



## Harrison School Newsletter 20 March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 7. Wow, time seems to be flying past and boy aren't we having fun! Last week was our 5-10 Aqua Fun Day. From all reports, it was a great success! Particularly the weather - giving us glorious sunshine and warmth to enjoy the pool and slides. It was so lovely to see students and staff in a different setting making connections and just having fun! It was also a display of how well Harrison staff collaborate, working tirelessly to put on events such as this! A special mention goes to Deb Gordon and Kate Bradley for the impeccable organisation and leadership of the day.

Another important event occurring on Friday last week was our National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Harrison school says 'Bullying No Way' and students and teachers showed their support for the cause by wearing different socks. Our student Leadership Team, coached by Michelle O'Brien, came up with this idea. Their reasoning behind this was to signify that it is OK to be different and to celebrate individuality. This is the first event in a series that the student leaders intend to plan to keep the no bullying message in the forefront of everyone's mind. The [Bullying No Way](#) website is a great place to find resources to support children who may be being bullied.

We also had a week of school photos last week. A huge thank you to Patricia Coghlan for her endless efforts in making sure the week was well organised and to all the executives who helped each day to ensure the schedule ran smoothly. Thank you too for the great parental support in ensuring students looked fantastic in their school uniform.

Looking to this week, we have Nutrition Magician visiting our Preschool students on Tuesday and Thursday, our 7/8 Defence Students attending an Integration Day at Birrigai on Tuesday, the P & C Meeting on Wednesday evening, and one of our 3/4 Learning Communities will be visiting the Botanical Gardens on Thursday, linking their learning in the

## Diary

### Term 1 Week 7

#### **Tuesday 20**

- Yr. 7/8 Defence Students' Integration Day
- Nutrition Magician Preschool Incursion

#### **Wednesday 21**

- Harmony Day Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program
- P & C Meeting 7:00pm Library

#### **Thursday 22**

- Yr. 3/4 Botanical Gardens Excursion DF, PG, TW, DB & HK
- Nutrition Magician Preschool Incursion

#### **Friday 23**

#### **Book Club Due**

- Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Assembly 11:20am Gym
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00pm Library

### Term 1 Week 8

#### **Monday 26**

- AFL Clinics Yr.5/6
- Yr. 5/6 Parliament House and Old Parliament House Excursion Yr. 5/6 MO, AH, DM & TK

#### **Tuesday 27**

- 13Y&O North Girls Basketball

#### **Wednesday 28**

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym

#### **[2018 Calendar](#)**

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



classroom to the outside world.

Our biggest event this week will be our Harmony Day Assembly and celebrations on Wednesday morning, commencing at 9.15 in the Gym. All parents and carers are invited to join us in celebrating cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is that 'Everyone Belongs', which means that all Australians are a welcome part of our country regardless of their cultural background. We highly encourage community participation at Harrison School and Inclusion and Respect are two of our values which we will focus on this week. Students are encouraged to wear traditional dress from their cultural background, or alternatively wear something orange in colour. Parents and carers will also be welcome to participate in the day's celebrations. Please contact your child's teacher to see what they have planned.

Have a wonderful week everyone! I will leave you a quote by Loretta Lynch.

"Let us not act out of fear and misunderstanding, but out of the values of inclusion, diversity, and regard for all that make our country great."

Arianna Cansdell



## ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Lucy J	Esme B	Wit C
Zahra W	Xavier A	Ava H
Hamish O'C	Ankush M	Abbie T
Amelia R	Noah K	Aaron K
Sree Sarvagnya C		

## FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday**  
**8:30am – 3:30pm**

For all enquiries and calls

## 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](mailto:Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au)

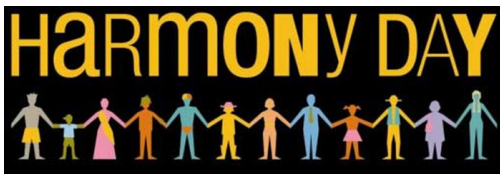
Please include your child's **FIRST AND LAST NAME** and **CLASS**.

## 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.



## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

Harmony Day is a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is that **'Everyone Belongs'**, which means that all Australians are a welcome part of our country regardless of their background. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia such a great place to live.

Harrison School will come together to celebrate Harmony Day with a Whole School Assembly, commencing at 9.15am on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

**Students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or something orange to school on the day.**

It is our hope that many parents and families attend our special assembly to participate in the day's celebrations. Parents are invited to return to their child's class to share their cultural stories, games, songs and traditions with the students after the assembly.

Harmony Day celebrations will continue during March and throughout the year, within classrooms. We encourage any parents who would like to share their traditions and culture to contact classroom teachers.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Club

Book club issue 2 orders are due in by **Friday March 23**. Please go to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) for online orders or enclose cash orders in a labelled envelope. Full LOOP instructions are attached to the newsletter.

### Entertainment Books

We are raising funds for our School Library and you can help. Order the NEW 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our School. PLUS, order now and receive **up to \$200** of bonus Early Bird offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

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## DEFENCE NEWS

**Soldier On** works side by side with those who have served and continue to serve our nation, and their families, to help secure their future. By strengthening resilience and developing meaningful connections with family members, mates, and the local community through a diverse range of health and wellbeing services,

employment opportunities, learning and education programs, and participation in community, social, and sporting activities. Activities coming up include: Dragon Boating and a family Sailing Day on Saturday 7 April. For further information and to register your interest please email [act@soldieron.org.au](mailto:act@soldieron.org.au).

**REMINDER:** Defence Welcome Dinner This Thursday 22 March 7:00pm @ Raiders Club Gungahlin. Not too late to RSVP remembering this is an adult only event.

**DCO Support for ADF Families:**  
[defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto: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

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#### Coming Up:

- Defence Welcome Dinner – Thursday 22 March Raiders Club Gungahlin
- 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. The 5-10 Chill out session is held on a Thursday lunch time in the Mulligans Building in room G29. 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.

#### P & C NEWS

##### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 8:30 – 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](#)