



Harrison School Newsletter 4 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2018 school leaders. They have worked across the school with the student leadership team and the wider student body. They have continued to develop and enhance their leadership skills and played a role in many important school visits and events. Congratulations, thanks and appreciation go to the 2018 captains: Jaycee and Claudia and the 2018 vice captains Hong and Zyarna. Your strong contributions to our school community are something you deserve to be most proud of.

It is my great pleasure to announce the school leadership team for 2019.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS	LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Ella P	Arav S (9)
Tom C	Naethan Alec S (9)
	Rakshanda A (9)
VICE CAPTAINS	Phoebe Y (10)
Elizabeth E	Mia A (10)
Aiden A	Advaith R (9)
	Pavel A (10)
YR. 8 MENTORS	Adrian J (10)
Ria B	Ainsley S (10)
Mastura R	
Sidharth V	
Dassha S	
Mitchell C	

I look forward to working with this team of student leaders throughout 2019.

I had the great pleasure of attending the Year 10 Excellence Awards 2018 yesterday to watch our award recipients be recognised by Minister Yvette Berry MLA.

Congratulations to the following students on your accomplishments and

Diary

Term 4 Week 8 Concert Week

Tuesday 4

- Preschool Exhibitions of Learning 4:30 – 5:15pm

Wednesday 5

- CANCELLED Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly
- Concert A Matinee – 11:00am
- Yr. 7 – 10 Special Projects Exhibition 4:00pm

- Preschool Exhibitions of Learning 4:30pm
- BBQ 5:00 – 6:30pm

- Concert A Evening Performance 6:30pm

Thursday 6

- Concert B Matinee – 11:00am
- Yr. 7 – 10 Special Projects Exhibition 4:00pm
- Preschool Exhibitions of Learning 4:30pm
- BBQ 5:00 – 6:30pm

- Concert B Evening Performance 6:30pm

Friday 7

- ALL Library Books Due Back
- Yr. 10 Breakfast 8:00 – 8:50am
- Yr. 10 Farewell Assembly 9:10 – 10:30am
- Yr. 10 Last Day Celebration 10:30am – 3:00pm John Knight Park

Term 4 Week 9

Tuesday 11

- Preschool M/T group End of Year Celebration
- Yr. 10 Graduation and Formal

[2018 Calendar](#)

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



achievements:

Jacob H – A Successful Learner

Claudia M – A confident and creative individual

Keenan J – An active and informed citizen.



Last week the Harrison community was treated to an extraordinary display of talent and technique at ELF, the 2018 Drama Production. The show was a result of months of dedication to planning, practice and sheer craft and I commend the students for their commitment to learning and improvement. Major events such as this require a great deal of planning and coordination. On this note, I would also like to acknowledge the students who made up the front of house, stage crew, and lighting and sound technicians. Juliet Moody must be congratulated for her work in creating the conditions in which this mode of learning becomes a reality. Well done to all involved.



Last week was very busy and thanks to our wonderful staff, we had a few opportunities for our

students to shine. On Monday our Senior Choir performed at the unveiling of the Giving Tree at Parliament House and represented Harrison School beautifully. A huge thank you to Laura A, for her hard work taking our Senior Choir to the next level.

This Friday is also a big day – it's our Year 10 Farewell breakfast and assembly. This is a bittersweet time and one where we get to celebrate the growth and achievements of our students as they prepare for their next step in life. All families of Year 10 students are invited to the Year 10 breakfast and final assembly at Harrison School, which will commence at 9:10am.

Please be on the lookout for the semester 2 reports which will be coming home soon. They are a reflection of the students' hard work this semester and of their strengths and areas for improvement. Please sit and reflect on your child's learning achievements when you receive their report and collaboratively discuss the information communicated in the learning outcomes and comments sections.

This week of course will be all hands-on deck while we support our students to be successful in their concert performances and I look forward to seeing you all there on Wednesday and Thursday.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:
Amelie S

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

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.

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.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2019

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2018 could you please complete the form on this link; [Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#), and return it to the front office to assist us in organising classes for 2019.

