February from 6:30pm in the senior performing arts building. We hope to see you then.

We understand that circumstances regarding details of address, lines of communication and care arrangements can change at short notice. We ask that parents and carers please contact the front office with the details of those changes as soon as is possible.

Uniform

At the start of the year, with so many of our students wearing new uniforms, it is a good time to remind families to please label clothing. Jackets, jumpers and hats are items that are of particular concern as they are taken off more frequently throughout the day.

Taking the time to label these items helps us to return them to their rightful owners.

Term 1 Week 2 2019

Tuesday 12 February

- Yr. 1/2 Parent Information Session 5:15pm
- Yr. 3 - 6 Parent Information Sessions 6:00pm

Wednesday 13

- Yr. 7 - 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym

Thursday 14

- 2019 Yrs. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30pm

Friday 15

- Sydney Academy of Chess Coaching 1:00pm

Term 1 Week 3 2019

Kindergarten PIPS

Wednesday 20

Preschool – Yr. 6 Assembly 9:15am – Gym

Term 1 Week 4 2019

Kindergarten PIPS

- Yr. 5 – 10 Aqua Fun Day 9:00am TBC

2019 Calendar

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



School Board

A reminder that nominations for the school board are currently open and will be until Monday 18 February. Please contact the front office for further information.

Learning Focus

It has been wonderful to have witnessed the way our students have enthusiastically approached their learning last week. This year we have a school wide focus on improving learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy across all learning areas in the school. This will look slightly differently in the different areas of the school and we will be keeping you up to date on our students' achievements in this area. One aspect of this will be the establishment of a parent/student reading program. Stay tuned for more news on this soon.

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

DATES FOR TERM 1 2019

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday 12 February

Yr.1/2 Information Session 5:30 – 6:00pm

Yr. 3 - 6 Information Session 6:00 – 7:30pm

Thursday 14 February

Yr. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30 – 7:30pm

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.

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. If you need to add a parent/guardian to your child's contact details, please come to the front office to fill in the appropriate form.

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.

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.

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.

2019 AQUATIC CARNIVALS - SAVE THE DATE

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

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 25 February, Big Splash Macquarie TBC

All classes Yr. 5 -10, aquatic activities all day

- **Harrison Swimming Trials**– Tuesday 5 March, at AIS Pool

For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers. Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We have one parent, and one student position that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2019. Nominations for the Harrison School Board are now open and will close at 11:00am on **Monday 18 February**. If you wish to nominate for the school board and would like to know what the position entails, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Holmes.

The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board.

hsbparentrep@outlook.com

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

How to Help the Front Office Support your Child

Parent Contact Details

It is important that information regarding parent contact details for students are accurate should we need to contact you in an emergency or if your child is unwell. If there are changes to your contact details during the year could you please contact the front office to inform of your new contact details to enable us to update our records.

Medication

If children need to take medication during school hours, please fill in an "Authority to Administer Medication" form which is available from the front office. If the medication is prescribed by a doctor, it is also preferable to have the doctor sign the form. Due to departmental policy, school staff are unable to administer medication without this authority. All medication to be administered must be in the medication container/box from the chemist with dosage and time of administration and handed to the front office staff.

Students with Medical Conditions

It is important that information for students with medical conditions is accurate and detailed to help us provide appropriate care. If there are changes to your child's health or medical circumstances, during the year could you please contact the front office to inform them of the changes and complete the required documentation to ensure that your child receives the appropriate first aid care.

Allergy Friendly School

Harrison School is an Allergy Friendly school. This policy will require students to **not** bring to school certain products that may cause severe allergic reactions. Please **do not** send any peanut or nut products to school.

LIBRARY NEWS



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1. Book Club orders are due on Friday 22 February. Please send cash orders in a labelled envelope to the library or complete LOOP orders online.

Family reading time.

Families are encouraged to come to the library before school at 8:30am to read together. Come and enjoy our lovely space.

Library Lovers Day

We will be celebrating Library Lovers day on Thursday. Come to the library and fall in love with a new book.



DEFENCE NEWS

Defence News:

Well Week 1 just flew by, I hope that all children are settling in well. I hope that I have now met all new defence students, if I have inadvertently missed your child could you please let me know so that I can ensure their name is on my list. Please if you have any concerns about your child/ren settling in let me know so that I can prioritise extra visits if required.

This week I plan to send out a welcome email to all defence families that we have email addresses for, if you don't receive one or no longer wish to be on our mailing list could you please let us know.

I am available Mon – Wed & Fri 8:30am – 3:00pm and Thursdays 8:30am – 1:00pm and can be found in the Defence Room in the school library if you would like to meet with me. You can also contact me by phoning the school on 6142 2200.

Sarah

sarah.mcgvain@ed.act.edu.au

Coming Up: ANZAC Day Service – Friday 12 April 9:15am in the gym.

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



DEFENCE KIDS

K-4 Activity groups have recommenced this week. Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is

Tuesday lunch times. I would love to see your children there! 5/6 Hang Out will recommence tomorrow (Wed Lunch) and 7 -10 will be (Fri Lunch) All groups are held in the Defence Room in the Library.



HARRISON HEARTS

Come to the Defence Room in the library room on Monday mornings between 9:00 and 11:00am. We would love to have you join us for a cuppa, a chat and to create some resources for the classrooms. 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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 2019 Canteen Menu.

[2019 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)



Late Food Order Service

Changes starting Term 1, 2019

As of Term 1, 2019, Flexischools' Customer Service Team will no longer be taking late orders over the phone from parents.

Cut off time for Harrison School is 9:00am.



PARENT CYBER SAFETY EDUCATION SESSION

We are offering a workshop for parents to learn more about managing children's technology use, including an introduction into the most popular social media platforms, and practical tips for keeping teenagers safe online. We will also cover information on setting boundaries around technology, online behaviour management and tools for managing technology both in and outside of the home

Cyber Safety Parent Information Sessions will be held at Gungahlin College Theatre on:

Thursday 28 February 2019 from 6:00 - 7:00pm

Friday 1 March 2019 from 9:30 – 10:30am

We will also have representatives from community services and ACT Policing in attendance for Parents to connect with and know what supports are available in the region.

To register for the session please follow the links below:

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Session Thursday 28 February 2019](#)

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Session Friday 1 March 2019](#)

UKULELE AT HARRISON SCHOOL

Music Room in the Library

Ukulele Project: all students, families and teachers welcome

Wednesday 8:15am (starting week 3)

Advanced Ukulele: more experienced players Years 3-10

Wednesday Recess (starting week 3)

Bring your own ukulele or borrow one

