



Harrison School Newsletter 30 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! I find this to be a great time of year in Canberra - not too chilly overnight, fresh mornings and glorious days. While we've moved into our winter uniform, the temperature variations can pose a bit of a challenge to some of our students in relation to the changing needs of dress during the day. This is a time where we find many jumpers left in open areas or the playground. Please ensure your child's uniform items are labelled and take time to talk through strategies with your children for being responsible for their belongings - it's a great lesson for life.

Celebrating Academic Growth

An element of the school's Strategic Plan is improving student achievement in their learning, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Over the last few years, we've had a strong focus on this, and most recently we've concentrated our efforts on improving student's literacy achievements. We've done this across the school in a number of ways, including targeted professional learning for staff and continuing our work with students about understanding themselves as learners and setting personal learning goals. We measure our progress in this in a number of ways, including in-class assessments and standardised assessments such as Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) for kindergarten students and the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. While they are just one measure, I'm pleased to report that this year we have seen considerable growth in the start of year PIPS results and have been recognised by Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) as having demonstrated substantially above average gain in reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN in 2018. If you're interested in knowing more here is a link to the [Student Gain page](#) of the MySchool site.

Term 2 Week 1 2019

Wednesday 1 May

- Preschool – Yr. 6 Assembly 9:15am – Gym

Friday 3

- Yr. 7 – 10 ACT Secondary Basketball Finals

Term 2 Week 2 2019

Monday 6

- ACT 12&U Swimming Championships

Tuesday 7

- Mothers' Day Stall
- Combined Band Rehearsal

Wednesday 8

- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- ACT 13&O Swimming Championship
- Yr. 10 Immunisations

Thursday 9

- Mothers' Day Stall
- **Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast 8:00am**
- ACT Secondary Touch Finals Yr. 7 – 10

Friday 10

- Yr. 7 – 10 Athletics Carnival

Term 2 Week 3 2019

NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9

Monday 13

- Harrison School P & C Meeting 7:00pm - Library

Tuesday 14

- NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9 Begins

2019 Calendar

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



Events

As always in a large school, we have lots of events happening in Term 2. Please be sure to check the [calendar](#) for events. Of particular note in the near future are the Mother's Day stall (class teachers will send information about when their class is visiting the stall), and Mother's Day Breakfast. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our mums and a very big thank you goes out to the P&C committee and helpers for organising and running the stall. If you're able to help out with the stall or are simply ready to be involved in the P&C more generally, you can make contact through the [P&C Facebook page](#). You might also be able to make it to the next general meeting on 13 May in the school library from 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Public Transport

A reminder that the new Transport Canberra timetables came into effect yesterday and the afternoon bus route from Harrison to Gungahlin has changed and that the light rail is now in operation. Please visit the [Transport Canberra website](#) for details.

In my reading over the holidays, I came across an article from the team at Parenting Ideas that you might be interested in. It's a very [quick read](#) and the concept put forward is quite simple - it's about questioning kids to think through potential scenarios that might happen when they're trying or encountering new things and 'convincing parents' of their readiness for them.

Jason Holmes

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our L J Hooker Award recipients:
Chaleena D S Archie D

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Olivia H	Isla W	Ayla K
Olivia M	Ella M	Madeleine S
Emmeline P	Joshua Y	James L
Delaney P	Janavi N	

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.

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family Statements for Semester 1 have been sent home. Family statements outline Years 7-10 elective course costs and we are asking you to make a voluntary contribution to the school. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as they assist the school in providing high quality learning opportunities and projects for your children. Voluntary contributions are used to purchase a range of resources across the school to support the provision of challenging, interesting and personalised learning. Subject contributions received from families are used to purchase resources and consumables that allow students to go beyond basic project work to produce materials that are high quality, allow personalisation and often provide additional challenge. If you have any questions about the family statements, please contact me on the school's general number.

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Preschool enrolment applications for 2020 will open 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](#)

STUDENT INFORMATION CHECKLIST REMINDER

Student Information Checklists have been sent home. This information reflects student details which are held on our computerized record keeping system. There is often a need to contact parents for various reasons. We are aware that contact numbers and email addresses etc. often change, and we require current information at school.

Please check the details and make any corrections required, sign the form and return it to school **even if there are no changes ASAP**. If you have mislaid the Information sheet, please let the front office know and we can reprint you a copy.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 2019



Please join us on Thursday 9 May for a bacon and egg sandwich, fresh fruit, tea and coffee at the Harrison School annual Mother's Day Breakfast.

Breakfast will be served from 8:15am on the junior netball courts near the library.

Don't forget to wear **pink** and bring \$3 for breakfast per person. All money raised goes towards the National Breast Cancer Foundation.



After breakfast, mums are warmly invited to visit their children's classrooms for maths activities.

CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following Harrison School Cross Country Age Champions.

Girls	Boys
Kindergarten Isabella T	Kindergarten Ralph P-G
Year 1 Summer B	Year 1 Rixon L
7 Yr. Old Kristine M	7 yr. Old Theo B
8 Yr. Old Layla G	8 Yr. Old Ruben L
9 Yr. Old Amelia F	9 Yr. Old Denali W
10 Yr. Old Mia M	10 Yr. Old Riley R
11 Yr. Old Amelie S	11 Yr. Old Callum Mac
12 Yr. Old Sara B	12 Yr. Old William C
13 Yr. Old Chloe P	13 Yr. Old Harrison H
14 Yr. Old Mischa B	14 Yr. Old Peter V
15 Yr. Old Ivah L	15 Yr. Old Thomas C
16 + Yr. Old Sarah T	16 + Yr. Old Alexander H



REMINDER: CHANGES TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

The ACT Government has introduced a new integrated public transport network for Canberra for the beginning of Term 2, 2019. This network will include bus and light rail services operating together to give Canberrans more options to use public transport, every day of the week.

As part of this change, the way students get to

school by public transport will change from Term 2, 2019. Some students will use different routes, make connections between services or use light rail for the first time. Every student who uses public transport needs to be aware of the changes.

What you need to know: Bus services will change for the beginning of Term 2.

- The change to services will include dedicated school services for the commencement of Term 2 on 29 April 2019
- The new timetable information will be available online from early March, including an improved online journey planner
- Information about services for each school is available <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools> online



DEFENCE NEWS

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

sarah.mcgvain@ed.act.edu.au

Sarah



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that the 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 Friday lunchtime. All groups are held in the Defence Room in the library!



HARRISON HEARTS

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

MOTHER'S DAY!

That special day of the year where your children get to thank their mum for everything she does, is coming up on Sunday 12 May.

The P&C are organising a pop-up stall during week 2 to give the children at Harrison School the opportunity to purchase that perfect gift for Mum. Gifts will range from \$1 to \$5.

Each class will be allocated a day when they will visit the stall, so the children can be prepared.

Please keep a look out for a letter going home with your child or check out the posts on the P&C Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC>

Thank you

Harrison School P&C Association

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 8:30am – 9:30am.

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](#)

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.