



Harrison School Newsletter 20 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

University of Canberra Affiliated Schools Program.

Last week, along with Vice Chancellor and President of the University of Canberra, Professor Deep Saini, The Minister of Education announced the schools that will participate in the University of Canberra Affiliated Schools Program.

The ACT Government's \$4.5m investment over four years in this program, supports the Future of Education Strategy by further empowering teachers and school leaders to meet the learning needs of all students.

It was acknowledged that a respected, professional teaching workforce requires high quality initial teacher education that attracts the right kind of people to this field and leads to well-prepared and enthusiastic graduates entering the profession. After the personal factors of students themselves, teachers are the single most significant factor in student achievement.

The Affiliated Schools Program will enhance preservice teacher education through school-based clinics and professional experience placements to ensure graduates are well equipped to enter the workforce. The Program also benefits our existing workforce by supporting collaboration with preservice teachers and university academics as well as sharing research via professional learning, resources and evidence-based programs.

By building better links with the University of Canberra (UC) where many of our teachers gain their initial and post graduate qualifications, we are increasing opportunities for professional learning through research collaboration as well as growing UC as a centre for excellence in teaching. This is an exciting initiative and we all look forward to seeing the outcomes of this wonderful partnership.

Professor Saini said the program will allow us to realise the vision of authentic, school-based teacher education, teacher professional

Diary

Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 21

- Preschool – Yr. 4 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 6 Bandstravaganza Concert 6:30pm ANU
- P & C Meeting 7:00 pm – Library

Thursday 22

- Preschool Children's Week Celebration Th/ F groups 9:15-10:30am
- Smashed Project Yr. 9 Students

Friday 23

- 2019 Yr. 4 Prefect speeches and voting 10:00 – 10:50am
- 2019 Yr. 6 Prefect speeches and voting
- Australian Dance – Energeia 7:00pm Mt Majura Solar Farm

Term 4 Week 7

Harrison School Drama Production

Monday 26

- Kindergarten ACT Fire and Rescue Visit
- Yr. 5 – 8 Senior Choir Parliament House Christmas Carols 10:00am – 1:00pm

Tuesday 27

- Preschool Transition to Kindergarten 11:20am

Wednesday 28

- Yr. 5 – 10 Assembly 9:15am- Gym

2018 Calendar

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



development and research with well resourced, carefully selected schools.

“A formalised and collaborative partnership such as the UC Affiliated Schools Program focuses on future effectiveness and the relevance of education in a fast-developing Australian society.

It has been informed by international best practice, successful collaborative programs in the past, and the contributions of a cohesive team within the University and its Faculty of Education; and from UC Lake Ginninderra and UC Kaleen High School.”

Initially 25 public schools will be involved in the Program and Harrison School is very pleased to be one of them.

Colour Run

Well how fun was that!!! What is even more impressive is that the colour run is a completely student organised and led activity. The Year 9/10 students from the Learn RITE class do it all – from liaising with council, to organising staffing, to the mechanics of the day, budgeting, resource management and risk assessments. Our thanks go to all students who enthusiastically participated and a huge congratulations goes to the organising student group. The money raised is being donated towards the students’ chosen charity “Save the white Rhinos”.



Transitions

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been showing around new families joining our Harrison community for 2019. Several transition activities have been organised and run to assist prospective students get a feel for the school environment and start to build relationships with some friendly faces.

It’s been lovely to meet our new students entering Harrison at almost every year cohort and welcome their families. Students have definitely made the most of the opportunity and left transition activities with smiles on their faces.

Harrison Student Leadership Group

Last week our Student Leadership Group ran the inaugural Harrison School Spirit Week. Our house Captains and School Leaders ran activities for students at lunchtimes with each day of the week being dedicated to a different house. It was lovely to see students wear their house colours to school on the designated day and getting involved with the activities organised. The Student Leaders had the idea, presented the concept to the staff and saw their vision through to fruition. They have even already put together their reflections on how to improve the event for next time. It was a great example of student leadership for the benefit of a community and I wish to congratulate our student leaders for their vision, hard work and effort.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Term 4 L J Hooker Award recipients:

Jay W and Elizabeth E

Congratulations to our Special Principal’s Award Recipients:

Ankushdeep M William P

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Abbie T Sahasri P Aleksander C

Chloe H Leah W Aryan K

Scarlett H Ella M Alenna DeF

Ruben F Joshua B Ava K

Jannah W Francisca M Veer G

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.

