



Harrison School Newsletter 21 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week four. This week marks the last week for Ms Jan Kilsby, who has announced her retirement. Mrs Kilsby has been an invaluable member of the Harrison staff and the wider Harrison community over the years and her absence will be keenly felt. I am sure that everyone will join me in wishing Mrs Kilsby all the very best in her new adventures.

Monday saw the last of the scheduled NAPLAN tests completed by students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This is the second year that we have used the online platform and from all reports everything ran smoothly. I would like to thank the NAPLAN coordinators for their work in ensuring the disruption to classes was minimal and the students taking the assessments were given every opportunity to be successful. I must also congratulate our students who calmly completed all the tests without fuss.

Harrison School is currently running a book fair in the library which finishes this Friday. The book fair is open every morning from 8.30-9.00am and afternoons until 4pm. If you are in the market for a book, then purchasing one here is a great way to foster a love of reading as well as contributing to fundraising for our library.

The rescheduled athletics carnival for years 7 to 10 is this Friday, 24 May. The forecast weather, at this stage, looks promising and we are looking forward to a fun day out at Amaroo. Students, please remember to bring along a hat and plenty of water.

A reminder that next Monday is Reconciliation Day which is the first day of National Reconciliation Week. Monday is a scheduled public holiday and Harrison School will be observing the occasion with a special assembly in week 5.

Kind regards,
Dan Breen

Term 2 Week 4 2019

NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9

Wednesday 22

- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 23

- Yr.7-8 Outdoor ED Camp departs 6:00am
- Yr.5/6 DJ & TC National Museum of Australia Excursion

Friday 24

- Yr.7-8 Outdoor ED Camp return approx. 3:00pm
- Yr.5/6 DB & JL National Museum of Australia Excursion

Term 2 Week 5 2019

Tuesday 28

- Deadly Mob Excursion 9:00am – 2:30pm

Wednesday 29

- Primary Nth/Gungahlin Cross Country 8:30am

Thursday 30

- Secondary North Region Cross Country Yr.7-10
- Reconciliation Day Assembly 9:15 - 10:15am

Friday 31

- 10 – 12 Years Athletics Carnival

Term 2 Week 6 2019

Tuesday 4 June

- Yr. 9-10 Student Fringe Festival

Wednesday 5

- Yr. 7-10 Assembly

2019 Calendar

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



ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Zali F	Lamees A	Ethan S
Sienna H	Hannah W	Audrey L
Sanah MS	Zafira A	Inara A
Edward L	Lily P	Ryan H
Andreas T	Chandana R	Cooper L
Lily M	Brady H	Phoebe G
Jimmy P	Viviane W	Josie M
Imogen M	Harry E	

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

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.

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.

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.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

Don't take shortcuts when it comes to *parking* safety around our *schools*. Access Canberra will be actively monitoring all *school* areas using Licence Plate Recognition vans, targeting illegal and unsafe *parking*:

- at signposted 'no stopping' or 'no *parking*' zones
- in bus zones
- on zebra crossings
- in disabled bays
- on nature strips and across footpaths
- in bus or bike lanes
- where the driver has blocked off nearby residents' driveways

Penalties for doing the wrong thing range from \$114 upwards to \$600. If you're doing the wrong thing - you will get caught - and fined.

Remember!

It's okay to *park* a little further away and walk the rest of the way. While at the time it might feel inconvenient, every time you do the wrong thing, you put a life at risk.

Consider!

Having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed on with your kids. That way if you are late, they know where to wait - and you don't have to rush.

More options

If you are looking for alternatives to get the kids to and from *school*, why not consider:

Public Transport

Transport Canberra provides a range of options for *school* kids via either a dedicated *school* service or a regular route service.

Active Streets for Schools

Riding, walking, scooting or skating are simple ways to incorporate physical activity into everyday lives and daily journeys.

Active Streets for Schools makes it easier and safer for children to ride or walk to *school*. Not only will this get kids active, it will give parents peace of mind that the route to *school* is safe and easy to follow.

It is also a fun way to get to and from *school* and helps alleviate some of the traffic congestion created by parents dropping kids off at the *school* gate.



