



## Harrison School Newsletter 7 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second week of term two. Last week saw the implementation of the new Canberra Metro and bus timetable and this change has had an impact on how some of our students get to and from school. In conversations with representatives from Canberra Metro, we have been asked to pass on some important information around using the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs). Firstly, to relay some safety information in regard to the platforms. Students are asked that if they have bicycles or scooters on the platforms they are to walk them and to make sure that scooters are carried onto the LRV. Secondly, students are asked to be aware that they need to stand behind the platform line, away from the edge nearest the rails. Students also need to be aware that once a LRV arrives, passengers exiting are given the right of way so students will need to stand back from the doors to allow people to get off before boarding themselves. As the Metro has been very popular so far, most carriages have been quite full and so some students have had to stand on some trips. Canberra Metro have asked that students do not stand near doors as this makes exiting and boarding quite difficult. I ask that all students who are using the service please remember the Harrison values while travelling on the network, this includes being aware of the fact that a wide range of our community will be using the service including very young people so showing respect and respectful behaviour is paramount.

There will, at times, be platform supervisors on the stations and you will be able to recognise them as they will be wearing red uniforms. These supervisors are there to answer any questions and assist people using the service. They may also need to ask people to move away from the edge or navigate bicycles to specific areas of the platform. If students are directed by the supervisors please ensure that those directions are followed for the safety of everyone present. When crossing Flemington

### Term 2 Week 2 2019

#### **Wednesday 8**

- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- ACT 13&O Swimming Championship
- Yr. 10 Immunisations

#### **Thursday 9**

- Mothers' Day Stall
- **Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast 8:15 am**
- ACT Secondary Touch Finals Yr. 7 – 10

#### **Friday 10**

- Yr. 7 – 10 Athletics Carnival

### Term 2 Week 3 2019

#### **NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9**

#### **Monday 13**

- Harrison School P & C Meeting 7:00pm - Library

#### **Tuesday 14**

- NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9 begins

#### **Wednesday 15**

- P – 6 Assembly 9.15am

### Term 2 Week 4 2019

#### **NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9**

#### **Wed 22**

- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9.15am

#### **Thursday 23**

- Yr. 7 -8 Outdoor ED Camp departs 6:00am
- Yr. 5/6 DJ & TC National Museum of Australia Excursion

#### **Friday 24**

- Yr. 7 – 8 Outdoor ED Camp return approx..3:00pm
- Yr. 5/6 DB & JL National Museum of Australia Excursion

### 2019 Calendar

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



Road to access the platform, students need to follow the direction of the traffic lights. There is no need to race for a LRV as there is always another one a short time later. If we all remember to think safety first and be vigilant of each other, everyone will get to their destination without incident.

This week, Harrison School is getting ready to celebrate Mother's Day with a P and C Mother's Day stall being held on Tuesday and Thursday. In addition to this, we look forward to having the pleasure of welcoming mums for the annual Mother's Day breakfast at 8.15 am on Thursday. Following the breakfast, we invite all mums to visit their child's classroom for some fun mathematics activities. We hope to see you there.

A reminder that next week, NAPLAN begins for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Please ensure that students participating arrive at school on time on the days testing is being conducted.

Kind regards,  
Dan Breen

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Special Principals Award

Recipient:

Gabby H

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Teona D      Anthea L      Kenaisha S

Georgia R      Parama B      Annalise S

Ava H      Anya J      Alula B

Jack McC

### 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

### 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.

### 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](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. 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. 6 students **MUST** be signed out from the main administration office before they are collected from class.

**Years 7 – 10** students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office.

## 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](mailto: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.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 2019



Please join us on Thursday 9 May for a bacon and egg sandwich, fresh fruit, tea and coffee at the Harrison School annual Mother's Day Breakfast.

Breakfast will be served from 8:15am on the junior netball courts, near the library.

Don't forget to wear **pink** and bring \$3 per person for breakfast. All money raised goes towards the National Breast Cancer Foundation.



After breakfast, mums are warmly invited to visit their children's classrooms for maths activities.

## PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Preschool enrolment applications for 2020 will open on Monday 29 April 2019. Please go to the

Education Directorate website or follow the link below for enrolment applications:

[Enrolling in an ACT Public School](#)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Family Reading Time.

Parents, I would like to remind you that the library is open from 8.30am each morning for borrowing. Please come in and take the time to read with your child and help them select books they would like to borrow.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited about the Scholastic Book Fair ! The fair will run from Tuesday 14 May until Friday 24 May. Come along and browse the wonderful selection of books available and by purchasing a book for your child to read and enjoy, you will also help support our library.

