



Harrison School Newsletter 13 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 1. As we commence our second week of the school year, it is wonderful to note the energy and enthusiasm that children have brought to their new classroom spaces. As I have walked from classroom to classroom, the conversations had with children have communicated their excitement for new learning and friendships this year.

I extend a warm welcome to new students and families to Harrison and trust that our community (parents, teachers and students) has made your transition to our site a smooth, informative and happy experience. Please be reminded that our Defence Transition Support Aides are available and accessible to all Defence families and can support children and families to become connected and familiar with our large school site.

In my role as Deputy of the P-2 sub school, I have recently enjoyed time spent with our new families within the Kindergarten learning community (Wednesday of Week 1). At this Information Evening, teachers presented and discussed our collaborative approach to literacy and the vital role that parents will share in consolidating learning at home. Parents were additionally able to visit classrooms and receive additional information on programs and practices that will support English, Mathematics and Inquiry learning.

Tonight the combined teams in Years 1-4 were able to discuss teaching and learning directions in the 1/2 and 3/4 areas of the school and communicate important information about the Year 3/4 Camp program. We thank all parents for their attendance and all staff for their collaborative planning and delivery of the Information sessions. Term Overviews will be distributed to families at the end of this week. These documents articulate the curriculum priorities and scheduled events for the term.

Diary

Term 1 Week 2

Tuesday 13

- Yr. 1/2 & Yr. 3/4 Information Session 5:45pm - Hall
- Yr. 3/4 Camp Information Session 6:30pm - Hall

Wednesday 14

- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8/9&10 Alan Tongue Program

Thursday 15

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Yr. 5/6 Information Session 5:30pm – Senior PATS Bldg.
- Yrs. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30pm - Senior PATS Bldg.

Friday 16

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics

Term 1 Week 3

Kindergarten PIPS

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know you Interviews

Tuesday 20

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Yr. 10 P.A.R.T.Y Program

Wednesday 21

- Preschool – Yr.4 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8/9&10 Alan Tongue Program

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

[2018 Calendar](#)



Our first P-4 assembly will occur on Wednesday of Week 3 at 9.15am. Please join us in the Gymnasium as we celebrate student achievement, hear important messages from our junior school leaders and look a little deeper into an aspect of classroom learning from our host class.

PIPS testing will commence in Week 3 for all Kindergarten students. Information has been distributed to families to explain the scope of this online assessment. Families will receive individual reports later in the term that provide advice on student performance in Reading and Numeracy.

Meet and Greet interviews will be scheduled in Weeks 3 to 5. Please take the opportunity to book an appointment with your classroom teacher to share important information that will inform future teaching and learning directions for your child. These occasions additionally provide opportunities for families, teachers and students to work collaboratively on goal setting. Please give some thought to what you would like to see your child develop, strengthen and succeed at over the course of this year.

We look forward to continuing the learning journey with you throughout 2018.

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HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We have two parent and two staff positions that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2018. Nominations for the Harrison School Board open at 11:00am on **Monday 5 February** and close at 11:00am on **Monday 19 February**.

If you wish to nominate for the school board and would like to know what the position entails please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Holmes.

The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board.

hsbparentrep@outlook.com

DATES FOR TERM 1 2018

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday 13 February

Yr.1/2 & 3/4 combined Information Session 5:45 – 6:30pm - Hall

Yr. 3/4 Camp Information Session 6:30-7:00pm - Hall

Thursday 15 February

Yr. 5/6 Information Session 5:30 – 6:30pm - Senior PATS Building

Yr. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30 – 7:30pm - Senior PATS Building

Year 3/4 2018 Camp Information Session

The Year 3/4 2018 Camp Information Session will be held on Tuesday 13 February at 6:30pm following the Yr. 3/4 Information Session in the Hall. The Year 3/4 2018 Camp will be held in Week 10 of Term 1.

2018 Aquatic Carnivals - Dates

Carnivals are always early in the beginning of the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 26 February, Big Splash Macquarie. All classes Yr. 5 -10, aquatic activities all day
- **Harrison Swimming Carnival** – Tuesday 6 March, at the AIS
For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers. Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m
- **Please complete permission slips and medical notes and return to the school.**

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: Students Name and Excursion details.

