



Harrison School Newsletter 15 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 3!

Certainly a highlight of Week 2 was our annual Mother's Day breakfast and our Mums and Maths activities in the P – 4 classrooms. I love seeing the joy on students' faces as they show off their new learning, challenge their parents at Middle Year's Computation (MYMC), Count Me In Too (CMIT) and other maths activities, taking on the role of teacher to the grown-ups. Thank you for taking this opportunity to celebrate as a community and provide your child with a different audience. The Mother's Day stall also ran successfully during the week and was visited by classes. Hopefully mums were pleasantly surprised by the gift selected by their child/ren and felt even more special on Sunday.

NAPLAN (Week 3)

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN assessment began this week and continues through Week 4. To assist your child prepare for NAPLAN, encourage them to have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Year 3 assessment:

Writing (Paper test) - Tuesday May 15 @ 9:00am. Reading - Friday May 18 @ 9:00am. Lang Conventions - Monday May 21 @ 9:00am. Numeracy - Thursday May 24 @ 9:00am

Year 5 assessment:

Writing - Wednesday May 16 @ 11:20am. Reading - Thursday May 17 @ 11:20am. Lang Conventions - Tuesday May 22 @ 9:00am. Numeracy - Wednesday May 23 @ 9:00am

Year 7 assessment:

Writing - Tuesday May 15 @ 11:20am. Reading - Wednesday May 16 @ 9:00am. Lang Conventions - Monday May 21 @ 11:20am. Numeracy - Thursday May 24 @ 11:20am

Year 9 assessment:

Writing - Tuesday May 15 @ 9:00am. Reading - Thursday May 17 @ 11:20am. Lang Conventions - Friday May 18 @ 11:20am. Numeracy - Wednesday May 23 @ 11:20am

Diary

Term 2 Week 3

NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9 **BOOK FAIR**

Wednesday 16

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15 am- Gym

Thursday 17

- Learning Support Unit Parent Information Session 9:00am
- Indigenous Student Health Checks

Friday 18

- Yr. 7/8 Best SELF Day
- Yrs. 5 - 10 Games Club

Term 2 Week 4

NAPLAN Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9 **BOOK FAIR**

Wednesday 23

- Yr. 5 - 10 Assembly 9:15 am- Gym
- Yr. 7/8 Bell Shakespeare Performance 'Shakespeare is Dead'
- Say NO to Family Violence Program Yr. 9 and new Yr. 10 Male students
- National Simultaneous Storytime
- Yr. 9/10 Bell Shakespeare Performance 'Macbeth: The Rehearsal'

Thursday 24

- Kindergarten Well Station Excursion

[2018 Calendar](#)

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





Children, Hospital and School

What happens to education when children and young people are in hospital? The ACT Education Directorate provides a program at the Canberra Hospital School catering for children and young people from Preschool to Year 12.

The hospital school is located at The Canberra Hospital in Garran. When students are admitted to hospital, the teachers from the Hospital School work with you and your child's teachers to help keep your child connected to their learning. Children who are well enough can go to the Hospital School whether they are in hospital for a day, a week, or even longer.

If you know that your child is going into hospital, please let the school know, so we can contact the staff at the Hospital School. There is a brochure about the Hospital School available if you would like some more information.

Imagine going to school in your pyjamas, or even in your bed!

The Hospital School

Harrison School Book Fair (Week 3)

The Scholastic Book Fair is in the library in Week 3 from Tuesday 15 May 2018. Parents and children are welcome to see the book collection before and after school to view favourites. Students P-6 have the opportunity to visit the Fair with their classroom teacher to compile a booklist. A percentage of the overall funds raised through this event will be donated back to the school to purchase additional library resources.

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

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.

NEW 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.

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.

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Recently you should have received a family statement from the school outlining Years 7-10 elective course costs and 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 such as decorative timbers, 3D printing materials, specific art supplies and recipe ingredients 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.

Jason Holmes

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. [Online Application](#)

HARRISON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND



Harrison School has established a special **LIBRARY FUND** to build the school's library and information resources.

There is good news! **Donations to the Harrison School Library Fund are tax deductible.** Under our tax laws all donations to public libraries qualify as a tax deduction - our library being in a public school meets this criterion.

This fund gives our school the chance to build a quality reading and reference facility and provide selected electronic information services for our students.

All donations, no matter the amount, are invaluable. The important thing is that they will be used to support your child's education.