**Open – Before school 8.30 -9 am**

**Lunchtime**

**After school 3.00 – 4.00pm**



### Entertainment Book

A reminder that we are taking orders for the Entertainment book 2019. You can purchase it from the school or online by following the link below. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2d6190>



## HARRISON SENIOR TOILETS

Due to ongoing and significant damage to senior toilets over the course of Term 1, toilet facilities are now going to be locked during class time. Students will be able to access the toilet facilities in the

Mulligans building by getting a key from the Senior Front Office. The toilets in the VAST building will be open and free for students to use during both break times. This measure will help ensure that all toilet facilities remain clean and safe for all Harrison School students to use.

## GUNG AHLIN COLLEGE ENROLMENT

Gungahlin College has now been deemed a Category A School by the ACT Education Directorate. This means students enrolling must reside within the Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) including suburbs of Amaroo, Bonner, Casey, Crace, Forde, Franklin, Gungahlin, Hall, Harrison, Jacka, Mitchell, Moncrieff, Ngunnawal, Nicholls, Palmerston, Taylor and Throsby. This rule applies to all programs offered by Gungahlin College.

Students should enrol early within the enrolment period to ensure placement within preferred course areas.



## DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. Last week, I was able to welcome our new Defence School Mentor of the senior school, Zoe Rossiter. Zoe brings with her a wealth of experience through her background in community service and education and has worked in a similar role before.

**Deployments:** At this stage, we are aware that quite a few families have a loved member away on operational deployments/courses and exercises. It is beneficial to your children if you inform us of these changes so that we can provide extra support during this time.

### Coming Up:

Tyler Turtle (Year 1 Students) - Friday 10 May

### DCO Support for ADF Families:

[defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.

[sarah.mcgvain@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.mcgvain@ed.act.edu.au)

Sarah



## DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. The Chill-Out sessions have also recommenced. 5/6 are Wednesday lunch time and **7/10 are now Thursday** lunch time. All groups are held in the Defence Room in the library!!



## HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Multipurpose room near the junior hall 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.



## WOOLWORTHS EARN

### AND LEARN IS BACK!

Through this program, the school can get new educational resources. Stickers will be available from all Woolworth stores until 25 June.

They can be dropped off in the box in the front office or Franklin and Gungahlin Shopping Centres.

If you would like to know more visit:

[woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

## P & C NEWS

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL!

That special day of the year where your children get to thank their mum for everything she does, is coming up on Sunday 12 May.

The P&C are organising a pop-up stall during Week 2 to give children at Harrison School the opportunity to purchase that perfect gift for mum. Gifts will range from \$1 to \$5.

Each class will be allocated a day when they will visit the stall, so the children can be prepared.

Please keep a look out for a letter going home with your child or check out the posts on the P&C Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolP&C>

Thank you

**Harrison School P&C Association**

## **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](#)

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 8:30am – 9:30am.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to our first group of students to receive their rewards for this year. Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward. I encourage you to order your rewards. Please send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card so they can be ordered. Rewards Cards can be located via the following link:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

Our School Banking program has been very successful at Harrison School with both the students and school benefiting from the rewards. The program has been run by two volunteer mums and we are now urgently looking for another two parents to join our team. All training is provided, and no experience is needed, it will only take an hour each Tuesday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kalpana Pothuraju on 0459250097.

Remember, if you would like to participate in the School Banking Program, you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Available in Term 2, we have two new reward items from our 2019 Polar Savers range for students to redeem: Yeti Fluffy Notebook and, Icicle Slapband Ruler.

We also have in stock a number of reward items from previous years that are still available for students to redeem including a Handball, Sparkle Glitter Pens, Zoom Flying Disc, Heat Reactor Pencils and Glow Light. An updated slip is now available at [commbank.com.au/sbc](http://commbank.com.au/sbc) under the section Dollarmites wallet inserts, for you to print, cut and place inside students' Dollarmites deposit wallets to help spread the word. Students can then fill out the slip to redeem one of these rewards if they prefer.

### **ACT PARENTS AND CITIZENS AND THE EDUCATION DIRECTORATE WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS**

*Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning* is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, what is working well or not working well, and who contributes to these? A second workshop with representatives of the P&C Council and the Education Directorate considered the outcomes of the first workshop to help prepare for further conversations with our school community.

We want to make it easy for anyone who wants to have a say to be given the opportunity to be involved. There are two remaining workshops you may wish to attend:

- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm the workshop will explore the key question “*How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?*”.

- In June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times during the day.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend the 9 May or June workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on [Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au](mailto:Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au) or 6205 2912.