



Harrison School Newsletter 22 May 2018

Hello families and community members,

Term 2 brings with it significant transition points for students – Years 6 into 7 and Year 10 into 11. Harrison School looks to support students and their families so that decisions are made in a confident and informed manner.

Year 10 College Enrolments:

Year 10 students have been provided with information on the enrolment process for college and we have been working closely with our feeder college, Gungahlin College to build and sustain a partnership that will benefit our students.

It is important to note that the closing date for college enrolments is Monday 11 June to be included in the first intake of students. Enrolments are completed online and when completing the application students must:

- Indicate if a parent agrees with their college preference
- Provide a sound reason if applying for an 'out of area' college
- Provide their current residential address, which matches that held by the high school
- Indicate general subject preferences

Further information about college enrolments and access to the online enrolment process can be found at <http://www.det.act.gov.au/>

The Gungahlin College Open Night is being held on Thursday 24 May from 5:30 -7:30pm

Year 7 Enrolments 2018

If you have a child that attends a local primary school, lives in area and is interested in attending Harrison School for Year 7 next year, or if you know someone else who is interested in seeking enrolment for Year 7, 2018 applications are now open. All applications for enrolment/transfer are now completed online and can be accessed from our website.

Diary

Term 2 Week 4 NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9 BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 23

- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15 am- Gym
- CANCELLED**
- Yr. 7/8 Bell Shakespeare Performance
- National Simultaneous Storytime
- Yr. 9/10 Bell Shakespeare Performance

Thursday 24

- Kindergarten Wells Station Excursion
- Yr. 6 Combined Band Practice
- Gungahlin College Open Night 5:30pm

Friday 25

- Yrs. 7 - 10 Athletics Carnival
- Racket Roadshow ANZ Tennis Hotshots - Kindergarten , Yrs. 1,2, 4 & 6

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 28 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 29

- Tennis Clinics Kindergarten & Yr. 3/4

Wednesday 30

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- Yr. 5/6 Parliament House Excursion 5/6 KC, JC, SM & JL
- Nth Gungahlin Regional Cross Country Yr 1 - 6

[2018 Calendar](#)



Applications opened Monday 30 April and the first intake of offers will be mailed to families on Monday 2 July.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia participated in the *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy* this week. The assessment task will provide a snapshot of student performance that is used by the school and Education Directorate in analysing performance trends, programs and resourcing. Families will receive individual reports about their children's performance on the test later in the year. Our congratulations and thanks goes to all students for providing their best efforts and their exemplary learning behaviours during the testing periods. Appreciation and thanks is also warranted for the staff that organised, coordinated and administered the testing.

Assessment and Reporting

Harrison School is a community that provides a positive, inclusive and engaging environment which inspires learners to achieve their potential as productive members of the wider community. Continuous and ongoing assessment and feedback to students about their progress is integral to this.

All learning programs are designed to maximise student learning and are aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Harrison School implements extensive systems to determine exactly where students are in their learning and teachers make adjustments and work along with students to stretch their learning further (formative assessment). In addition, teachers make well considered judgements about student achievement at the end of each semester (summative assessment).

Parents are welcomed to engage in their child's learning through a number of personalised and important reporting opportunities:

- Student Lead Conferences (Kindergarten to Year 2)
- Exhibitions of Learning and Digital Portfolios (Years 3-10)
- Mid Semester Reports (Years 5-10)

- Teacher parent conferences on request (Kindergarten to Year 10)
- Individual Learning Program and Achievement Plan meetings (as required)
- Semester Reports (K-10)
- System and school based diagnostic assessments

Harrison School places significant value on Digital Portfolios and Exhibitions of Learning as an authentic, inclusive and information rich method of communicating student learning. A 'save the date' message along with some more detailed information of this important assessment and reporting opportunity can be found later in this newsletter.

If parents would like further information about their child's progress at Harrison they are encouraged to contact their child's homeroom teacher or a member of the school leadership team.

Best Self Day

Last Friday, Year 7 and 8 students participated in our first "Best Self" (Social and Emotional Learning Forum) day. The students rotated through a series of workshops including Coping with Anxiety and Stress, Healthy Me – Fitness focus, Cyber Bullying and Healthy Relationships. We were also fortunate to have community organisations such as Menslink and YWCA work in partnership with us on the day.

It was a highly successful day and ideas, strategies, and learnings from the day will continue to be reinforced throughout the students' timetabled SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) classes. As a follow up to the day, all students will be strongly encouraged to think through and complete their own self care plan. A template for this is included at the end of this newsletter in the hope that parents of 7/8 students will engage with their children around their individual plan.

