



Harrison School Newsletter 12 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely place to be - Week 10 Term 4! Lovely, not only because of the upcoming holidays and opportunity they will hopefully provide to spend some quality time with loved ones, but more because as we take time to reflect, we have achieved lots. There has been terrific learning occurring in classrooms throughout the year. With our focus on learning intentions and success criteria, students have developed a much clearer picture of what they are learning and what they need to do to be successful learners. We've seen some great growth in students through NAPLAN results, ongoing class assessments and semester reports. We've also successfully completed an external school review which highlighted a large number of terrific things we do at Harrison as well as identifying areas for us to focus on for continued improvement, which we're excited about. If you'd like to read the report, you can find it at the bottom of the [School Board page](#) on our website. We've grown a little more and have a new building onsite to house our extra classes. We've provided students with excellent opportunities to grow socially, emotionally and academically outside the classroom through structured play activities, carnivals and excursions to a range of interesting places. We've seen our students and staff achieve success through state and national sporting representation and recognition through community awards.

Term 4 itself has been both frenetic and excellent. Last week we celebrated two major events in the form of our Year 10 Graduation and Formal and our ACE Awards Evening. The Year 10 students looked spectacular in their dresses and suits and I was filled with pride to see the smiles on the faces of students and parents as the Year 10 Portfolios were awarded. The speeches given by our two school captains at the Year 10 Farewell Assembly and Graduation were clever, thoughtful and humorous. Our ACE Awards was a terrific event with over 450 awards presented to students as recognition of their achievements and efforts. We had a number of distinguished guests to help us present the awards,

Diary

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 12

- Kindy Walk to Franklin Park 9:30am – 12:30pm

Wednesday 13

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am
- Yr. 5/6 End of Year Excursion 9:30 – 1:30pm

Thursday 14

- Kindergarten– Yr. 2 Aqua Fun Day 9:00am – 2:30pm

Friday 15

- **CANTEEN CLOSED**
- Last Day of Term 4

REMINDER: For **ALL** events in the Gym please wear flat-soled shoes **ONLY**
[2017 Calendar](#)



and again, it was delightful to see the smiles and pride on the faces of students and parents as awards were presented. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the things we do, so if you have feedback about the evening please send it through to our info@harrison.act.edu.au email address. Our school leaders for 2018 were also introduced and I am filled with excitement about the possibilities this group provide.

Welcomes and Farewells

We welcome 8 new staff to the school for 2018 and I am excited by the range of experience skill sets joining us. I will introduce our new staff in the first newsletter of 2018. The end of the year is always bittersweet however, and there are a number of our current teachers leaving at the end of the year. I am extremely grateful of their contributions to Harrison and the impact they've had not only on the culture of the school, but on the individual students they have taught. Please join me in thanking:

- Nicole Zimmer
- David Ferguson
- Sophie Jarvis
- Suzanne Brown
- Catherine Fellows
- Tim Wedlock
- Cara Minary
- Alison Moore
- Rebecca Pashley
- Cara Slattery
- Jamie Smith
- Femke Matthews
- John Bowyer
- Amy Jager
- Jim Riley
- Stephen Crabb
- Tanya DeGier
- Bec Sadler
- Sayoko Thompson
- Stephen Pickard

We may also have some of our LSAs leaving us though we're not sure at this point in time. I know you'll join me wishing all staff leaving Harrison the very best in their future endeavours.

2018 School Year

The 2018 school year starts with new students, including all preschool and kindergarten students,

on Monday 5 February. Continuing students return on Tuesday 6 February. In continuing our practice, class lists will be posted at various locations around the school at the start of next year.

In signing off, I thank you, our amazing community of parents and carers, for your contributions to and support of the very successful year we've had and I look forward to strengthening our partnership in 2018 and beyond. I hope you all have a lovely, safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Regards,
Jason.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Declar H	Danny S	Natasha H
April McL	Dang N	William P
Seth S	Adam W	Anabela S
Diya M	Katelyn G	Matilda G
Morgan R	Tessa F	Sean M
Aditya P	Riley G	Nelda C
Yash R	Arjuna W	Tanish T-K
Deklin P	Callum J	Tanasha A
Mariam S	Nabeel A	Om K
Haley G	Ryan P	Jannah W

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2018

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2018 could you please complete the form on this link [Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#) and return it to the front office to assist us in organising classes for 2018.

STUDENTS ON HOLIDAY LEAVE

If your family is on an extended holiday and will not be back at school before the beginning of Term 1, 2018 Tuesday 6 February could you please complete the form on this link [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office ASAP.

ACE AWARD PHOTOS

If your child received an ACE award and you would like to request a photo that was taken on the night could you please complete the form on the link below:

<http://bit.ly/ace-awards-photos2017>

DATES FOR TERM 1 2018

Monday 5 February 2018

First Day for **NEW** students to Harrison School including Preschool and Kindergarten 2018.

Tuesday 6 February 2018.

ALL students return to school.

P & C Community Morning Tea 9:00 – 10:30am All parents welcome.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday 7 February

Kindergarten 2017 Information Session will be held from 5:00 – 5:45pm.

Tuesday 13 February

Yr.1/2 Information Session 5:45 – 6:30pm

Yr. 3/4 Information Session 6:30 – 7:15pm

Thursday 15 February

Yr. 5/6 Information Session 5:30 – 6:30pm

Yr. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30 – 7:30pm

2018 Aquatic Carnivals - Save the date

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

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 26 February, Big Splash Macquarie

All classes Yr. 5 -10, aquatic activities all day

- **Harrison Swimming Trials**– Tuesday 6 March, at AIS Pool

For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers.

Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

EXCURSION/CAMP PAYMENTS

Please ensure when depositing into the Harrison School bank account for direct deposit that you include: **Student Name and 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 the students 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 and receive a green slip before collecting students from their class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office. Parents must receive an electronic slip before collecting students from class.

HARRISON SCHOOL DAILY NEWS

Just a reminder, that if you wish to subscribe to the Harrison School Daily News you will receive notifications and updates regarding school events. You can also access the school calendar from this site. Please see the link below:

<https://harrisonschoolnews.com/>

2018 STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LISTS



The 2018 Stationery Requirements lists will be sent home this week. The lists are also available on the school website on the link below:

[2018 Harrison School Stationery Packs](#)

Please follow the ordering instructions

1. Go to the OfficeMax website

OfficeMaxSchools.com.au

2. Search for Harrison School, Harrison ACT and enter your school access key **2XQ5Q**
3. Complete the student details and select the year level that your child will be in for 2018. Eg. If your child is in Yr.1 this year then you need to select the 2018 Yr. 2 list.
4. Review your requirements list and make any changes (if necessary). Please note that some items have been denoted as a requisite for the subject or year.

If you have more than one student at the school you will need to repeat the above steps, ordering the correct 2018 year level list.

Once completed, an order confirmation will be sent to your email address.

Order Deadlines and Delivery

When ordering your child's 2018 Stationery packs please **DO NOT** enter the school address for delivery of stationery packs. Orders will **NOT** be delivered to the school.

Please enter either your home address or your work/business address for stationery pack delivery.

Orders are delivered via Australia post's eParcel service and you will receive an email with the Australia Post tracking ID Number. Post Offices Box addresses are **NOT** accepted.

- Orders placed on or before 17 December will be delivered free of charge.
- Orders placed after 17 December and on or before 31 December will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee.
- Orders placed after 31 December will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee and all efforts will be made to deliver prior to the beginning of Term 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT

- **ALL** Stationery packs need to be brought to school on the first day of **Term 1, 2018** and given to the class teacher.

Please note that OfficeMax now has zipPay

OfficeMax now has zipPay. You can buy your requirements list now and pay later.

For full terms and conditions visit officemaxschools.com.au



If you need any help placing your order, returns or refunds, delivery information or have a general enquiry please visit OfficeMaxSchool.com.au/help

Please DO NOT send any Stationery Lists or money to the school, ALL orders are through OfficeMax.

YR. 4 – 5 TRANSITION 2018

Please see the letter attached in regard to Curriculum and assessment delivery, specialist programs, personal learning, Yr. 5 Uniform, school start and finish times and canteen. The letter can also be found on the link below:

[YR. 4 – 5 TRANSITION 2018](#)
[Year3-6 Semester Overview](#)

SCHOOL BOARD

We have two parents, one student and two staff positions that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2018. Nominations for the Harrison School Board open at 11:00am on **Monday 5 February** and close at 11:00am on **Monday 19 February**. If you wish to nominate for the school board and would like to know what the position entails please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Holmes.

The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board.

hsbparentrep@outlook.com



DEFENCE NEWS

Last Friday our 2017 Year 6 students donated a lovely Cenotaph to Harrison School in recognition of the large defence community associated with

the school past, present and future. It was lovely to receive such a generous gift, we give special thanks to Mrs Laura Benitez and the other parents who contributed to the organisation and celebration for our students and to the generosity of the Gungahlin RSL, Smart Salary and Defence Community Organisation for their financial contributions towards the Cenotaph.

Emma and I would like to thank you all for a wonderful year and hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year; we look forward to hearing about your Christmas breaks next February. If you are leaving us, all the best for your future endeavours!

Sarah McGavin (DSTA) available school hours Mon – Wed and Fri.

Sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

Emma Marrinan (DTM) available school hours Mon, Tues, Thurs and Wed mornings.

Emma.marrinan@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Activity groups have finished for this year due to concerts and other activities. If you have suggestions for what you would like to do at activity groups next year please tell Mrs McGavin. We hope to see you back at activity groups in the New Year, please watch this space for times and locations.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to every little Future Saver who received certificates and rewards this year – what a fantastic effort. The last set of rewards and certificates were delivered yesterday so everyone should have received them. 'Remember, we will still process your School Banking **this Wednesday**. If you have collected 10 tokens you will be able to redeem these for the new rewards in term 1 next year.

A big congratulations goes to Lacie who won a

3Doodler 3D Pen set from the School Banking Future Games competition.

We would like to thank everyone who has participated in the School Banking Program this year, through your efforts the Commonwealth Bank has paid over \$ 1,200 in commission to our school with more to come from this term. What a great effort from everyone!

We would also like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope you all have a fantastic holiday, we look forward to more great savings next year.

Happy Savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

CANTEEN NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE END OF THE YEAR

The canteen will be slowly decreasing their stock and are requesting from **Monday 4 December** that if you are placing a lunch order for your child, you add a second choice to the order please.

REMINDER: The Junior and Senior canteens will be **CLOSED** on **Friday 15 December**.

Please find attached an updated Canteen Menu. Please see the link below for the 2017 Canteen Menu.

[2017 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

School Student Transport Scheme

This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from year 2 to 3 and year 6 to 7.

We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification

from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018.

Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.