



## Harrison School Newsletter 1 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope your children (and you) had a relaxing term break with opportunities to hang out together as a family and spend time with friends and other family members. After an exciting day of professional learning with the Harrison teachers on the first Monday of the break, I managed to get away with my family to the coast, which has helped me reconnect and re-energise.

### Teacher Learning

Our learning day on the Australian Curriculum focused on us deeply unpacking the Achievement Standards and using these as a starting point for our planning. On the day we were challenged by Dr Tracy McAskill from ACARA and curriculum officers from the Directorate to deepen our understanding of using the Achievement Standards in this way and we had the opportunity to put this into practice through targeted activities. It was great to spend a day learning together and the work will be invaluable as we work towards our strategic priorities of improving student's literacy and numeracy outcomes and creating and embedding a consistent K-10 curriculum and pedagogical framework.

### Staff Changes

Late last term I mentioned that Heather Hill will be the acting Deputy Principal for the Years 3-6 area and that other changes would also be occurring. The processes for the positions of Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 Team Leaders have been completed and I'm happy to announce that Mr Steve Vukelic has won the acting Years 3/4 position and Michelle O'Brien has won the acting Years 5/6 position. Both Steve and Michelle are highly experienced teachers who will bring a lot to the leadership of their respective teams and the school in general. These promotions have led to classroom teacher vacancies and we have been fortunate to extend Amanda Barden to take Mr Vukelic's class and employ Amanda Gillespie to take Ms O'Brien's class. In week 10 of last term, we also discovered that Alex Patterson had been successful in winning a position at another

## Diary

### Term 2 Week 1

#### Yr.2 Aqua Safe Program

#### 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

### Term 2 Week 2

#### Yr.2 Aqua Safe Program

#### Tuesday 8

- Mother's Day Stall
- Yr. 7 – 10 Combined Band

#### Wednesday 9

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15 am- Gym
- K- Yr.6 Australian Girls' Choir Workshop
- Yr. 9/10 AIME Program
- ACT 13&O Swimming Carnival

#### Thursday 10

- Mother's Day Stall
- **Mother's Day Breakfast 8:15am**

#### Friday 11

- **Book Club DUE**
- Yrs. 7 – 10 Athletics Carnival

#### [2018 Calendar](#)

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



school and we have employed Lizy Mejias Delgado to take on Ms Patterson's class.

### **Mother's Day**

Mother's Day is fast approaching and I know the P&C are busy putting together items for the Mother's Day stall so your little loved ones can purchase something for you to treasure. Please keep an eye out for calls for volunteers to help out on the Tuesday or Thursday of next week. We have created a roster for classes to visit the stall (in this newsletter edition) so you know when to send your children in with money to purchase a gift. As is tradition, the school is also hosting a Mother's Day breakfast on Thursday 10 May so please lock that into your calendars. Remember to wear pink and mum's are invited to visit their child's/children's classrooms to do some maths activities after breakfast - what a way to start your day!

### **Uniform**

Term 2 heralds the start of the cooler weather in Canberra and the wearing of our winter uniform. If you're unsure of the winter uniform requirements, you can check them [here](#). We have been engaged by Minister Berry to follow one of the recommendations from the "The Dream Gap: Australian Girl's Views on Gender Equality" report, which is to take steps to remove gendered school uniforms. This was a point raised by our student leaders recently when we were discussing school pride and the wearing of the Harrison School uniform. I will be working with our student leaders to review our policy and as a proactive step please feel free to choose from either column (boys or girls) when purchasing new uniforms for the winter period.

### **NAPLAN**

Attached to the newsletter is an infographic on the benefits of NAPLAN, I thought it might be useful to share with you. NAPLAN gets a significant amount of negative press, and depending on how it is implemented and the data used, that can be warranted. The infographic outlines some of the potential benefits if the data is used well.

Regards,  
Jason

### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Ethan C	Jaidi B	Asher J
Andy P	Manasvi B	Emma H
Leilani G	Annalise S	Oliver C

### **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.

### **FAMILY STATEMENTS**

Family Statements for Semester 1 will be sent home over the next coming week. If you require further information or have any queries in regard to your family statement please contact the front office.

## 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.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Please join us for a bacon and egg sandwich, fresh fruit, tea and coffee at Harrison School's annual

Mother's Day breakfast on

**Thursday 10 May**



Breakfast will be served from 8:15am at the junior netball courts (near the library).

Don't forget to wear **PINK** and bring a \$2 coin for breakfast per person. All money raised goes towards the Breast Cancer Foundation.

After breakfast, mums are warmly invited to visit their children's classrooms for some maths activities.



## DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome back for Term 2 we hope you all enjoyed a nice relaxing break. We are looking forward to working with you and your children again this term.

**Anzac Day** was commemorated at the end of last

term with a special whole school service. Special thanks to our guests, guest speakers, musicians, cadets and 5/6 AH & MO for hosting the event.

**Education Assistance** is available to new defence families. This Education assistance has to be used within the first 18 months in a new locality and is to help students overcome educational difficulties caused by changing schools. Students may be entitled to up to 14 weeks of tutoring per subject area or six months of tutoring if it is an area they haven't studied before. Further information is available on the DCO Website or through the family helpline number listed below.

**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

[sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au) or

[emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. Defence Hang Out for Yrs. 5 -10 will be back this Thursday at lunch time in the Mulligans building room G29.



## HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us come to the multipurpose room near the junior hall on Monday mornings between 9:00 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

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P & C will be running the Mother's Day stall again this year on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 May. Please see the attached class roster. The roster can also be found on the School website:

[2018 Mother's Day Stall Class Roster](#) NEED TO ADD

All gift items will be available for purchase for between \$2 and \$5.

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with the stall if you are available to help even for a short period of time please email:

comms@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

### 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](#)

### CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS 580

**Route:** 580

**Commencing:** Term 2, 2018 – 30 April 2018

**Change:** Drops off at Gungahlin Place Platform 3.

The attached school route map is available on the [Transport Canberra website](#).

We would like to also advise passengers that Gungahlin Place will have bus services travelling through Platforms 3 and 4. Gungahlin Place is located between Hibberson Street and Ernest Cavanagh Street. As a result of the opening, the current temporary bus stops arrangements on Gozzard Street will cease and stops 6003 and 5056 will return to regular services. Please refer to the attached walking map which provides reference to Gungahlin Place.

We further advise that parents and students are able to use our [NXTBUS](#) system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations.

### SCHOOL BANKING



Welcome back to school for another exciting school term, we hope you all had a great holiday and are ready to keep saving your money. School Banking will recommence **this Wednesday**, so don't forget to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher.

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 Glow Light and Sparkle Glitter Pens.

### Term 2 2018 Super Savers Rewards

Check out the new items in our Super Savers range:

- Glow Light Sparkle Glitter Pens



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