STUDENTS ON HOLIDAY LEAVE

If your family is on an extended holiday and will not be back at school before the beginning of Term 1 (Tuesday 5th February 2019) could you please complete the form on this link; [Holiday Leave Form](#), and return it to the front office ASAP.

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. 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.

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

- Concert Dates: Wed 5 & Thurs 6 Dec
 - Yr. 10 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly: Fri 7 Dec
 - Yr. 10 Graduation and Formal: Tues 11 Dec
 - Harrison School ACE Awards: Thurs 13 Dec
 - Yr. 6 Celebration: Fri 14 Dec 9:30 – 11:00am
- For more detailed information please see the school calendar on the website: [2018 Calendar](#)

HARRISON SCHOOL 2019 STATIONERY LISTS

The Stationery lists for 2019 are now available online from OfficeMax. The stationery lists and access codes for each year group can be found on the school website: [Stationery Lists 2019](#).

For information on how to order please see the attached document.

Please **DO NOT** send your 2019 Stationery packs to the school until next year.

HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT

This year, the Harrison School Concert will be held on **Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December**. Please find attached a copy of the class performance timetable.

[2018 End of Year Concert Class Schedule](#)

Tickets for the concert are available from the front office. Tickets are \$2.00 per person. Students who are performing DO NOT require a ticket. **Please Note: Lost tickets can NOT be replaced.**

IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION

All tickets for the Wednesday evening (6:30pm) performance are **SOLD OUT**. We still have tickets available for the Matinee performances on both Wednesday and Thursday. However, we are running low on tickets for the Thursday evening performance. If you wish to attend the Thursday evening performance, you need to purchase your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment.

HARRISON SCHOOL ACE AWARDS CEREMONY

The Achievement, Citizenship and Endeavour (ACE) Awards ceremony will occur on Thursday 13th December 2018 in the school gymnasium.

The junior ceremony (Years P-4) will occur from 5:30pm until approx. 6:15pm.

The senior ceremony (Years 5-10) will commence at 6:30pm and extend until approximately 7:30pm.

We ask that children involved in the junior ceremony arrive at 5:15pm and assemble in the blue building adjacent to the school gymnasium.

Senior students are asked to assemble in the junior school hall at 6:15pm.

At the end of each ceremony, children may be collected from these respective areas. We are requesting that families stay for the duration of each awards ceremony.

ACE recognises Achievement, Citizenship and Endeavour, and are awarded by teachers and support staff to students in recognition of their commitment to learning.

Special award categories exist to recognise sporting excellence, community contribution, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contribution to academic and community projects, and commitment to the performing arts.

We look forward to presenting awards and congratulating students on their collective achievements at both ceremonies next Thursday 13th December in the school gymnasium. Full school uniform is essential.

SENIOR CHOIR- PARLIAMENT HOUSE CAROLS OPENING



On Monday 26th November, the Senior Choir performed a range of Christmas Carols at Parliament House. They were the official choir to open the music program which will consist of 15 different choirs across the ACT over the next fortnight.

The Speakers of the House, Tony Smith and Senator Scott Ryan, addressed the crowd discussing the importance of music in our schools. They were both very impressed with our singers.

The Senior Choir is to be commended for their composure and professionalism as media cameras filmed them and many audience members watched on. Well done!

LIBRARY NEWS



Due date for Library Loans

This is our last week for borrowing books. Next week we are asking for ALL loans to be returned so we can get ready for our annual stocktake in weeks 9 & 10. Please ensure your child returns all books by **Friday, December 7** at the latest. If you have any queries or concerns please call the library on 614 22244.

Lost Property

We will endeavour to return all lost property that is named, but please keep checking in our lost property box in the library if your child is missing something, especially lunchbox containers, drink bottles, unnamed uniforms and non-uniform items. These will be donated to the uniform shop or clothing bins at the end of term.

Books in Other Languages

As we know some of our families are getting ready for international travel over the Christmas break, we thought we would remind you that we are on the lookout for more children's books in languages other than English. If you are in a non-English speaking country, please think of us as you walk by the bookshops! We would be very excited to receive a souvenir.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We have one parent, and one student position that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2019. Nominations for the Harrison School Board open at 11:00am on **Monday 4 February** and close at 11:00am on **Monday 18 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



DEFENCE NEWS

Did you know that VVCS (Veterans and Veteran's Families Counselling Service) has recently rebranded and is now Open Arms. Open Arms offers counselling and support services to anyone who has served at least one day of continuous full-time service in the ADF and their families. To learn more about Open Arms' free, confidential 24-hour counselling service, including your eligibility, call 1800 011 046.

