



Harrison School Newsletter 3 July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're almost at the end of Term 2 and after a busy ten weeks of learning it is time for students and staff to recharge their batteries away from the routine of school. This doesn't mean that learning will stop of course (I've already got my holiday reading organised) and I encourage you to help your children to be active learners over the break by setting them little learning goals or remembering to ask curious questions like "I wonder why.....? What if.....?"

Reports for our year's 7 - 10 students have already gone home and those for our preschool to year 6 will come home this Wednesday. Asking children to reflect on their learning can yield some very interesting information so please take time to go through the report with your child and see if they can tell you what learning they are proud of and where the next focus of their learning should be. Please also be sure to contact teachers if you have questions about any element of your child's report.

After a somewhat drawn out start, we welcomed OSHClub to the school last week for parent information sessions and over the three sessions we had approximately 65 families attend. The OSHClub team introduced their service Director (Jackie) and provided information about the staffing of the service, student voice, pricing, and an example of some of the terrific activities and programs they will offer Harrison students. I am excited about the partnership we have entered into and look forward to high quality care of students occurring through their service. If you're yet to register with OSHClub please remember to visit their website (www.oshclub.com.au) or contact either the service on 0418 223 198 or their Customer Service & Billing Team on 1300 395 735.

Recently I joined 2 parents and our year 10 student leaders at the Student Voice of Change forum. The forum was conducted by one of our students as their project for the Learn RITE elective class. Students were surveyed to produce the forum topics and I was impressed by the conversations we

Diary

Term 2 Week 10

Wednesday 4

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am- Gym

Thursday 5

- RMC Rock Band Visit
- Movie Night Yrs. 1 - 10

Friday 6

- NAIDOC Week Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- Last Day of Term 2

Term 3 Week 1

Kindergarten Health Checks

Monday 23 July

- First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 24 July

- Yr. 11 2019 Course Information
Gungahlin College

Wednesday 25

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym

Friday 27

- Gungahlin College Yr. 10 Presentation
- Yrs. 5 – 10 Games Club

Term 3 Week 2

Monday 30

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am

Tuesday 31

- Preschool Learning Journey 8:30-9:30am
- Kindergarten – Yr. 2 Exhibitions of Learning 3:30-5:30pm
- Harrison School Board Meeting 5:30pm

2018 Calendar

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



had about topics such as flexible learning hours, the possibility of additional personal learning time for year 10 students and our school uniform. I look forward to continuing to work with the student leaders around some of these issues. Today I'm off to the Year 10 Retreat at Gungahlin College and I'm looking forward to seeing our students' interaction with students from Amaroo and Gold Creek as they grapple with important topics such as well-being.

Have a great break and I'll see you next term.
Jason.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principal's Award Recipients:

Chloe H	Lachlan H	Olivia H
Mia D	Noah K	Miranda C
Lily L	Serena K	Tristan T
Dennis H	Maira K	Ali M
Zachary B	Charlie M	Ollie T
Riley R	Alicia B	Stanley D
Lucas D		

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

ALL students arriving late at 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.

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.

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.

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.

2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just a reminder that Preschool enrolments for 2019 are now open. Due to the high demand within the school priority enrolment area we advise that you complete the online application as soon as possible.

K-2 EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING



Exhibitions of Learning will take place on **Tuesday 31 July 3.30 -5.30pm** and **Thursday 2 August 4.30 - 6.30pm** in your child's classroom. These exhibitions give you an opportunity to engage with your child's learning and to celebrate a fantastic semester in the classroom.

This is a significant event on our school calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!

Preschool Learning Journey

Learning Journeys will take place **Monday July 30 until Friday August 3 between 8.30 and 9.30am**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to participate in activities with your child and discuss what they have learnt in their first semester of preschool. More information will soon be distributed by your child's teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Notices

Thank you to all families who have helped look for missing books or come to see us with a query. There are still hundreds of overdue books - we would love to get them back this week so ALL students can borrow books for the holidays.

