



Harrison School Newsletter 14 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 3, term two. Last week saw the community celebration of Mother's Day. Our thanks go to the P and C for organising and coordinating the Mother's Day stall. I hope everyone enjoyed their children's purchases 😊. It was fabulous to see so many families at our annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Thursday and we thank the staff and local Rotary for their organisation, time and effort. It was a great morning and the students loved showing their mums some Mathematics activities in their classes after the breakfast. Thanks to all those who braved the cold and attended the celebrations.

NAPLAN testing for years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be rolled out this week through a range of classes. NAPLAN is designed as a mechanism for providing high quality diagnostic information on student literacy and numeracy. The information gathered allows teachers to differentiate and personalise learning as it highlights students' strengths and areas for development. We encourage students to do their best, without overthink or stressing, as the tests are useful and provide staff, students and their families with helpful information. Please remind your children in year 7 and 9 of the following:

- They need to bring a fully charged laptop to school all week
- They need to bring headphones
- They have been allocated rooms for NAPLAN and the roll lists are up for their access
- Any student who is exempt from NAPLAN will have an alternate timetable.

There are important dates coming up for families wishing to enrol their child at Harrison School for 2020. All applications for enrolment/transfer are completed online and can be accessed via the enrolment section of the Education Directorate website. The website also contains important

Term 2 Week 3 2019

NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9

Wednesday 15

- P – 6 Assembly 9.15am

Term 2 Week 4 2019

NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9

Wednesday 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

Term 2 Week 5 2019

Tuesday 28

- Deadly Mob Excursion 9:00am – 2:30pm

Wednesday 29

- Primary Nth/Gungahlin Cross Country 8:30am

Thursday 30

- Secondary North Region Cross Country Yr.7-10
- Reconciliation Day Assembly 9:15 - 10:15am

Friday 31

- 10 – 12 Years Athletics Carnival

2019 Calendar

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



information on enrolment processes, including Priority Enrolment Areas. Please note that Harrison is currently listed as a Category A school. These schools are generally only able to accept students from the priority enrolment area, as well as siblings of students enrolled concurrently, primarily due to capacity. Applications opened on Monday 29 April and will close on Friday 7 June.

The 7-10 area of the school are pleased to welcome Mrs Kate Cunningham to our team. Kate is our new substantive Deputy Principal for the 7-10 section of the school. Kate comes to us most recently from Calwell High School and she brings with her a wealth of expertise and skill in student wellbeing and teaching & learning. We are thrilled to be working with her and she will be working hard to get to know our school community, students and families in the coming months.

Kind regards,
Jacqui Ford

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

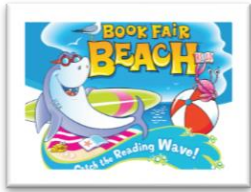
other relevant information such as parked in a no parking area.

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



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 -9:00 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>



This year NSS takes place on **Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 11:00am (AEST)** and we would love it if you could join us by sharing, **Alpacas with Maracas** written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove.

Families are invited to come in on this morning and listen to the story before school.



ACT UP! STUDENT FRINGE FESTIVAL

Tickets are now available for families who would like to watch their child perform in the Fringe Festival, which is being held on 4 June 2019. Tickets are \$20 plus \$5.95 booking fee per transaction.

To purchase tickets, follow the link below:

<https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/show/act-up-student-fringe-festival/>

Students are currently rehearsing for the Festival. Permission notes will be distributed shortly.

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.

GUNGALIN 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.

ACT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Last week, we had students compete at the ACT 12&U and 13&O Swimming Championships at the AIS Aquatic centre. On Monday, the following students competed at the 12&U Championship - Will C, Jaidi B, Ethan C, Ethan P and Khan W. Congratulations to Khan W for placing 3rd in the 11 year 50m Backstroke.

On Wednesday, the following students competed at the 13&O Championship - Sarah T, Abbey S and Meg S. Congratulations to the girls for the following results: Sarah T 3rd in 16 year 100m Butterfly, 2nd 16 year 100m Backstroke and 2nd 16 year 50m Backstroke; Abbey S 2nd 13/14 year 200m Freestyle, 1st 13 year 50m Freestyle, 1st 13 year 200m IM, 1st 13 year 100m Backstroke, 1st 13 year 50m Butterfly, 1st 13 year 100m Freestyle, 1st 13 year 50m Backstroke; Meg S 1st 16 year 50m Freestyle, 1st 16 year 200m IM, 1st 16 year 100m Backstroke, 1st 16 year 100m Freestyle, 1st 16 year 50m Backstroke, 1st 16 year 200m Freestyle. A big congratulations to Abbey and Meg who both broke an ACT record on the day.

Congratulations also to our High School students who competed at the North Region Swimming competition last term. Harrison School was the overall points score winner for the day.



SECONDARY ACT TOUCH FINALS DAY

Last Thursday, our Y9/10 Girls' Touch team competed at the Secondary ACT Touch Finals day. It was a great day out for all and the teams were very competitive with the following results: 1st game v Melrose won 4-0, 2nd game v Daramalan lost 3-5, 3rd

game v St Mary Mackillop won 5-3, 4th game v Belconnen High won 8-1. The girls made it to the semi-final and only narrowly lost in extra time 4-3. Congratulations to the following team members: Abbey S, Isabella H, Rebecca W, Ariel M, Sophie D, Livvy G, Erin V, Caitlin B, Charli S, Meg S and Eliza V.



SECONDARY ACT BASKETBALL FINALS DAY

On the Friday of Week 1 this term, our Y7/8 boys' team competed at the Secondary ACT Basketball Finals day. The team played well together and had a very successful day. Results from the day were: 1st game v Orana won 21-11, 2nd game v Melrose 28-10, 3rd game v Lyneham lost 12-8. The boys then played Lyneham again in the Grand Final and lost a thrilling game. Well done to the boys for finishing second in the ACT. Members of the team were: Nathaniel S, Antony S, Thomas P, Arjun R, Radman V, Johannes B, Luke K, Lewis F, Abyan S.



DEFENCE NEWS

If there is a change in your circumstances or a loved member is away on courses, exercises or operational deployments please be sure to let us know so that we can support your children through this time.

Coming Up:

Defence Families' Dinner (WK 8/9). Stay tuned for more details!

Defence Morning Tea – Monday 1 July 9:00am in the Defence Room.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au

or 1800 624 608.

Sarah and Zoe

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

or

zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that 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 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.



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

CLOSURE OF MACDONALD'S SCHOOLWEAR GUNGAHLIN

As of 16 May, school uniforms will not be available for purchase at Macdonald's Schoolwear in Gungahlin. Lowes and Macdonald's Schoolwear will consolidate into one store location in Gungahlin, known as:

Lowes/Savvy Gungahlin Shop 60, The Marketplace GUNGHALIN ACT 2912 PH: 02 6221 6110

<https://www.savvyschoolwear.com.au/>

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

Our School Banking program has been very successful at Harrison School with both the students and school benefitting 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 under the section Dollarmite's 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:

- 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 June workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912.