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

- 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](#)

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

Come and celebrate the Y9/10 Drama Production in a festive musical spectacular of epic proportions! Based on the much-loved Christmas movie, Elf - this modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.



Performances will take place in the PATS Theatre on Wednesday 28 November and

Thursday 29 November 2018 at 7:00pm.

All tickets \$5.00 and can be purchased online via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZHRR>

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 are available from the front office. Tickets are \$2.00 per person. Students who are performing do NOT require a ticket.

Please Note: Lost tickets can NOT be replaced.

BANDSTRAVAGANZA 2018

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

Year 6 Band - Wednesday 21 November 7.00-8.30pm

Tickets are on sale through Ticketek

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?s=h=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

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

The school psychologists have had a very busy year at Harrison School, and are now unable to take any new referrals until Term 1 2019. If you have concerns about your child's learning, or social or emotional wellbeing, their class teacher or the team leaders for your child's year group are often the best place to start a conversation about these concerns.

Alternatively, you may wish to access community agencies for support such as:

- Gungahlin Child and Family Centre

Phone: (02) 6207 0120

Website:

<http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/cyfs/children/childandfamilycentres>

- Marymead

Phone: (02) 6162 5800

Website: <http://www.marymead.org.au/>

- Belconnen Community Service

Phone: (02) 6264 0200

Website: <https://www.bcsact.com.au/>

If you have concerns about your child's mental health that cannot wait until next year, we recommend the following services:

- Your family GP who may refer to a private psychologist
- Headspace Canberra (for young people over the age of 12)

Phone: (02) 6201 5343

Website:

<https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/headspace-canberra/>

- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Phone: (02) 6205 1050

Website:

<http://www.findahealthservice.act.gov.au/c/fahs?a=sp&pid=1316133581&site=51105&servicecategory=23>

Jorja Zollinger and Ashleigh Kinlyside
School Psychologists



DEFENCE NEWS

In the lead up to Remembrance Day, we held a merchandise stall selling poppies and badges. We are proud to say that we raised \$281 for the Gungahlin RSL.

Over the last week, we have spent time saying Good Bye to the Defence Students that are leaving us over the coming weeks for their new adventures. Once again, we hope that you settle in well to your new schools and enjoy your new locations.

Pizza in the Park was a lovely evening and an opportunity to catch up with other Defence families in the Harrison School community, thank you to those that were able to attend. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Postings: As posting orders are out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (eg.MWDU/Deployments) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

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.mcgvain@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 the K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and the 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to the many students who have made a fabulous effort with their savings. The certificates and rewards will be sent out during the week.

Many of you already have 10 tokens and are also able to order a reward. I encourage you to order your rewards soon as we are now in Week 6 and there are only **two weeks** left for ordering rewards. The last week to order rewards this term will be **Week 7**. We have been advised by the Commonwealth Bank that no orders will be accepted after this date, so that all rewards can be back before the end of year holidays.

To all our School Banking families, we **urgently** need one or two parents to volunteer to run the program, it only takes one to two hours each week and all training will be provided. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Maria on 6241-2008.

Happy savings

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Linda Barrack
School Banking Coordinators

P & C NEWS

REMINDER

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21 November** at 7:00pm in the library. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Please come along and support your children's school.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Please Note: The Canteen will **NOT** be open on

Friday 21 December

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](#)



**Late Food Order Service
Changes starting Term 1, 2019**

As of Term 1, 2019, Flexischools' Customer Service Team will no longer be taking late orders over the phone from parents.
Cut off time for Harrison School is 9:00am.