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 the students 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 and receive a green slip before collecting students from their class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office. Parents must receive an electronic slip before collecting students from class.

HARRISON UKULELE PROJECT

When: Wednesdays 8.15am (starting 21 February, Term 1 Week 3)

Where: Music Room in the Library

What to bring: Ukulele from home if you have one otherwise we can provide you with one

Who: Everyone welcome!

If you have any questions please email Ms Aksila-
laura.aksila@ed.act.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a good holiday and read some great books!

Borrowing Limits – Pre-school - 1 book; Kinder and Year 1&2 - 2 books; Year 3&4 - 4 books; Year 5-10 - 6 books.

Library Hours – the library is open from 8.30 – 8.55am, 1.10 – 1.50 every lunchtime and between 2.50 - 3.15pm.

Volunteers - we are always looking for volunteers in the library, for shelving (between 9.00-9.30 is fabulous), covering books (anytime), and sorting lost property (weekly or fortnightly). Please come and see us if you would like to help in our library.

Book Club – Issue 1 has gone out last week. Orders are due by NEXT FRIDAY - February 23rd. Please put your order and money in a labeled envelope and return to the class teacher or the library. You may pay by cash (exact amount please) or LOOP, the online payment system at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Family Borrowing – families are eligible for their own barcodes which allow you to borrow library resources, including from our community section. If you don't have one already, please visit or phone the library to organise one.

Library Bags – each child in Pre School to Year 2 is required to have a library bag to be able to borrow books. Not only do they protect our books, but also usually prevent books from going missing! We sell Harrison School library bags in the front office for \$3, but any bag will do – even supermarket bags.



Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Nola Zorzi Pamela Gaukroger



DEFENCE NEWS

Well, week 1 just flew by. We hope that all children are settling in well. We are trying to get around to meet all our new defence students in the next couple of weeks. Please, if you have any concerns about your child/ren settling in, let us know so that we can prioritise visits if required.

This week we will be sending out a welcome email to all defence families that we have email addresses for. If you don't receive one or no longer wish to be on our mailing list could you

please let us know.

Our Term 1 Defence Dinner for parents ONLY will be on Thursday 22 March @ Raiders Club Gungahlin, more information will be emailed out shortly.

DSTA: available Mon – Wed and Friday during school hours. 8:50 – 2:30

DTM: available Mon – Thurs, during school hours 8:50 – 2:30

Sarah and Emma

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au or

emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au

Coming Up:

Defence Welcome Dinner – Raiders Club Gungahlin 7:00pm.

ANZAC Day Service – Thursday 12 April 9:15am in the gym.



DEFENCE KIDS

K-4 Activity groups recommenced this week. We have been playing outside using balls, skipping ropes and elastics. The 5-10 Chill Out session will be advertised down the senior end of the school.



HARRISON HEARTS

New day and time!!! Come to the Multi-purpose room near the junior hall on Monday mornings between 9am and 11am. We would love to have you join us 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

The Harrison School P & C Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 28**

February at 7:00pm in the Library. If you would like to nominate for a position on the P&C please email:

secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

ALL parents welcome.

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](#)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand uniform shop will be open on Friday 16 February from 8:30-9:30am.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT RESORATIVE ACTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Late last year some Harrison students made a poor choice in relation to their behaviour. I am very grateful to parents who followed the incident up to help ensure that their children understood the implications of their actions. While we are all aware that sometimes poor decisions can happen, what people do to fix things up following those decisions is often a good sign of their character and community spirit. Below is an apology to our community as part of the 'fixing up' process that I was very pleased to receive. I am also very grateful to our community members who reported the incident and to the parents who followed it up with their children – there is real strength in community.

We are really sorry for letting off the fire extinguisher near the school and understand that it affects the school's reputation since we were in our school uniform. It was very disrespectful to everyone who lives in that street to do something so dangerous and messy. I knew that it was wrong and should have stopped the boy that let it off but I didn't and for that I am very sorry. I am very proud of this school and I'm sorry that I damaged the reputation of the school and the students. I promise to never do anything like this again and if I see someone that does I will stop them next time.