



Harrison School Newsletter 11 June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week seven. I hope everyone had a relaxing long weekend and is recharged and ready for the final four weeks of term two.

This term, students at Harrison composed and presented speeches for the annual Rostrum speaking competition. It was lovely to have been witness to students taking a risk by putting their nerves aside and getting up in front of their peers to present speeches on a range of topics. For those of us who try to avoid public speaking, I am sure you can appreciate the courage some of our students had to muster in order to complete their speech.

Last week, the Gungahlin Lions Club held their second annual Gungahlin Speaking Competition for students in year five and year six. Schools from across the Gungahlin region sent students to compete over two nights at Burgmann Anglican School in Forde. Harrison was very well represented by Georgie, Sofia and Angus from our year 5/6 cohort. I was lucky enough to have been there for the year 6 final which saw both Sofia and Angus present excellent speeches to a panel of judges and an audience of families, competitors and Lions' Club members. It was great to see Angus walk away with the first-place trophy for a very meta speech about advice on how to give a good speech. Well done Angus!

This week we received an impromptu visit from two members of the Australian Federal Police who had been conducting speed checks on Nullarbor Avenue that morning. The reason for the visit was to congratulate a student from Harrison who had demonstrated excellent road safety skills when using the pedestrian crossing. The student who was riding to school had dismounted their bike as they approached the crossing. The student then waited for all cars to come to a complete stop before walking their bicycle across the road. Once safely on the other side, they then continued their ride to school. The constables were very impressed by what they saw and took the opportunity to stress that

Term 2 Week 7

Wednesday 12

- P – 6 Assembly
- ACT 12 & U – 13 & O Combined Cross Country
- Christian Ed Kindergarten – Yr. 6

Thursday 13

- Yr. 7 – 10 Boys Rugby League 9's
- Harrison Hoppers School Demonstration

Friday 14

- 8 – 9 Yr. old Athletics Carnival

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday 18

- 5v5 – Capital Football Gala Day Yr. 5 & 6

Wednesday 19

- Yr. 7-10 Assembly
- Cricket ACT 7/8 North Indoor Cricket

Friday 21 June

- Kindergarten National Arboretum Excursion

Term 2 Week 9

Tuesday 25

- 6pm Ukulele Project including Turner School

Wednesday 26

- Preschool – Yr. 6 Assembly

Term 2 Week 10

Monday 1 July

- 7pm Rostrum

Thursday 4

- RMC Rock band

Friday 5

- Deadly Mob Excursion - Birrigai

2019 Calendar

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



even on crossings, caution must be taken as you cannot assume cars will stop.

Just a reminder to parents that now we are experiencing cold mornings and days that clear up to be relatively warm, it is a good time to check how students' names are written in jumpers and jackets. Sometimes the names will fade after a few washes, so it is worth having a look and making sure that those names are still legible, that way if jumpers are accidentally left unattended, they are easier to return to their rightful owners.

Lastly, for parents of students who are turning 8 or 9 this year, it would be great to see you this Friday at the athletics carnival.

Dan

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Molly M	Leyah I	Miranda C
Seanna B	Jason B	Thaqiff M
Ben R	Malakai T	Haley G
Connor G	Yen P	Vitou K
Thea R	Soffea M	Alessandra L
William C	Archer D	Zachary B
Idris A	Eshaan R	Ibrahim A
Harry E	Jade B	Georgina W
Sienna H	Connor T	Nandan K
Ava K	Callie M	

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. 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.

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.

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.



HARRISON SCHOOL QUICKWEB PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

QuickWeb is the preferred method of payment for Harrison School. Below is a link to follow with instructions on how to access and utilise the online payment system.

[QuickWeb Online Instructions](#)

CROSS COUNTRY

In week 5, we had students from both the Primary and Secondary school compete at the 12&U North Gungahlin and 13&O Secondary North Region Cross Country competitions. We had 33 students compete at the 12&U competition and 28 students compete at the 13&O competition. All students were great representatives of Harrison School and should be congratulated for their efforts. Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for the ACT Championships to be held at Mount Stromlo on Wednesday 12th June: Ethan C, Denali W, Riley R, Callum M, William C, Harry H, Peter V, Joshua S, Talon C-D, Sid V, Brianna M, Aimee M, Tom C, Leo F, Darcy N-M, Sophie D, Aiden A, Alex H, Joshua G, Cyriaque V, Sarah T, and Phoebe Y. We wish these students all the best!

LIBRARY NEWS

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>



OVERDUE NOTICES

Overdue notices will be issued this week. Please remind your children to return their overdue books as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

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.



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

GUNGAHLIN 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.



DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Special Needs Support Group (DSNSG) provides support, information and assistance to ADF Families with special needs both here in Australia and Overseas. For more information on the services available please visit:

www.dsns.org.au or call 1800 037 674.

COMING UP:

- Defence Families Dinner – Gungahlin Lakes Club Tuesday 18 June
- Defence Morning Tea – Defence Room Harrison library Monday 1 July
- RMC Band Visit to Whole School Thursday 4 July.

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 the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in 5/6,

the Defence Hang out is Wednesday lunchtimes and 7 – 10 Thursday lunchtimes. All groups operate out of the Defence Room in the library.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the school library on Monday mornings between 9am and 11am. 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.

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.



UPCOMING IDEAS XCHANGE ON HOW WE CAN ALL HELP REDUCE VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN 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 Council). Parents, students, principals and teachers are working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. Initial workshops received amazing feedback, join us to have your say.

Details: www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange

You are invited to the Ideas Xchange..A Different Conversation

We've heard your ideas about reducing violence and increasing safety in schools, help us make it happen, join us for an Ideas Xchange...

Purpose: Help us build strong and safe communities for learning.

We need your: experience and insights to test and provide feedback on the suggestions and ideas to reduce and better respond to violence in our schools.

Time	Date
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Wed 12 June
8:00 – 9:30 am	Thurs 13 June
3:45 – 5:30 pm	Thurs 13 June
9:45 – 11:30 am	Fri 14 June
6:45 – 8:30 pm	Mon 17 June

Meeting room 11, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling, 2611

Hosts: P&C Council and Education Directorate

Catering: Light refreshments post event

Parking: Free Onsite

RSVP/Bookings:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange>

If you require any further information relating to the Ideas XChange, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Ballard, Assistant Director Strategic Policy on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 62052912.

We look forward to working with you to build strong and safe communities for learning.