



Harrison School Newsletter 14 August 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Week

This week is National Science Week. Harrison School is joining in the celebrations. From Year 5-10 there will be daily homerooms quizzes, lunchtime experiments and competitions including Wednesdays Marshmallow Bazooka competition and lunchtime trivia moments. We encourage all students to take part in at least one of the offerings to celebrate National Science Week. Thanks also go to the Science learning area for their organisation and ability to have fabulous prizes donated by the local scientific community.

Book Week

Week 5 this term is Book Week which makes the assembly that week (Friday August 24), the famous Book Week assembly! This assembly is always a wonderful, fun-filled assembly of performances, costumes and music. If you want to join in the fun of the day by dressing up as your favourite book character, author, book, or any other book related costume you can think of, it's time to start thinking about your costume.

Advertised Roles for Principals at Harrison School

I know some of you have seen advertisements for Principal positions at Harrison School. I thought I could provide some clarification, and hopefully reassurance. The positions are being created in recognition of the scope and scale of the leadership of large P – 10 schools.

For the last 18 months the ACT Education Directorate has been reviewing the executive leadership model for very large schools (over 1500 students). As a result of a review across Australia, they have chosen an executive leadership model with one Executive Principal and two Principals: a junior and senior principal. The number of Deputy Principal's may vary depending on the particular demographics of the school. This model has come into effect at Amaroo, with an Executive Principal and 2 Principals commencing last week.

Diary

Term 3 Week 5 National Science Week

Wednesday 15

- Preschool – Yr.4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- Launch, Jump Rope for Heart
- 13&O Northside Netball
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- **P & C Meeting 7:00pm**

Thursday 16

- Yr. 1/2 St John's Schoolhouse Excursion
1/2 SK, OP & MJ
- Yr. 3/4 ACT Nowaste Recycling Resource
Centre Excursion - 3/4 JD & DW
- Yr. 5/6 ACT Touch Football Gala Day
- Yr. 10 CareersExpo Excursion

Friday 17

- Yr. 1/2 St John's Schoolhouse Excursion
1/2 SK, OP & MJ
- Yr. 5/6 GeoScience Australia Excursion
5/6DJ, JCO,AP & LSU

Term 3 Week 5 BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 21

- Yr. 7/8 Northside Soccer Competition

Wednesday 22

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- Musical @Lake G – Senior Band and
Yr.9/10 Music students

Friday 24

- Book Week Parade 9:15am

[2018 Calendar](#)

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



Harrison School is currently recruiting for a senior school and junior school Principal. I will continue my leadership of the school as the Executive Principal. Further decisions on the structure of the deputy and team leader roles will be determined once those appointments are made.

I acknowledge that there has been some uncertainty following Allison Edmond's departure at the end of last year and a number of teachers acting in leadership roles during this year. These changes have understandably created some disruption to classroom programs which the school has worked hard to minimise and I thank you for your understanding and support. If you would like more information about the new leadership structure I will be talking through it at next week's P&C meeting.

Year 10 SMART Program, Gungahlin College

We are proud and excited to be able to announce that Kenneth Tian has been offered a place at the Gungahlin College SMART program for next year. Congratulations!

Talented Staff

As a school we would like to congratulate Clare Warwick (Senior School Italian and Science teacher) for her outstanding efforts representing Australia overseas in softball. The Australian team came fourth in the World Qualifying Championships. Clare caught some amazing balls out in her short stop position throughout the championship and her batting average was up there with the best of any player from any country in the whole tournament. Congratulations and well done Clare.

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.

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.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Parent Representative

Nominations to fill the vacant parent representative position are now closed. Nominations have been received and an election will now be held with voting **opening at 11:00am on Monday 20 August and closing at 11:00am on Monday 27 August.**

Forms will be available from the front office from **11:00am Monday 20 August.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Entertainment Books

We are about to finish up selling the Entertainment Books for the 2018/19 issue. We have 5 copies of the book left and of course unlimited digital copies to purchase. This is a huge fundraiser for our library, so thank you to everyone who has purchased the book through us this year.

If you want to purchase one of our last copies you can either pay online [here](#) or pay at our front office. Books and digital versions are \$60 each and don't expire until June next year.

Book Week



Book Week is next week!

The Junior School students were treated yesterday to an amazing performance called Treasure Hunt. The children had lots of fun watching the antics and listening to the music of these talented performers - what a great day!

The next incursion is for Years 3-6. The Meerkat performers are visiting our school on Monday August 27 and again will be focussing on the 2018 Book Week titles. Please ensure you return the permission note as soon as possible.

Not long now until our famous book character dress up parade! Is your child ready for the fun on Friday August 24? Come and visit the library for inspiration.

ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS! We would love to invite all grandparents (or other special grownups) to take part in this exciting day. Please come to watch your grandchildren take part in the parade at 9.15 and then accompany them to the classroom to share a story. Maybe you have a favourite book you would like to bring.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

BBQ FUNDRAISER

The students, parents and teachers going on the Japan Trip would be most grateful if you could support two more BBQ fund raisers this term.

- 🚦 Tuesday of Week 5 and again on
- 🚦 Tuesday of Week 7.

Sausage sandwiches @ \$2 each

Fruit box popper drinks @ \$1 each

We look forward to your support and that of the students in Years 3 – 10. The Fund raiser will be running at LUNCH time outside the Technology Building in the Senior School.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES TRIP 2019



Harrison School is in the initial stages of planning its inaugural trip to Europe. The trip is being planned for late September to early October of 2019 and is targeted at French and Italian language students. The purpose of the trip is to provide language students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture of both France and Italy. The tour will commence in Paris and continue through Lyon and Annecy before moving onto Milan, Florence and finishing in Rome. There will be a variety of authentic activities and experiences planned for the duration of the trip. Highlights include day trips to Versailles in France and Pompeii in Italy as well as a cooking class in Italy, an art class in France and language workshops along the way.

'Expression of Interest' notes are available on the school website and [here](#). They are also available for students to collect from the school office. If you are interested in finding out more about the proposed trip to Europe, please complete the Expression of Interest note, send it back to school and you will be invited to an information session in the next month or so. Completing the form is not a confirmation of attendance, and does not require a deposit at this stage.

For more information please contact Andrea Kemp (andrea.kemp@ed.act.edu.au) or Clare Warwick (clare.warwick@ed.act.edu.au) by email or by phone on (02) 6142 2200.

MUSIC AT HARRISON SCHOOL TERM 3



14 August- Music at Midday Canberra Theatre
Year 6 and Senior Bands

22 August- Senior Band Whole School Assembly

24 August- Year 5 Combined Band Palmerston School

30 August- Ukulele Project Limelight Foyer Performance with Turner School

31 August- 3/4 Aspire Choir Father's Day Breakfast

5 September- Year 6 Band Senior Assembly

11 September- Ukulele Project Performance
Harrison School 5.30pm-7pm

13 September- Senior Band Bandfest School of Music

14 September- Year 6 Band Bandfest School of Music

25 September- Senior Choir 10 Year Celebration Assembly

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

HARRISON DJEMBE PROJECT

Harrison Djembe Project is a newly formed community based drumming group for senior school students (Years 5-10) and adults. We will be learning some traditional rhythms from Ghana and play together as a djembe band. There is no music/drumming experience required!

Come and learn in a safe, supportive and fun atmosphere!

Teacher: Kieryn Khan (Specialist Music Teacher)

Time: Every Friday 8:15am – 8:50am

Place: Demountable Music Room (Next to Preschool red fence)

Bring: Yourself! (Djembe will be provided! No RSVP required)

Feel free to email kieryn.khan@ed.act.edu.au or call on 62142 2200 for more information.



DEFENCE NEWS

Australian Military Wives Choir is a choir for women who support Defence Force members in Canberra. As a “no audition, no experience necessary” choir, they welcome new members at any time during the year. Despite the word “wives” in their name, they welcome any woman who has close links to serving ADF members and foreign Defence Force members posted to Canberra, including girlfriends, partners, wives, mothers and sisters. They also welcome female ADF members. Regular rehearsals are held on the First, Third and Fifth Thursday evenings each month from 7pm. More information: email amwc.canberra@gmail.com for the rehearsal location. Alternatively, check out their Facebook page and website <https://www.amwchoir.com/>

Postings: As posting orders are starting to come out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU/Deployments) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

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

- **Coming Up:**
- ADFA Open Day – Saturday 25 August (9 – 4)
- DCO Kidsmart Program - Wed 29 August
- Battle for Australia Commemoration (AWM) – Wed 5 September

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



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.

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting REMINDER

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 August at 7:00pm** in the Library. All Welcome

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](#)

SCHOOL BANKING



This term, the Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero headquarters, ready to continue their Super Savers Adventure with students participating in School Banking.

There are two new Super Savers reward items for students to select from when redeeming their 10 silver Dollarmites tokens. These include the Mighty Boom Handball and the Heat Reactor Pencils. Many of you already have 10 tokens and I encourage you to order your rewards – before the stock runs out, I don't want you to be disappointed if you can't get what you would like.

TERM 3 REWARDS

In Term 3, two new reward items from our Super Savers range have become available to redeem.

- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils



Don't forget in Term 3, School Bankers still have a chance to enter the Super Savers Grand Prize competition, where one lucky student will win a family trip to Hawaii. To be eligible, students need to make at least 15 School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3. Good luck everyone!

Remember if you would like to be part of the School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

We look forward to some great savings this term and to more students receiving some fabulous rewards throughout the year.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators