



Harrison School Newsletter 6 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to progress through Term four, things have remained busy here at Harrison School with many exciting events taking place in the last week or so. Students have had the opportunity to be involved in a number of activities both here at school and in the wider community.

This week will be the last time we host our 2019 kindergarten students for this year's orientation program. The next time we see them will be at the beginning of 2019 as they begin their journey through their primary school education. I would like to thank the teachers and executive staff for organising such a valuable program, and also the families of our prospective students who made it possible for their little ones to participate.

This week we will also be expanding our orientation visits to all prospective students for 2019 and look forward to meeting some new faces that will join us for the 2019 academic year.

Last Tuesday I was lucky enough to join students from our LSU classes at Radford College as they participated in the ACT Region DreamCricket Gala Day. For those who have not heard of DreamCricket, it is an inclusive initiative that provides opportunities for students to participate in a range of activities that encompass the skills of cricket. I was witness to some excellent skills displayed by our students and by all reports, a lot of fun was had. Some of our students even featured on WIN TV News, being interviewed about their experiences.

In other sporting news, I had the pleasure of speaking to the Principal of Palmerston Primary School about the wonderfully impressive display of skipping that the Harrison Hoppers presented to the staff and students at her school. The even more impressive aspect to this story is that Palmerston was not the only school that the Hoppers visited and wowed that day. What a fit group of students!

Diary

Term 4 Week 4

BOOK FAIR

HARRISON ART SHOW

Monday 5

- Yr. 3/4 GWS Giants Science Show
- Kindergarten Orientation Program 1:00 - 3:00pm Group 2 (New Students)

Tuesday 6

- Kindergarten Orientation Program 1:00 - 3:00pm Group 1 (New Students)

Wednesday 7

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am- Gym
- 2019 Preschool Information Session 9:00 – 11:30am

Thursday 8

- 2019 Kindergarten – Yr. 10 Orientation Day 9:00- 11:30am
- Book Fair open until 6 p.m. Thursday 8th
- Harrison School Art Show Open Evening 5:00 – 7:00pm

Friday 9

- Remembrance Day Service 9:20am

Term 4 Week 5

Harrison School Spirit Week

Monday 12

- AIME Program Graduation & Celebration

Tuesday 13

- Preschool to Kindergarten Transition 10:00 – 10:50am

Wednesday 14

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am- Gym

2018 Calendar

Y6 celebration

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



Bike Enclosures

Please be aware that we have unfortunately had reports of bicycles being taken from our bike enclosures. Although the enclosures are locked during the school day, disappointingly, people have taken the chance of removing unsecured bicycles after the enclosures have been unlocked at the end of the day. We ask that everyone is vigilant when using our bike enclosures and implore people to also lock their bicycles when within the enclosures.

Curriculum News

This week, our students in years three and four were visited by members of the Greater Western Sydney Giants who conducted a science show. It was a great way of combining both science and sports and after speaking with some of the students who participated, the feedback was that they thought it was great.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Lilla E and John E who competed last weekend in the ACT/NSW Interschools Equestrian Championships representing Harrison School. Both Lilla and John achieved excellent results. Well Done!

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

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.

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL 2019 STATIONERY LISTS



The Stationery lists for 2019 are now available online from OfficeMax. The stationery lists and access codes for each year group can be found on the school website: [Stationery Lists 2019](#).

For information on how to order please see the attached document.

Please **DO NOT** send your 2019 Stationery packs to the school until next year.

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

- Book Fair: Mon 5 – Fri 9 Nov
- Harrison School Art Show: Wed 7 – Fri 9 Nov
- Preschool Information Session: Wed 7 Nov
- Remembrance Day Service: Fri 9 Nov
- Harrison School Spirit Week: 12 – 16 Nov
- School Drama Production: 27 – 30 Nov
- Concert Dates: Wed 5 & Thurs 6 Dec
- Yr. 10 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly: Fri 7 Dec
- Yr. 10 Graduation and Formal: Tues 11 Dec
- Harrison School ACE Awards: Thurs 13 Dec
- Yr. 6 Celebration: Fri 14 Dec 9:30 – 11:00am

For more detailed information please see the school Calendar on the website: [2018 Calendar](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

Book fair



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 October 30 - Friday November 9

8.30am - 4.00pm every day

Thursday November 1 and November 8

OPEN until 6.00pm!

