



Harrison School Newsletter 6 March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 5 is upon us already! I've been spending a little bit of time in and around classrooms and it's been great to see high quality learning activities being delivered by teachers and students engaged in their learning. A number of excursions/incursions to enhance the learning in classrooms have already occurred and I thank you for your support of these events. Following on from our visible learning focus last year, I've been asking students what they're learning (instead of what they are doing/working on) and how they'll know when they've learned it (Learning Intentions and Success Criteria). The responses to date have been really good across all years - you'd be surprised how well a kindergarten student can talk about their learning - and the conversations have easily gone to "What next?". Staff across the school have been investing considerable time into getting to know their students and this has been really well supplemented through contact or meetings with parents. If you haven't had a chance to touch base with your child's teacher(s), please send them an email or give them a call. Email addresses are in the format firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au.

Student Information and Communication

Recently a Detailed Student Information sheet was sent home so you could either confirm the information we have in our system or let us know of any changes that are needed. It is critical that we have accurate information, in particular contact details and any relevant medical information. We are moving more towards automatically generated digital communication for a number of things so current email addresses and mobile phone numbers are essential. If you've returned the sheet, thank you; if not, please do so as soon as possible. A second copy can be printed for you if you've misplaced the sheet - contact the front office if you need a replacement.

Diary

Term 1 Week 5

Kindergarten – Yr. 4 Getting to Know you Interviews

Wednesday 7

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program

Thursday 8

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Google Apps for Education Parent and Student information Session 5:30 – 6:30pm

Friday 9

- Yr. 1/2 & 5/6 Tennis Clinics
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club

Term 1 Week 6

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 12

Canberra Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 13

- Preschool Photos Mon/ Tues groups

Wednesday 14

- Yr. 5 – 10 School Assembly 9:15am – **CANCELLED**
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program

Thursday 15

- Preschool Photos Wed/ Thurs groups
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Aqua Fun Day

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

[2018 Calendar](#)



School Photos

School photos are on next week and you should have received the envelopes for ordering (please contact the school office on 6142 2200 if you haven't). The photos are an excellent way to 'capture' memories and I know I don't need to remind students or parents about wearing full school uniform for photos as this is an everyday expectation at Harrison. Information about when different classes will be photographed accompanies this newsletter.

Playground Supervision

I have noticed a number of students arriving at school from 8:15am in the mornings and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents that playground supervision at school starts at 8:30am. I ask you to ensure that your children are not at school before 8:30am unless they are enrolled in before school care or there is an organised, supervised school activity happening. Morning supervision is also limited to three areas of the playground, being central south for K-4 (where the P-4 morning line up occurs), the library for K-10 and middle square for years 5-10 (between the Joseland and Woodlands buildings). I would appreciate it if you can remind your children of these areas and the need to stay in them before school starts.

Car park and Road Safety

Over the last year and a half our P&C have done a terrific job driving improvements to the flow and safety of our carpark. We are working together to make the changes permanent and hopefully this work will start shortly. The success of any physical changes made relies on each and every one of you doing your part - keeping to the 10km/h speed limit, following signage, being focused and observant of what's going on around you and using the pick up/drop off zones correctly. Thank you in advance for your support. I am also seeking support from parents of some of our older students in relation to road safety. I've received a few calls in the last couple of weeks reporting Harrison School students behaving unsafely as pedestrians and cyclists on/around roads. Please remind your children of

the need to cross roads when signals indicate it is safe and the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling or riding a scooter - they only have one very precious brain and it needs protecting!

Information for Parents

This year I am keen to provide better communication with parents and am grateful to the parents who have set up Team pages on Facebook as a P&C initiative. This is one way we'll be sharing information and it is a great way for parents to share and ask questions as well. We will continue to use mechanisms like this newsletter, our Daily News Blog (<https://harrisonschoolnews.com>), emails, SMS to distribute information. Parents in the 7-10 area of the school should also be receiving regular updates regarding due dates, upcoming events, etc. through Google Apps For Education.

We'll also try to link you up with information to help with the very challenging role of being a parent in this day and age and one example is something I introduced last year - the [Student Wellbeing Hub](#), which is an interactive version of the National Safe Schools Framework which has information for parents, teachers and students. We also have a subscription to Parenting Ideas and their blog is good to subscribe to. <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/>.

2018 Aquatic Carnivals - Dates

Carnivals are always early in the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Thursday 15 March, Big Splash Macquarie. All classes Yr. 5 -10, aquatic activities all day
- **Please complete permission slips and medical notes and return to the school.**

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

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

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.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

ALL students arriving late at school **MUST** sign in at either the main Front office or the Senior office.