Entertainment Books



If you would like a book or digital membership please click [here](#) to pay online, or to pay cash, visit the library or front office. There are lots of vouchers that could save you money in the holidays - Questacon, Hoyts, National Zoo & Aquarium, AMF Bowling, Flip Out, Kid City, Let's Play and Escape Rooms to name a few.

Books in Other Languages

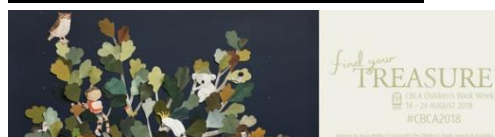
We are trying to increase our collection of books written in other languages. If you are planning on

travelling overseas this year, we would love you to consider purchasing a book in another language (suitable for toddlers to teens) and donating it to the library. We are more than happy to collect second hand books too - perhaps you have family overseas that would be willing to send you a pre-loved book.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

All students in P-4 are participating in this year's CMRC. Please remind your child to keep track of the books they read in the holidays so they can add them to the official forms when we return to school (the forms are kept in each classroom).

Book Week - date for your diary



This year we will celebrate Book Week from August 20-24; the theme for 2018 is *Find Your Treasure*. As per usual one of our celebrations will be a book character parade held on August 24. Plenty of time between now and then to start thinking of a favourite book character costume!

Cold Mornings

The library is open each morning at 8.30 and is a lovely warm, cosy space to share some reading time with your children.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH VISIT - HOSTS

Students from Nara University High School have been hosted by various ACT Schools so they can participate in the Canberra Nara Candle Festival since 2005. This year, Nara University HS will be bringing 59 students. As we did last year, we have an opportunity to host some amazing Japanese students for their stay in Canberra from the evening of 24 October until 27 October. If you're able to help out by hosting 1 or 2 students for 3 nights, please contact Amy McLeod at amy.mcleod@ed.act.edu.au by the end of week 9 (29/9).

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES TRIP 2019



Harrison School is in the initial stages of planning its inaugural trip to Europe. The trip is being planned for late September to early October of 2019 and is targeted at French and Italian language students in years 8 - 10. The purpose of the trip is to provide language students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture of both France and Italy. The tour will commence in Paris and continue through Lyon and Annecy before moving onto Milan, Florence and finishing in Rome. There will be a variety of authentic activities and experiences planned for the duration of the trip. Highlights include day trips to Versailles in France and Pompeii in Italy as well as a cooking class in Italy, an art class in France and language workshops along the way. An official expression of interest will be sent out this week. For more information please contact Andrea Kemp (andrea.kemp@ed.act.edu.au) or Clare Warwick (clare.warwick@ed.act.edu.au) by email or by phone on (02) 6142 2200.



DEFENCE NEWS

ADF Anti-Bullying Program is a program which teaches children (6 - 14 year olds) techniques to defend themselves and others who may need assistance – with no offensive techniques (i.e. no punches or kicks). The training is led by instructors from the Integrated Combat Club – Canberra (ICC-C) and they are assisted by large numbers of ADFA cadets, who mentor the kids in the program. The training occurs every Sunday (1400) during School term and is conducted in the ADFA indoor sports centre. To find out more please contact CHAP Mick George (0447 247 398) who is the senior coach of ICC Canberra and heads up the Anti-Bullying Program.

Postings: At this time of the year we are aware that

many families have or soon will be receiving posting orders. Please ensure that you let us know if you are moving on so that we can support and farewell your children.

Coming Up: RMC Band Visit to Whole School Thursday 5 July.

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



DEFENCE KIDS

ALL DEFENCE GROUPS ARE NOW OPERATING OUT OF THE DEFENCE ROOM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY! Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in 5/6 the Defence Hang out is NOW Wednesday lunchtimes. Please note that there will be NO 7 to 10 Hang out this week.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the school library 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

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](#)