



Harrison School Newsletter 27 March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 8!

We recently received some exceptional news that I would love to share with you. We received a message from the CEO of ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority) in recent weeks stating:

I am pleased to advise that ACARA has identified your school as having demonstrated substantially above average gain in reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN.

On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude, as measured by NAPLAN, is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging.

We have been working hard on our Literacy and Numeracy strategy across the school and each and every students' growth in this area is exceptionally important to us. While NAPLAN is only one indicator of success on a given day, it is heartening to see our students achieving and showing better than expected growth in areas across the school. It is also lovely as a school and community to have this hard work translating into improved student outcomes being recognised and acknowledged by organisations such as ACARA.

NAPLAN 2018

A quick reminder to the Harrison School community that the testing for the 2018 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will occur during Week 3 and 4 next term and goes online for the first time this year. Our Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts will be participating in these tests. Over the next couple of weeks, students and parents will be receiving some details about NAPLAN and we will continue to give you more information as the need arises.

If parents/carers have any concerns or queries about this testing, please

Diary

Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday 27

- Japan Trip Parents Meeting 5:30pm - Library

Wednesday 28

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

Thursday 29

- Yr. 3/4 AFL Clinics

Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday 3 April

- Reading Information Session 2:00pm - Library

Wednesday 4

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 8.9.& 10 Alan Tongue Program
- Yr. 10 Immunisations

Thursday 5

- Harrison School Cross Country

Friday 6

- 13&O North Boys Basketball
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club 3:00 – 5:20pm

Term 1 Week 10

Monday 9

- Yr. 3/4 Camp Wombaroo Group 1
Departs 8:30am 3/4 MP, LM, JD, JH,DW, SA & SV
- Yr. 5/6 AFL Clinics

2018 Calendar

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



contact:

Donna Briggs	Year 3
David McGibbon	Year 5
Dan Ewin	Year 7
Dan Ewin	Year 9.

Writing

For all students every year we focus on writing; in a variety of text types, across all subject areas; some using devices and others with good old paper and pen.

What are some things that you as a parent can do to support your children as writers? Here are a number of suggestions to help you get started.

- **Practice, practice, practice**

Writing takes practice! Let your child see you write often and encourage them to write often too. At home writing might include e-mails, instant messaging, thank you notes, scrapbook descriptions, diaries, and what's-for-dinner notes.

- **Try writing for different audiences**

Encourage your child to expand their range and abilities by writing for many different audiences. They could try a letter to the editor, a silly story for their younger sibling, or a "top ten" list to cheer up a sick friend.

- **Make language fun**

Have fun with language yourself and share that sense of play with your child. Point out new words and phrases you come across in the newspaper or on the radio; share your favourite song lyrics; get creative in naming a new pet or in writing gift cards.

- **Offer you child many opportunities to read**

Offer your child a wide variety of opportunities to read, both for education and entertainment, and pass on your own favourite authors, novels, and magazines to show them that you're a reader, too. Discuss the things you've both read.

- **Encourage your child to examine different styles of (and reasons for) writing**

Encourage your teen to compare the styles of different authors, and compare how a newspaper editorial may be different than a website or an

instructional manual.

- **Encourage your child to pursue forms of writing that interest them**

If your child has found a form of writing that they enjoy, encourage them to pursue it – whether it's poetry, journal and letter writing, or writing on the internet.

- **Encourage your teen to write about personal thoughts and interests**

Encourage your teen to use writing to think more deeply about things in their life – questions, problems, difficult assignments, hobbies, and topics they want to learn more about. Writing regularly in a journal may provide a valuable outlet and space for them.

- **Make sure your child has what they need to write**

Support your child by making sure they have adequate materials for writing (sufficient paper, pens, pencils, etc.), as well as a quiet place to work.

- **Communicate with your child's teacher**

If your child is struggling with their writing, talk with their teacher to find ways you can help their efforts at home.

References: National Council of Teachers of English. "Helping your teen to Write Better." <http://www.ncte.org/parents/parents>.

Richards, Regina G. "Understanding Why Students Avoid Writing" Richards Educational Therapy Ctr, Inc. Riverside, CA. May 1999

Strean, Linda. Writing Coaches' Tips for Parents. GreatSchools. <http://www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/1100>.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning at Harrison please talk to your child's teacher, or any of our school executive.

Have a great week and I hope all your children smiled beautifully for the school photos.

Smiles

Jacqui Ford

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Sophia B – C	Abdulaziz A	Sasha B
Amelia F	Jack H	Marko J
Shion K	Gabriella H	Denali W
Estella T		

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

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Entertainment Books

We are raising funds for our School Library by selling Entertainment Books. Order the new book or 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 to receive **up to \$200** of bonus Early Bird Offers, including Soul Origin at Gungahlin, Escape Rooms at Phillip, and Baked at Braddon. The books will be available on Friday of Week 10, just in time for school holidays.

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

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

All students in preschool to Year 6 will be taking part in this year's Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Students will read and record 15 books between now and September. Recording sheets will be kept in class and signed by the class teachers.

Volunteers

Our lost property pile is building up again and we are always looking for volunteers to help us return the items back to their owners. We also have lots of books to cover and would appreciate some help getting through the pile faster so our resources can be used in the classrooms. If you would like to volunteer for either of these jobs please come and visit us.

Lost Property

PLEASE LABEL **ALL** CLOTHING, LUNCH BOXES AND DRINK BOTTLES so we can return missing items back to your children.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi



HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday 21 March, Harrison School came together to celebrate Harmony Day with a

special assembly which showcased the diversity of our school community. At this event we celebrated with a wonderful array of cultural performances; including students from the Deadly Mob, an Irish dancer, an Indonesian Traditional Dance, South Indian songs, a video showcasing the way we say, *How we belong* in a number of different languages, a dance performance by senior students and a thought provoking drama performed by 9/10 students.

