



Harrison School Newsletter 18 June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Eight and, winter is here. I wanted to introduce myself, I am the new Deputy Principal of Year 7-10 Senior School. I have been teaching for 25 years and in that time have mainly worked in Tuggeranong Schools. It is wonderful to be here at Harrison School, I have already found so many friendly families and students. It has also been fantastic to see so many talented, respectful young people in secondary school. I feel very privileged to be at such an inspiring, dedicated and caring school.

Our Executive Principal, Jason Holmes has been asked for the next five weeks to go and support another school in the ACT. Harrison School will continue to work as normal with Jacqui Ford as the Principal of Year 7-10 Senior School and Dan Breen as the Principal of Preschool – Year 6. If you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback, please feel free to contact them or any of the Deputy Principals and leadership team.

I would like to congratulate our 7-8 Dance and Drama and Year 9–10 Dance Senior Secondary students for putting on a wonderful daytime and night performance. It was truly a wonderful showcase of our very talented students. A big thank you to Sian Harrington and Rebecca Platten for all their support of our students.

On Friday, we had a our 8-9-year old Athletics Carnival. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and giving it their best – it was wonderful Harrison School Spirit. Congratulations to all competitors and staff involved.

Next week is a very exciting week as our band students have been invited to take part in a workshop at The Royal Military College. It is such

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

Term 3 Week 1

Wednesday 24

- Yr. 7-10 Assembly

Thursday 25

- 5pm Kindergarten - Yr. 10 Movie Night Fundraiser

Term 3 Week 1

Tuesday 30

- Science Showoffs (Show) – Kindergarten

2019 Calendar

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



a wonderful privilege to be able to play with such an esteemed band. Thank you to the teachers, Leon and Sarah for their continuing support of our very talented students.

I hope you all have a wonderful week.

Warm regards,
Kate Cunningham

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 LIBRARY FUND

Harrison School has established a special Library Fund to build the school's library and information resources. If you donate to the fund within the 2018/19 Financial year it is tax deductible.

To find out more information and download the donation form please follow the link below.

[Harrison School Library Fund Donation Form](#)



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](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Thank you to everyone who has purchased an entertainment book this year. We have many more to sell and every purchase helps our school.

Holidays are coming up soon and there are big savings on fun family activities and dining around Canberra and the surrounds.

Come in to the library or front office to view our sample books and see the great savings you can enjoy. Thanks for your support!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2d6190>



OVERDUE BOOKS

There are currently 2630 overdue books and we have many students waiting to borrow these titles. We would love to have these returned as soon as possible. Could you please remind your child to look for their books and return them this week so we can share the love of reading with others.

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.

INFORMATION



HEAD LICE

There has been an outbreak of head lice in several classes in the Primary School area. Could you ensure that you check your child's hair regularly and commence immediate treatment when head lice are detected.

If your child is at school and it is believed they have lice parents/carers will be contacted to collect the student. The Public Health Regulations 2000 requires students not to return to school until after the first treatment has begun.

ACT Health Fact Sheet below gives advice on how to minimise the risk or re-infection and to prevent further outbreaks.

[ACT Health – Head Lice Fact Sheet](#)



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

WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

There has been one confirmed case of Whooping cough in the secondary school.

You can still get whooping cough even if you are fully vaccinated as protection from the vaccine wears off over time. For this reason, a booster dose of whooping cough vaccine is offered in Year 7 at high school.

If your child has been vaccinated, the cough may be mild, particularly at the start of the infection. Even if the cough is mild your child is still able to pass the infection to others.

Please see your doctor as soon as possible if your child has a cough. A swab test is most accurate in the first 4 weeks of coughing. There is no need to have your child tested if they do not have a cough.

[ACT Health Whooping Cough Fact Sheet Link](#)



MOVIE NIGHT

Who are invited: K-10

Date: Thursday 27 June (Week 9)

Movie: Christopher Robin

Start time: 5:40pm for a 6:00 start

Finish time: approximately 8:00 pm

Venue: Harrison School Gym

Cost \$10 (ticket, juice popper and popcorn)

Students to bring along: Blanket, bean bag if they wish

Additional \$2 for a scoop of ice cream

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

If you would like to purchase a Special Group photo from the photos listed below, could you please collect an order form from the main front office.

- Nullarbor House Captains and Vice Captains
- School and Vice Captains
- Student Leavers
- Wimmera House Captains and Vice Captains
- House Captains
- Katoomba House Captains and Vice Captains
- Leadership Committee
- Mapleton House Captains and Vice Captains
- Year 6 Band
- Year 6 Prefects
- Harrison Hoppers
- Senior Band
- Senior Choir
- Year 4 Prefects

ALL orders must be sent to MSP Photography by either mail, email or phone by Friday 21 June 2019, not the school. The photos are also available for viewing at the front office.

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 Families of Australia (DFA) Delegates collect feedback from all over the country and represent the concerns of Defence families to key decision makers including the Chief of Defence Force and the Minister for Defence Personnel. All of the Delegates are advocating for the changes that are most important to the families in their regions and need your feedback to ensure your voice is heard.

This year, families in ACT & Southern NSW have even more options to connect with their DFA delegate. You can speak with Emma Steil face to face at local events, or if you miss these, over the phone or via email, or through the online feedback groups on the DFA ACT & Southern NSW Facebook page-

www.facebook.com/DFAACTSouthernNSW

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, 10am 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 the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in 5/6, the Defence Hang out is NOW Wednesday lunchtimes and 7 – 10 Thursday lunchtimes.



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.

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 able to order a reward, which I encourage you to do. Send in your 10 tokens and your rewards order card so they can be ordered. Rewards cards can be located via the following link:

[Rewards Cards Link](#)

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.