



Harrison School Newsletter March 19

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week seven. It seems like this term is moving very quickly with no sign of slowing down as we have quite a few activities planned over the next four weeks right across the school.

This week, we will be celebrating Harmony Day with an assembly which is planned for this Wednesday at 9:15am in the gym. As Harrison is such a wonderfully culturally diverse school, Harmony Day provides us an excellent opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate what makes our community so unique. We encourage students to come to school on Wednesday in their national dress as this really contributes to making the day special.

In further Harmony Day news, members of the hOPE Choir, a singing, dancing and drumming troupe from Uganda have a planned visit to the school on Tuesday as a part of our Harmony Day celebrations. They bring with them a message of hope which they integrate into their entertaining and energetic performances.

It was so lovely to see everyone turn out looking their best for school photos last week. Coordinating a school the size of Harrison to get their photos taken is no small undertaking and I would like to acknowledge Trish Coghlan and her amazing effort in making sure we were all photographed during the week.

Next week marks the beginning of the Aqua Safe program for our Year 2 students. The Aqua Safe program is a water awareness program that is run both at the school in the form of lessons around the dangers present in waterways as well as at Gungahlin Leisure Centre. Here, students will be given practical training around how to stay safe in water. If your child is in Year 2 and you have yet to return permission notes, please contact the front office as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the

Term 1 Week 7 2019

Tuesday 19

- Secondary North ACT Girls Basketball 8:30am
- hOPE Children's Choir Incursion 9:15am
- Pre-school Nutrition Magician Incursion PMT-CD, PMT-BD, PMT-ER

Wednesday 20

- Harmony Day Whole School Assembly 9:15am
- Christian Education Kindergarten – Yr. 6 11:30am

Thursday 21

- Kindergarten to Yr. 2 Assembly - For Certificates only 9:15am
- Preschool Nutrition Magician Incursion PTF-CD, PTF-JC, PTF-BZ

Term 1 Week 8 2019

TOMIO DAISAN SCHOOL VISIT
YR.2 AQUA SAFE PROGRAM

Tuesday 26

- Secondary North ACT Boys Basketball 8:30am

[2019 Calendar](#)

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



processes around raising concerns with the school. We acknowledge that there may be times when things happen that may raise concerns that need to be addressed here at school. We ask that the first point of contact that you make is with your child's teacher. Your child's classroom teacher knows your child well and can point you in the right direction if further support is required. Aside from that, each learning area has a team leader that is contactable either by phone or email and their contact details are available on our website. If you feel that a matter warrants it, our deputy principals and principals are also able to be contacted and their details are on the school website. If for any reason that you feel unsatisfied with the school's response, the Directorate provides a key contact for parents, students and the community to raise their concerns. The contact details are as follows.

Phone: [\(02\) 6207 3723](tel:0262073723)

Email: familiesandstudents@act.gov.au

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

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

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

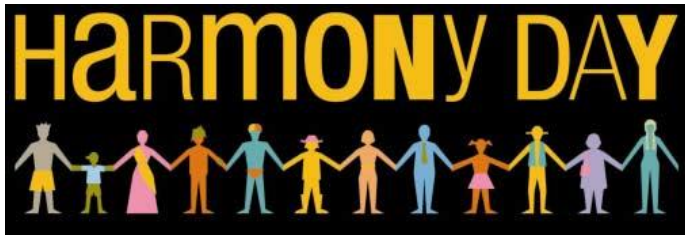
YELLOW coloured zones are for Disabled parking

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 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.



HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2019

Harmony Day is a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is that **'Everyone Belongs'**, which means that all Australians are a welcome part of our country regardless of their background. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia such a great place to live.

Harrison School will come together to celebrate Harmony Day with a Whole School Assembly, commencing at 9.15am on Wednesday 20th March 2019.

Students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or something orange to school on the day.

It is our hope that many parents and families attend our special assembly to participate in the day's celebrations. Parents are invited to return to their child's class to share their cultural stories, games, songs and traditions with the students after the assembly.

Harmony Day celebrations will continue during March and throughout the year, within classrooms. We encourage any parents who would like to share their traditions and culture to contact classroom teachers.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club.

A reminder that all orders for issue 2 are due by Friday 22 March.

Entertainment Book.

The Entertainment book is a great way to support our library. The book contains many vouchers that give great discounts on dining, entertainment, travel and more!

Thank you for your support.



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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education for Kindergarten – Yr. 6 for Term 1 will be held on Wednesday 20 March.

EUROPE TRIP 2019 FUNDRAISER-FRENCH MOVIE



You may (or may not) know that Harrison School is running its first ever trip to Europe this October. We have 18 excited students from Years 8-10 visiting France and Italy for two weeks. We'd like to invite you and family, friends and colleagues to the cinema to help raise money for our trip to Europe by coming to the cinema for a lovely evening out!!

- Movie Night Fundraiser at Palace Electric Cinema, New Acton
- Thursday 11 April at 6.30 pm
- Tickets \$25 each

For tickets or questions, contact;

Andrea.kemp@ed.act.edu.au

Clare.warwick@ed.act.edu.au

Dylan.smedley@ed.act.edu.au

Thanks for your support and hope to see you there!!



Monday March 25

Harrison School is excited to be offering Yr 2. students the opportunity to acquire essential life skills in water safety and survival through Royal Life Saving ACT. Please parents, ensure you have returned your signed permission note, medical consent form and have made payment to Royal Lifesaving through their website. Notes went home yesterday regarding what your child needs to bring each day for the duration of the program.



DEFENCE NEWS

Soldier On works side by side with those who have served and continue to serve our nation, and their families, to help secure their future. By strengthening resilience and developing meaningful connections with family members, mates, and the local community through a diverse range of health and wellbeing services, employment opportunities, learning and education programs, and participation in community, social, and sporting activities. Activities coming up include: Wellbeing Wednesdays, Yoga Classes, Music Sessions. For further information and to register your interest please email act@soldieron.org.au.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Sarah

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

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



DEFENCE KIDS

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



HARRISON HEARTS

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 Defence Room in the library 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.

P & C NEWS

Thanks to all those who were at the meeting or who emailed their willingness to volunteer to us.

At the AGM we heard from the outgoing president and treasurer on the last year. We had a year focussed on building the community and streamlining operations rather than fundraising. Despite this, the association still made a profit - which was used to support a donation to the school. We have also earmarked \$50,000 to give to the school to build a multi-purpose sports area in the senior playground. All positions were declared vacant.

The following people were elected to the Executive Positions:

President - Katherine Larkings

Vice-president - Joanne Aubertin

Secretary - Raewyn Tweedle

Treasurer - Kylie Stewart

Minutes Secretary - Bronwyn Hill (back up Oliva Wenholz)

We also selected co-ordinators for various activities:

Communications - Penny Thompson support by Rachel Armstrong and Qarat Tariz

Uniform Shop - Noni van den Boogaardt

Community Morning Tea - Janette Cass-Dunbar

P&C Delegate - Norma Yap-Dhanoa and Mez

Events Co-ordinator (renamed from fundraising) - Noni van den Boogaardt

Preschool Representative - Qarat Tariz

The Grants co-ordinator and Twilight Fair Co-ordinator remain unfilled. These will be advertised through the year.

The next P&C meeting will be the 13th May at 7pm in the library.

The committee also approved budgets for the events co-ordinator for the following events in Term 2:

1. Mother's Day Stall
2. Election Day event/stall
3. School disco

Dates for these to be determined.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their efforts in the last year.

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](#)

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