



Harrison School Newsletter 30 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 is obviously a critical period in our schools. Students from all year levels and staff alike are immersed in finalising academic programs and producing and collating evidence of performance and growth, whilst the events calendar goes to another level. For year 10 students this period is even more poignant as it is their final term at Harrison School prior to making the next important transition in their lives. I would call upon all of year 10 to enjoy the time they have left, but also to remain focussed on the job at hand and continue to work with teachers to hone those skills and habits which will allow success at the next level.

We currently have a number of preservice teachers working alongside our staff in a number of the P-6 classrooms. We thoroughly enjoy mentoring our future educators, watching them form relationships within our community and relish the discussions as we reflect on our own practice and educational directions.

From a strategic perspective, it is also the time when we draw together the available data and evidence in evaluating our progress against the 2018 School Action Plan and design the next improvement levers to guide our work into 2019 and beyond. The Harrison executive staff will be utilising some valuable time together off campus this week to reflect, analyse what the data gathered is telling us about our student's performance and looking towards structures, processes and procedures for 2019 embedded in the optimal environment for growth in student outcomes.

Australian of the Year 2019 ACT Local Hero Nominee

We are thrilled with the recent announcement that our very own Executive Teacher Juliet Moody is one of the ACT nominees for the 2019 Australian of the Year – local hero.

Juliet Moody is the founder of the Fearless Initiative, a charity that uses comedy as a platform to provide hope for victims of family violence.

Diary

Term 4 Week 3 BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 30

- Yr. 7 – 10 Exhibitions of Learning 3:00-7:00pm

Wednesday 31

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym

Thursday 1

- ACT Nowaste Recycling Discovery Hub & Resource Centre Excursion Yr. 3/4DB & HK

- Yr. 9/10 Business Studies Market Day 1:00 – 1:50pm

Friday 2

- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:20pm

Term 4 Week 4 BOOK FAIR HARRISON ART SHOW

Monday 5

- Yr. 3/4 GWS Giants Science Show
- Kindergarten Orientation Program 1:00 - 3:00pm Group 2 (New Students)

Tuesday 6

- Kindergarten Orientation Program 1:00 - 3:00pm Group 1 (New Students)

Wednesday 7

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- 2019 Preschool Information Session 9:00 – 11:30am

2018 Calendar

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



Juliet started the Fearless Initiative to mark 10 years of freedom from her own experience with family violence. She is passionate about sending the message that there is life after family violence, and that confidence and identity can be reclaimed.

Through her work, Juliet demonstrates that comedy is about more than making people laugh – it's also about shining a light in dark places to help shape the community we want to be part of.

In her drive to create a better community, Juliet leads other comedians in uniting against family violence. In 2016 the inaugural Fearless Comedy Gala raised over \$30,000 for the Domestic Violence Crisis Service and is now an annual feature. Year-round, Juliet advocates and fundraises for family violence victims, including through organising fundraising events, such as Stand Up Against Violence.

Congratulations on your nomination Juliet. It is an amazing and well deserved recognition of all of your dedication and inspiration for the benefits of others and our community as a whole.

Excellence in Instrumental Music Education

Congratulations to Harry Francois a student who has been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2018. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music. Harry will be representing Harrison school in the ACT Junior Concert Band.

The ACT Junior Concert Band will be undertaking a three day tour to the Albury district performing 6 concerts in regional schools as well as working with the Conservatorium musicians.

This is a great achievement Harry.

World Teacher Day

The 26 October marked World Teacher Day. The staff at the school were blown away with the meaningful gesture of thanks in the form of lunch platters made by the P&C on behalf of all students and their families. It was so lovely to be acknowledged and the thought was greatly appreciated by staff. We love our work, the students

and the community of Harrison and we are lucky we get to come to such a supportive and collegial community every day.

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

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.

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.

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.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Special Principals Award

Recipients:

Anabela S

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Jasmin P	Ayaaz A	Ava F
Viviane W	Shrey G	Ella G
Frank H	William C	Addison S
Stanley D	Harrison K	Myra A
Rosie L	Benjamin S	Ankushdeep M
Justin H	Louis P	Alina K
Brady H	Aarushi G	Manuka W – D
Emaan A	Manyang T	Declar H
Vidhi P	Inara A	William P
Finn B	Silvia P	Ella W
Phoebe G	Jahaan S	Zacharie Z
Tahlia K	Aimee F	Ahmed F
Amelia F		

COLOUR FUN RUN REMINDER

Just a reminder that Colour Fun Run notes are due back now.

Colour Fun Run Date: Thursday 15 November

OPTION 1 – T-shirts has now **CLOSED**.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

The next Harrison School Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30 October 2018**. The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board. hsbparentrep@outlook.com

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](#). A hard

copy will be sent out to all students this week. For information on how to order please see the attached document.

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

- Book Fair: Tues 30 – Fri 9 Nov
- Harrison School Art Show: Wed 7 – Fri 9 Nov
- Preschool Information Session: Wed 7 Nov
- Remembrance Day Service: Fri 9 Nov
- 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

For more detailed information please see the school Calendar on the website: [2018 Calendar](#)

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.

Tuesday October 30 - Friday November 9

8.30am - 4.00pm every day

Thursday November 1 and November 8

OPEN until 6.00pm!

Other Languages

We are still trying to increase our collection of books in other languages. If you have any children's books you would like to donate, we would love to accept them. We are also looking for volunteers to help us translate title information for some of the books we already have, especially Chinese, Korean, Thai and Indonesian. If you think you can help please drop in to see us in the library.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

HARRISON ART SHOW

The Harrison School Art Show will be held in Week 4 of this term from Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 November. The Art Show will be open to students, parents and carers on Thursday evening 8 October between 5:00 and 7:00pm.

Please come along and support this event. There will be light snacks and a choir performance. Works to be displayed will be confirmed before the end of the week.

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 will be available from the front office from Wednesday 31 October. Tickets will be \$2.00 per person. Students who are performing do NOT require a ticket.

Please Note: Lost tickets can NOT be replaced.

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

MUSIC COUNT US IN

Come along to watch our amazing music groups across the school perform in Week 3 for Music Count Us In!

Please see the attached timetable or on the website link below:

[Music Count Us In – Timetable Term 4 Week 3 2018](#)



DEFENCE NEWS

Christmas Care Parcels- 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.

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

Coming Up:

- Remembrance Day Service – Friday 9 November
- Defence Students' Farewells – Tues 13 and Wed 14 November
- 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

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 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.

CHRISTMAS CARE PARCELS FOR DEPLOYED PERSONNEL



This is an opportunity for Harrison Families to show pride in our Australian Defence Forces.

Harrison School wishes to send Christmas Care Parcels to deployed personnel over the 2018 Christmas Period!

We are seeking donations by Wednesday 14 November. Donations are to be left at the main office or given to classroom teachers. Please see the attached flyer for further details and suggestions or on the School website at: [Christmas Care Parcels Information](#)

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.

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](#)