HARRISON SCHOOL PHOTOS

Harrison School Photos will be held from Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 March. You should have received your child's photo envelope with the instructions as to how to order online or with cash.

If you did not receive a photo envelope, please see the front office. If you are a parent of separated families and wish to order a photo you will need to complete a photo envelope (available from the front office and clearly mark on the envelope mum or dad's order, or contact MSP Photography directly to place your order).

Sibling photos are available again this year for students with siblings attending Harrison School and will be taken before school from 8:15am to the beginning of the school day. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the main and senior front offices. Please **DO NOT** return sibling

envelopes to the school but either bring or send them with your children on the day. A discount applies for families with 3 or more children after purchasing individual packs for **EACH** child a sibling Presentation pack of your choice will be free.

A class timetable for School Photos is attached and can be found on the School Website:

[2018 Harrison School Photos Class Timetable](#)

SCHOOL CAR PARK INFORMATION

Please do **NOT** park and leave your car unattended in the blue **DROP OFF and PICK UP ZONES**. These areas are not for parking but for parents to drop their children off and go.

If you wish to walk your child /ren into the school please park in the parking bays.

School car parking and explanation of the various coloured zones/areas.

BLUE coloured zones are for **DROP OFF and PICK UP ONLY- NOT PARKING** (cars not to be left unattended by the 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 to report any cars illegally parked around the school.

Please include the date, time and any other relevant information such as where the car is parked and the licence plate details.

THE HARRISON HOPPERS

The Harrison Hoppers are the ACT representative skipping team for the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart for the 7th year running. We practice every Monday at lunch. Last Monday (week 3), we had try outs for new members who were chosen for their skipping skills, inclusive behaviour, listening skills and confidence skipping in front of a crowd. It was so exciting to see so many children turn up to try out for the team. Thank you to those who came and gave it their best.

The Hoppers will travel around Canberra once a term this year to promote the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser at Canberra schools. We also will run the "Jump Off" day in Term 3 for our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser.

For children who still want to be in the team, unfortunately we only have 20 positions and they are full. Please keep practising and come along next year.

Harrison Hoppers Coach
Natalie Edwards

HARMONY DAY 2018

Harrison School is fortunate to have a wide range of cultures in our community and we would like to showcase our cultural diversity in our upcoming Harmony Day Assembly. We are inviting any cultural group who would like to volunteer to perform at the Assembly to contact us by Friday 9 March. If you have a connection with a group who is happy to volunteer, please forward their details to us. In the past we have had performances including Irish Dancing, Martial Arts, singing traditional songs, cultural dances and music.

Our contact details are listed below

Cheryl.Davis@ed.act.edu.au (Kindergarten)

Jennifer.Davis@ed.act.edu.au (Years 1/2)

Margaret.Olson@ed.act.edu.au (Years 3/4)



DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Community Organisation Canberra is holding a Partners Employment Education Seminar in March. If you are a defence spouse currently looking for employment the seminar includes information about job assistance programs available for Defence partners, techniques to write resumes and selection criteria; re-entry into the workforce after a period of absence and the value of volunteering. DCO will provide information about the Partner Education & Employment Program (PEEP). A light lunch will be provided. RSVP is required to DCO on the below.

WHERE: EQ Café, 70 Kent Street, Deakin ACT.

WHEN: Wednesday 21 March 2018 from 12:00pm - 2pm

RSVP: amelia.scanlan@defence.gov.au or 6265 8777 by 16 March 2018.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

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 or

emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au

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 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.

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](#)

ROAD SAFETY SURVEY

A School Crossing Supervisor Program has been introduced in the ACT at 20 crossing sites. School crossing supervisors (lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

To help determine if the Program is successful, Transport Canberra and City Services have engaged First Person Consulting to evaluate the School Crossing Supervisor Program. One of the ways that they will be doing this is through this survey to help capture attitudes to children travelling actively (i.e. walking or riding) to primary school.

To complete the survey please click [here](#), or copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4172882/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey>

The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact the [TCCS Schools Program](#).



GUNGAHLIN BUS STATION PLATFORM 1 CLOSURE

This is to advise that School Routes **421, 575, 580, 630, 802, 804, 808** will see diversions in place from **Monday 5 March 2018**.

Effective Saturday 3 March 2018, Platform 1 Hibberson Street will close to allow for continued works within the Gungahlin Place precinct.

As a result of Hibberson Street closing, Platform 1 will relocate to Gozzard Street (opposite the Raiders Club). Platform 2 will remain temporarily on Gozzard Street. On the completion of works the Gungahlin Bus Station will move to its permanent location at 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.