If you wish to donate, or if you have a business which may like to consider a gift, we would welcome any contributions.

Donations to the Library Fund can be left at the school office or sent to school with your child. Please complete the attached form.

On behalf of all the students at Harrison School, we thank you for your donation.

Please find the information and form attached or on the school website: Library Fund

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair



SCHOLASTIC

You are invited to Harrison School Library to visit the book fair. All students in P - 6 will visit the fair during school hours, but we are also open for families and visitors before and after school.

Tuesday May 15 - Friday May 25

8.30am - 4.00pm every day

Thursday May 17 OPEN TILL 6.00pm!

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Books are now available. We have sample books for you to look at in the library and the front office, and we will be selling digital and book memberships during Terms 2 & 3. Fantastic value for \$60.

ORDER YOURS HERE!

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

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS 2018 (ICAS TEST FOR YEARS 3 - 10)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please give consideration towards having your child/children participate in ICAS testing this year. We are offering opportunities for students to participate in English and Mathematics competitions. The tests provide an opportunity for all Year 3 – 10 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results on English, Mathematics and Science.

The competition is run by The University of NSW with certificates given for High Distinctions (top 1%), Distinctions (next 10%), Credits (next 25%), Merit (next 10%) and Participation for all other students. A university medal is given for the top candidate in the whole competition.

The **closing date** for participation and payment is **Friday 25 May 2018**. Cost for participation is outlined below as well as sitting dates.

English – Tuesday 31 July 2018 \$9.00

Mathematics – Tuesday 14 August 2018 \$9.00

All of the tests - \$18.00

Please be aware that students who are away for the ICAS sitting date will miss out as they need to be posted back the day after sitting.

Please note that Science will not be offered this year but we hope to organise it in following years.

Students who wish to participate in the International Competition for Australian Schools (ICAS), need to return the permission slip with the entry fee to the front office by 25 May 2018. The permission slip can be found following this link:

[ICAS Note and Permission Slip](#)

Alternatively, you may obtain one from the front office.

Thank you,

Yara Jerious ICAS Coordinator

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ACT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week, eleven of our students were selected to compete at the ACT swimming Championships at the AIS pool. Congratulations to Jaidi B, Chloe P, Ethan C, Ethan P, Lauren M and Jun C who swam on Monday in the 12yrs and under Championships and Sarah M, Tom P, Thomas R, Meg S and Sarah T who competed on Wednesday in the 13yrs and over Championships. Special mention, Meg S competed in seven events finishing with a 1st, 2 x 2nd, 2 x 3rd and 2 x 4th in the 15/16 age groups. Congratulations to all of these swimmers on your great efforts.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



Last Friday's Mother's Day breakfast was a huge success, filled with good food and community spirit. It was wonderful to see families enjoying delicious food together; mums engaging in maths activities in classrooms and the school community get together to support the Breast Cancer Foundation. Thank you to the K – 2 choir for their fantastic performance and to all of the amazing staff who helped out. Thank you especially to Gungahlin Aurora Rotary Club and Home Grown Meats for their generosity in donating their time and produce. One more BIG thank you to all of the mums in our community for raising such enthusiastic and active learners!

The Mother's Day Breakfast Committee



DEFENCE NEWS

Deployments: Exciting News!! We are currently in the process of moving our offices and activity groups to our own room in the Library. We will be in touch when we are settled and ready for visitors!

Coming Up: Tyler Turtle (Year 1 Students) - Friday 18 May

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

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. Defence Hang Out for Yrs. 5 - 10 will be back this Thursday at lunch time in the Mulligans building room G29.



HARRISON HEARTS

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 8:30am – 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](#)

SCHOOL BANKING

This week I have sent out letters to all our School Banking students who are eligible for a reward. I encourage you to please order your reward before they run out of the rewards, please note the Secret Scratch Notepad is already in short supply. Some other students have received a letter as it has been some time since you have done School Banking, just a friendly reminder that you are still on our system and can resume banking anytime.

Don't forget that our Super Savers Grand Prize competition finishes at the end of Term 3 2018! Students will need to have made 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of term 3, for their chance to win an unforgettable family trip to Hawaii. Remember School Banking is processed every Wednesday, you just need to keep banking every week to be eligible to enter the competition and to collect your tokens to be eligible for the rewards – it doesn't really matter how much money you bank, you just need to bank every week.

If you would like to be part of the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking program you just need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank or visit

www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Have a great term and Happy Savings
Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators