



Harrison School Newsletter 10 April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of Term 1! It's been great watching students grow academically and socially during the term and seeing them involved in high quality learning opportunities in and out of the school. As you may have gleaned from the last couple of newsletter articles, we've had a focus on literacy across the school during the term (which will continue throughout the year). I've enjoyed 'ducking' into some of our junior classrooms in particular and seeing the enthusiasm and confidence being shown by students in developing their literacy skills and I've been impressed by the commitment of teachers who have been attending targeted literacy professional learning to ensure their skills, knowledge and understandings continue to grow. We also have an exciting day of learning focused on the Australian Curriculum for all teachers in the first week of the term break.

We've had students achieving great things out of the classroom also. Harry F, Ella H and Michaela T have all been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2018 (which is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music). The ensembles will perform at school, community and directorate events throughout the year and some groups also participate in interstate and overseas tours. I will also congratulate students from the senior band on their awesome performance at the Raiders game last week. The rumour is they played so well that it inspired the Raiders to beat the Bulldogs! Three of our student leaders, Mayurica J, Arnav K and Hong C represented Harrison at a Rail Ready Campaign Media Launch with Minister Fitzharris last week and are now in a position to be school ambassadors for light rail safety. While on student leaders, I was very excited to meet with ours last week to discuss the topic of school pride. They were all very articulate and able to express their concerns and ideas about increasing school pride - I am really looking forward to continuing to work with them around this topic.

Diary

Term 1 Week 10

Wednesday 11

- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 2
Departs 8:30am
3/4TW,PG,DF,SV,HK,FE,SA &MP
- Whole School Assembly 9:15 am- Gym
- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 1
Return approx. 3:30pm
- Combined Regions 13&O Swimming
Competition

Thursday 12

- **ANZAC DAY Assembly 9:15am-Gym**

Friday 13 Last Day Term 1

- Yr.9 Introduction to College
Presentation
- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 2
Return approx. 3:30pm

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 30

- Day 1 Term 2
- 2019 Enrolments open on ACT
Education website

Wednesday 2 May

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15 am-
Gym
- North Canberra Yr. 7-10 Oztag Gala
Day

Thursday 3

- ACT 13&O Basketball Finals

Friday 4

- Yr.5-10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:00pm

[2018 Calendar](#)



In the last newsletter you learned that Mrs Hill was taking on the role of Years 3-6 Deputy Principal while Mrs Cansdell takes some leave. There will also be some other leadership changes in the Years 3-6 team as we select a 3/4 Team Leader to backfill Mrs Hill and to replace Ms Simsen, who has been successful in winning a position in the Network Student Engagement Team. We are currently in the process of selecting our new leaders and I will be able to let you know who they are early next term.

As has been mentioned in earlier newsletters, Harrison School turns 10 this year. We have been a bit slow getting going with celebrations but do have a few things pencilled in for Terms 2, 3 and 4. If you are interested in helping out with planning or ideas for events, please send me an email (jason.holmes@ed.act.edu.au) indicating your interest.

I know we introduced our new School Board members to our community in last week's newsletter and along with welcoming them and being excited about the contributions I know they will make, I'd also like to take time to thank outgoing officers Kylie Stewart (Parent rep & Board Chair), Rachel Kane (Staff rep) and Alana Jenkins (Student rep) for their excellent contributions as School Board members.

I thought I'd change focus a little this week and share some highlights from an article from Parenting Ideas about helping children achieve sustained school success.

1. Communicate with school

Familiarise yourself with your child's class teacher(s) and be sure to communicate early any concerns regarding your child's experience at school to the class teacher as soon as you become aware of them.

2. Give organisational tools to support success

Children thrive on routine and being able to visually see what is happening in the school week ahead. Creating a family calendar, whiteboard or wall chart that is visible can be helpful, as can be setting up a communication tub where your child can place any

notes they bring home, forms that need signing or books to be checked for home learning.

3. Prepare for a successful day ahead

Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep (children should be averaging around 8 to 12 hours of sleep each night) - reading before bedtime can be a helpful way to end the day and set the scene for a good night's rest. The best way to set up a successful day is for your child to eat a healthy breakfast and take a nutritious and balanced lunch.

4. Make time to chat about school

Keep the lines of communication open with your child - ask them questions about their day and look for any signs that they might be experiencing any concerns, particularly social issues. Remind your child that you are always available to listen. At the end of dinner time each evening you could ask each family member: "What went well for you today?"

5. Assist with friendships

Making and maintaining friends is an important aspect of your child's school life. Ask your child regularly about the friends they are making at school, who they are playing with and how they are interacting with others. Get to know your child's friends where possible and look for opportunities to grow your child's social experiences.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable term break.

Jason

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Mahriz C	Priyanka S	Aiza T
Charlotte V	Manuka W	Edward H
Delaney P	Chuti Y	Aiden L
Josie M	Elmore W	

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.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

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

EXCURSION/CAMP 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.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Entertainment Books

Don't forget the Entertainment Books are launched **THIS THURSDAY!** If you order before then not only will you receive the book with thousands of dollars of savings in time for the

school holidays, you will also receive **up to \$200** of bonus Early Bird Offers. The books will be sent home with your child on Friday. We have a sample book for you to look at in the library, and we will be selling them during terms 2 & 3.

ORDER YOURS HERE!

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

Lost Property

All un-named non-uniform items will be donated to clothing bins at the end of this week. If you have lost something please send your child to the library to look through the lost property box. PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING, LUNCH BOXES AND DRINK BOTTLES so we can return missing items back to your children.

Overdue Books

Please remind your child to return any overdue books this week so they will be able to borrow more for the holidays.