Kind regards,
Jacqui Ford

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Shaheer K	Hajra I	Grace Z
Lily M	William P	Taniya S
Vicky K	Alina K	Daniel W
Pepper C		

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

ALL students arriving late at school **MUST** sign in at either the main Front office or the Senior office.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Year 7 – 10 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING

Date: Wednesday 27 June

Time: 2:00 – 6:00pm

2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just a reminder that Preschool enrolments for 2019 are now open. Due to the high demand within the school priority enrolment area we advise that you complete the online application as soon as possible. [Online Application](#)

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND



Harrison School has established a special **LIBRARY FUND** to build the school's library and information resources.

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible.** Under our tax laws all donations to public libraries qualify as a tax deduction - our library being in a public school meets this criterion.

This fund gives our school the chance to build a quality reading and reference facility and provide selected electronic information services for our students.

All donations, no matter the amount, are invaluable. The important thing is that they will be used to support your child's education.

If you wish to donate, or if you have a business which may like to consider a gift, we would welcome any contributions.

Donations to the Library Fund can be left at the school office or sent to school with your child. Please complete the attached form.

On behalf of all the students at Harrison School, we thank you for your donation.

Please find the information and form attached or on the school website: Library Fund

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.

Monday 21 - Friday May 25
8.30am - 4.00pm every day

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Books are now available. We have sample books for you to look at in the library and the front office, and we will be selling digital and book memberships during terms 2 & 3. Fantastic value for \$60.

ORDER YOURS HERE!

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

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi



GUNGAHLIN COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 24 May, from 5:30 – 7:30pm

Prospective students and families are invited to come along, hear about our college, chat to staff and

students and tour our facilities.

GUNGAHLIN COLLEGE SMART PROGRAM

If you are interested in applying for the 2019 SMART program, Gungahlin College will have an information session at their open night on Thursday 24 May, 5:30 -7:30pm.

You can find more information about the SMART program on the classroom page and at the links below.

2019 Yr10 SMART Program Google Class code:
1j83cs

SMART Program Website:

http://www.gungahlincollege.act.edu.au/our_curriculum/year_10_smart_program

SMART Program Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Gungahlin-College-SMART-Program-981863965194434/>

ANZ TENNIS HOT SHOT RACQUET ROAD SHOW

On Friday 25 May at 9.30am John Fitzgerald, Tennis Australia and the ANZ will be at our school to present Kindergarten students with brand new tennis racquets.

ANZ's ongoing support of the new school start racquet initiative has already seen 80000 racquets delivered to first year primary students since January 2015, with a further 30000 to be delivered in 2018.

There will be media present at this event and parents are more than welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns please email Farah Atallah at

farah.atallah@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE NEWS

Exciting News!! We have moved into our new room in the school library. All Defence Groups will be held here from this week on!

MWDU: If you have decided to stay in Canberra

whilst a member of your family has been posted to a new locality could you please let us know, as this is something that we can keep track of and report to DCO & DFA with regards to housing and education assistance and the DSTA/DTM roles in Canberra. It is also beneficial to your children if you can inform us of these changes so that we can provide extra support.

Coming Up: RMC Band Visit to Whole School Thursday 5 July.

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



DEFENCE KIDS

ALL DEFENCE GROUPS ARE NOW OPERATING OUT OF THE DEFENCE ROOM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY! Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and the Y3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in Y5/6 the Defence Hang out is NOW Wednesday lunchtimes and 7 – 10 Thursday lunchtimes.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the School Library 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

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



Congratulations to our second group of students to receive their School Banking certificates and rewards – what a great savings effort.

Last week we sent out letters to all our School Banking students who are eligible for a reward and many of you have returned your reward orders, thank you for returning your orders so promptly. The rewards have been ordered and they will be sent to you once they arrive. Please remember that they may take up to two weeks to be delivered to the school. If you have not returned your order, can I encourage you to please order your reward before they run out of the rewards stock, please note the Secret Scratch Notepad is already in short supply.

Don't forget that our Super Savers Grand Prize competition finishes at the end of Term 3 2018! Students will need to have made 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, for their chance to win an unforgettable family trip to Hawaii. Remember School Banking is processed every Wednesday, you just need to keep banking every week to be eligible to enter the competition and to collect your tokens to be eligible for the

rewards – it doesn't really matter how much money you bank, you just need to bank every week.

If you would like to be part of the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop
School Banking Coordinator

BEST SELF DAY

My self care plan 

I can exercise my body by...

I can be a good friend by ...

Important people Who I trust

I can relax my body and mind by...

This is me

I can keep myself clean and tidy by...

I can make myself happy by...

My hopes and dreams...

I can eat healthy foods...