We would like to thank all of the people who participated in the assembly, with a particular mention to Annabel from Liz Gregory Irish Dancing Academy, Sari, Ifa and Karin from the Indonesian Traditional Dance Community of Canberra and Vanaja Dasika from the Sadhanalaya School of Arts, who gave up their time to perform on the day.

Thank you also to the students and parents who added to the significance of the day by wearing traditional dress. The students looked amazing when classes came together for a parade of costumes. Throughout the remainder of the day, students were immersed in making flowers with their buddy class to display in the corridors of their buildings to represent Gardens of Harmony.

READING INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday 3 April 2:00 – 2:45pm in the Library



*For parents and carers of emerging readers.
Find out how to support your child with practical and encouraging strategies.*



Harrison School Cross-Country Carnival

Thursday 5 April, 2018

Our Junior (K-4) and Senior (5-10) cross-country carnivals will both be held on Thursday 5th April (Week 9 Term 1) on the Harrison Playing Fields

located just behind the school. Every student has been preparing for the event in their classes over the past couple of weeks. We highly encourage and expect all students on the day to participate. Classes will resume as normal on completion of the carnivals.

Please ensure your child:

- Has a drink bottle and hat.
- Brings jumper/jacket in case the weather is cold and/or windy.
- Dresses appropriately to run long distances and is in their house colours or PE uniform.

Proposed Schedule and Distance

(Please note that this should be used as a rough guide only)

Junior Carnival (K-4) 9:20 – 11:00am

Kindy Boys 1km	09:30
Kindy Girls 1km	09:35
9 year old Boys 2km	09:45
9 year old Girls 2km	09:50
Year 1 Boys 1km	10:00
Year 1 Girls 1km	10:05
8 year old Boys 1km	10:15
8 year old Girls 1km	10:20
10 year old Boys 2km	10:30
10 year old Girls 2km	10:35
7 year old Boys 1km (Year 2 students only)	10:40
7 year old Girls 1km (Year 2 students only)	10:45

Senior Carnival (5-10) 11:20am- 1:10pm

16 year old Boys 6km	11:40
11 years old Boys 3km	11:45
11 year old Girls 3km	11:50
14 year old Boys 4km	12:00

14 year old Girls 4km	12:05
12 year old Boys 3km	12:15
12 year old Girls 3km	12:20
15 year old Boys 4km	12:30
15 and 16 year old Girls 4km	12:35
13 year old Boys 3km	12:45
13 year old Girls 3km	12:50

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us, your classroom teacher or any member of the PE staff.

Kate Bradley and Kieran Sands
Cross-Country Co-ordinators

School Sport ACT – Team trials information

School Sport ACT now has an updated website with information regarding all regional sporting events as well as trial information and dates for ACT teams. The website can be accessed at www.schoolsportact.com.au

Registration Process for trials

School Sport ACT now collects all registration information online – this is to prevent the movement to and fro of a paper note and have all information readily available to officials prior to the trial. As this process incurs a fee for data storage, system maintenance and admin, a small \$3 fee payment via credit card will be required.

1. Go to the School Sport ACT website – www.schoolsportact.asn.au
2. Click Register (top right corner of homepage) for an Account – enter details and password
3. A confirmation email will be sent to your chosen email that will contain a link that you must click on to verify the email account.
4. Click Log In (top right hand corner of home page) enter password then click on top tab My Profile
5. You will see a ‘dashboard’ of your information, click green box to Add Student – enter student and medical details and save.
6. Go to the Sports Tab – choose your specific sport,

click on Trial Information box then click on the Register to Trial link.

7. Select your child’s name from the dropdown box and then enter the optional fields for Playing History, Preferred Position (if applicable) and Representative Experience.

8. Make the \$3 credit card payment then click to register.

9. An automated email will then be sent to your Principal/School Approver for their approval to trial (no need to take anything to school for the Principal to sign).

10. You will be able to see the process has been complete back in My Profile – once your Principal/School Approver has completed the approval process, your child’s information will be collated onto a list for the Team Manager and Coach prior to trial.

11. Note the registration process closes two days before the first trial date to allow sufficient time for approval and sharing of collated information.



DEFENCE NEWS

Yr. 7/8 Defence Integration Day – Birrigai Last Tuesday a group of our Yr. 7/8 Defence students joined other Defence students from the ACT region for a day of activities and challenges at Birrigai. Students were challenged physically, mentally and emotionally with four different activities; the Giant Swing, the Flying Fox, the Leap of Faith and Team Rescue. The day gave our students opportunities to work and socialise with students from other schools and have a day full of fun. We had a great group of students attend who did Harrison School proud.



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:

- 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 9:00 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our first group of students to receive their rewards 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. Could you 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 Wednesday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria Sanchez-Worsnop on 6241-2008.

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.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

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](#)



Nullarbor Avenue Intersection Median Works

Please be advised that due to the installation of rail within the median, we have a temporary intersection closure coming up again at Nullarbor Avenue and Flemington Road. (Both the Franklin and Harrison sides of Nullarbor Avenue).

Dates: Monday 26 March – Thu 29 March 2018

Times: 24/7 closure

Traffic Information:

- There will be no through access across the Nullarbor Avenue and Flemington Road intersection;
- Traffic will be unable to turn right from Nullarbor Avenue into Flemington Road;
- Left turn will be permitted out of Nullarbor Avenue onto Flemington Road; and
- Northbound/southbound traffic on Flemington road remains open.

Detour signage and traffic management will be in place during these works. Pedestrian and cycle access will still be maintained.

Thanks for your ongoing patience with these works.