E-Books

All Harrison students have access to over 7000 e-book and audiobooks that are a part of our library collection. Most students have been taught how to access them, but feel free to pop into the library if you would like to be guided through the process.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

PARKING SAFELY AROUND SCHOOLS

REMEMBER TO PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY AROUND SCHOOLS

Every day across Canberra, parents are parking illegally in school zones and putting all kids in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2018, if you keep doing it, you will get caught and you will be fined. Check out this short video – [Parking safely around schools](#)



THINK BEFORE YOU PARK...AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE - MAKE PARKING SAFETY A PRIORITY!

Please:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park.

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

CROSSING SUPERVISOR NOTE



To everyone that uses the school crossing that I am supervising.

My last afternoon shift will be on Friday 13 April, the last day of term one (1).

I would like to "THANK YOU" all for being so friendly,

polite and respectful during my time as your crossing supervisor.

I have really enjoyed having you all using my crossing this term, sharing your day and all of your individual achievements. I will miss hearing about your day and watching, with pleasure, the scooter and running races between you all along the footpath to be the first to greet me, leaving Mum or Dad following way behind! I think that you all get faster every day! It certainly makes my day more pleasurable!



Kids:- Remember to wait at "Ned" and listen for the two (2) whistles, then it's safe to cross!

Drivers:- Please remember that IT IS a 40km Zone all day.



Please be mindful of your speed and the STOP sign.



My Mum always said to me:- "It's nice to be important but more important to be nice"!

Enjoy your holidays and always stay safe!

Kind Regards

Ness (the crossing supervisor)



DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome to our new Defence family that started here with us this week, we hope that you are all settling in well and making new friends.

Please remember that this Thursday is our Anzac Day Service in the school Gym we would love to see as many of you there as possible. 5/6 AH and MO would love your support.

We wish you all a wonderful break with your families and for those that are about to experience deployments you are in our thoughts and if we can be of any assistance to you or your families please contact us.

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

Coming Up:

- ANZAC Day Service – Thursday 12 April
9.15am in the gym.



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. We would love to see your children there!



HARRISON HEARTS

New day and time!!! 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 multi-purpose 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.

SCHOOL BANKING



Wow week 10 – nearly school holidays again. We have had a great start to School Banking this year with some new students joining the program and some students already receiving some rewards. What a great effort from everyone!

We have had a delay with the last group of rewards ordered and I'm not sure if they will arrive before the end of the week – I hope so. If they don't they will be sent out to you as soon as we receive them – apologies for the delay.

We will have two more exciting reward items for next term – Sparkle Glitter Pens and also a Glow Light.

We hope you all have a great holiday and look forward to more fabulous savings next term. 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.

Happy holidays

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

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](#)

ROAD CLOSURES

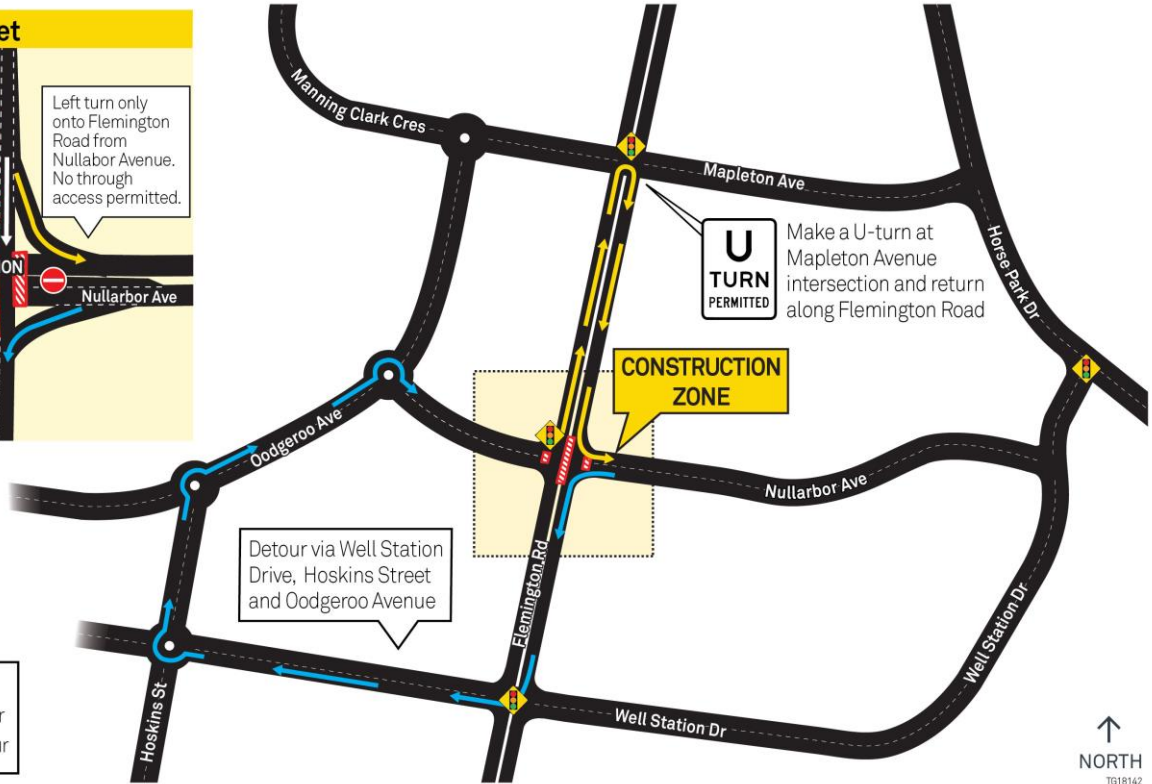
Please see the map on the next page.

ROAD CLOSURES



Nullarbor Avenue Intersection Closure Map

Intersection Inset



Legend

- Eastbound detour
- Westbound detour

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