Postings: If you are posting out anytime in the next few weeks could you please let us know and also ensure that you have completed a school leaver's form for your child/ren these are available from the main office. Please remember if your situation changes, (eg.MWDU/Deployments) to let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

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



DEFENCE KIDS

All activity groups and hang outs have now finished for the year we look forward to having you back in 2019, hopefully with some more exciting ideas/opportunities!



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.


YEAR 6 CELEBRATION

A reminder to parents that the Year 6 Celebration is on Friday 14 December (Week 9), at 9:30am in the school hall. All students in Years 5 and 6 will be asked to contribute to the morning tea and notes will be sent out later in the week. To ensure that it is great event for the students, we urgently need some parents to assist with setting up the morning tea. If you are able to help out can you please contact Maria Worsnop on 6241-2008.

BACK TO SCHOOL ASTHMA CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

Talk About Asthma.

Every year there is a sharp rise in the number of asthma attacks for children when they return to school after the summer break. This results in a significant increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school. Not only is this unsettling for children as they start a new year at school, but often it impacts on time off work for the parents/carers also.

- [Back to school Asthma Checklist for Parents](#)  (161kb)

Please see the attachment for further information

A MESSAGE FROM ACCESS CANBERRA

Is your teen seeking to get their L's or P's around Christmas/New Year?

Access Canberra Service and Specialised Centres will be closed between Christmas and New Year, with most locations closed between 25 December 2018 and 1 January 2019 inclusive.

We apologise in advance if you have a teen with a birthday during that period and are eagerly awaiting their licence. We look forward to supporting them to get licenced in the New Year. Also parents, if you need to pay a bill, renew your licence or rego over this time – don't wait until we re-open! Save time and go online at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable festive season from Access Canberra

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL

PSYCHOLOGISTS

The school psychologists have had a very busy year at Harrison School, and are now unable to take any new referrals until Term 1 2019. If you have concerns about your child's learning, or social or emotional wellbeing, their class teacher or the team leaders for your child's year group are often the best place to start a conversation about these concerns.

Alternatively, you may wish to access community agencies for support such as:

- Gungahlin Child and Family Centre
Phone: (02) 6207 0120
Website: <http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/children/childandfamilycentres>
- Marymead
Phone: (02) 6162 5800
Website: <http://www.marymead.org.au/>
- Belconnen Community Service
Phone: (02) 6264 0200
Website: <https://www.bcsact.com.au/>

If you have concerns about your child's mental health that cannot wait until next year, we

recommend the following services:

- Your family GP who may refer to a private psychologist
- Headspace Canberra (for young people over the age of 12)

Phone: (02) 6201 5343

Website: <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/headspace-canberra/>

- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Phone: (02) 6205 1050

Website:

<http://www.findahealthservice.act.gov.au/c/fahs?a=sp&pid=1316133581&site=51105&servicecategory=23>

Jorja Zollinger and Ashleigh Kinlyside
School Psychologists

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to all students who received their certificates and rewards today, what a great effort. I apologise for the delay with getting these to you as I had been unwell.

The last reward orders for the year have been processed and they will be sent out as soon as they arrive at school.

Our School Banking program has been very successful over the years with many students receiving fantastic rewards. In order for the program to continue, we are urgently looking for volunteer parents who can assist with the program, it will only take a couple hours each week. If you are able to assist with this, can you please contact Maria on 6241-2008.

The School Banking will continue to be processed in weeks 9 and 10.

Happy savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop

School Banking Coordinator

P & C NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 8:30am – 9:30am

CANTEEN NEWS

Please Note: The Canteen will **NOT** be open on Friday 21 December

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](#)



Late Food Order Service Changes starting Term 1, 2019

As of Term 1, 2019, Flexischools' Customer Service Team will no longer be taking late orders over the phone from parents. Cut off time for Harrison School is 9:00am.