Other Languages

We are still trying to increase our collection of books in other languages. If you have any children's books you would like to donate, we would love to accept them. We are also looking for volunteers to help us translate title information for some of the books we already have, especially Chinese, Korean, Thai and Indonesian. If you think you can help please drop in to see us in the library.

Pamela Gaukroger and Nola Zorzi

HARRISON ART SHOW

The Harrison School Art Show will be held in Week 4 of this term from Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 November. The Art Show will be open to students, parents and carers on Thursday evening 8 November between 5:00 and 7:00pm.

Please come along and support this event. There will be light snacks and a choir performance. Works to be displayed will be confirmed before the end of the week.

HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT

This year the Harrison School Concert will be held on **Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December**. Please find attached a copy of the class performance timetable.

[2018 End of Year Concert Class Schedule](#)

Tickets for the concert will be available from the front office from Wednesday 31 October. Tickets will be \$2.00 per person. Students who are performing do NOT require a ticket.

Please Note: Lost tickets can NOT be replaced.

YR.1/2 EARTH RANGERS FUNDRAISER

The 1/2 Earth Rangers have been exploring how our koalas are being put at risk through habitat destruction, road accidents and other human activities.

We will be having a fundraiser at school on Friday of Week 4 (9th November) at lunchtime near the hall to raise money to help protect our koalas.

Koala cookies will be on sale for 50c each with all proceeds going to the Australian Koala Foundation. Thank you for your support.

BANDSTRAVAGANZA 2018

The Senior Band and Year 6 Band will be performing at the School of Music for Bandstravaganza.

Senior Band - Monday 19 November 7.00-8.30pm

Year 6 Band - Wednesday 21 November 7.00-8.30pm

Tickets go on sale through Ticketek on Monday

October 22 from 9am.

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BANDSTRA18> (website link)

<http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BANDSTRA18> (mobile link)

If you have any further questions, please email sarah.wicken@ed.act.edu.au

CHRISTMAS CARE PARCELS FOR DEPLOYED PERSONNEL



Harrison School wishes to show pride in our Australian Defence Forces by sending Christmas Care Parcels to deployed personnel over the 2018 Christmas period. We are seeking donations by **Wednesday 14 November** and these can be left at the main office, given to classroom teachers or dropped off to the Defence Room in the library.

Please see the attached flyer for further details and suggestions or on the School website at: [Christmas Care Parcels Information](#)



DEFENCE NEWS

DCO Support for ADF Families:
defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Coming Up:

- Remembrance Day Service – Friday 9 November
- Defence Students' Farewells – Tues 13 and Wed 14 November
- Defence Family Christmas Pizza in the Park – Friday 16 November
- Christmas Care Parcel Packaging – Tuesday 20 November

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 the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunch times and the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. For students in 5/6, the Defence Hang Out is NOW Wednesday lunch times. Students in Years 7 to 10 remain Thursday lunch times.



HARRISON HEARTS

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

SCHOOL BANKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The wonderful volunteer parents that have been doing the student banking for several years are unfortunately unable to continue next year. We are therefore looking for parent volunteers to take over and continue the wonderful work that both Maria and Linda have been doing. Maria and Linda are happy to train anyone interested in taking on the school banking.

If you are interested could you please contact the front office on 6142 2200.

2019 SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORT APPLICATIONS

Transport Canberra and City Services have sent 2019 Special Needs Transport (SNT) applications to parents/carers/guardians of eligible students who are currently accessing the SNT program. Applications close on 23 November 2018. Late approved applications will be placed on a waiting list.

For NEW students applying for SNT please note: All new applicants must be NDIS participants. There is an exemption relating to Australian residency. Online applications, SNT guidelines and NDIS Frequently Asked Questions are available at the following link:

[2019 Special Needs Transport](#)

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

Don't forget to order your rewards before stocks run out. Exciting new Term 4 rewards with a Super Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!



Slushie Maker Cup

Zoom Flying Disk

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.