NCCD FACT SHEET

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection is conducted in August each year. To read further about the NCCD follow this link: [NCCD Fact sheet for Parents, guardians and carers](#)

Or visit the NCCD Portal <https://www.nccd.edu.au/>

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Preschool enrolment applications for 2020 opened on Monday 29 April 2019. Please go to the Education Directorate website or follow the link below for enrolment applications:

[Enrolling in an ACT Public School](#)

LIBRARY NEWS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are excited about the Scholastic Book Fair! The fair will run from **Tuesday 14 May until Friday 24 May**.

Come along and browse the wonderful selection of books available and by purchasing a book for your child to read and enjoy, you will also help support our library.

Open – Before school 8:30 -9:00 am
Lunchtime
After school 3:00 – 4:00pm



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>



FAMILY READING TIME

Parents, I would like to remind you that the library is open from 8.30am each morning for borrowing. Please come in and take the time to read with your child and help them select books they would like to borrow.



ACT UP! STUDENT FRINGE FESTIVAL

Tickets are now available for families who would like to watch their child perform in the Fringe Festival, which is being held on 4 June 2019. Tickets are \$20 plus \$5.95 booking fee per transaction.

To purchase tickets, follow the link below:

<https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/show/act-up-student-fringe-festival/>

Students are currently rehearsing for the Festival. Permission notes will be distributed shortly.

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.

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

MWDU: If you have decided to stay in Canberra whilst a member of your family has been posted to a new locality could you please let us know, as this is something that we can keep track of and report to DCO & DFA with regards to housing and education assistance and the DSM roles in Canberra. It is also beneficial to your children if you can inform us of these changes so that we can provide extra support.

COMING UP:

- Defence Family Dinner (Gungahlin Lakes) Tues 18 June (more info to follow via email.)
- Defence Family Morning Tea - 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 K-2 Activity Group

is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. The Chill-Out sessions have also recommenced 5/6 are Wednesday lunchtime and **7/10 are now Thursday** lunchtime. All groups are held in the Defence Room in the library!



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Multipurpose 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.



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](https://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

CLOSURE OF MACDONALD'S SCHOOLWEAR GUNGAHLIN

As of 16 May, school uniforms will not be available for purchase at Macdonald's Schoolwear in Gungahlin. Lowes and Macdonald's Schoolwear will consolidate into one store location in Gungahlin, known as:

Lowes/Savvy Gungahlin Shop 60, The Marketplace GUNGHALIN ACT 2912 PH: 02 6221 6110
<https://www.savvyschoolwear.com.au/>

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our first group of students to receive their Bronze certificates for this year. Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward, I encourage you to order your rewards. Please send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card so they can be ordered. Rewards Cards can be located via the following

link <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

Our School Banking program has been very successful at Harrison School with both the students and school benefiting from the rewards. The program has been run by two volunteer mums and we are now urgently looking for another two parents to join our team. All training is provided, and no experience is needed, it will only take an hour each Tuesday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kalpana Pothuraju on 0459250097.

Remember if you would like to participate in the School Banking Program, you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Available in Term 2, we have two new reward items from our 2019 Polar Savers range for students to redeem: Yeti Fluffy Notebook and Icicle Slapband Ruler.



We also have in stock a number of reward items from previous years that are still available for students to redeem including a Handball, Sparkle Glitter Pens, Zoom Flying Disc, Heat Reactor Pencils and Glow Light. An updated slip is now available at commbank.com.au/sbc under the section Dollarmite's wallet inserts, for you to print, cut and place inside students' Dollarmites deposit wallets to help spread the word. Students can then fill out the slip to redeem one of these rewards if they prefer.

ACT PARENTS AND CITIZENS AND THE EDUCATION DIRECTORATE WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER 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). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, what is working well or not working well, and who contributes to these? A second workshop with representatives of the P&C Council and the Education Directorate considered the outcomes of the first workshop to help prepare for further conversations with our school community.

We want to make it easy for anyone who wants to have a say to be given the opportunity to be involved. There are two remaining workshops you may wish to attend:

- In June 2019, a 2 – 3-hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times during the day.

If you require any further information, or if you wish