



# HARRISON NEWS



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## Harrison School Newsletter March 26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 8!

### School Band

Our fabulous senior band was invited to play at the Canberra Raiders versus Melbourne Storm Rugby League game at the Canberra Stadium last Friday night as part of the pre-game entertainment. They did a fabulous job under the tutelage of Sarah Wicken and as a community, we can be very proud of their efforts. For a group of students that have only been playing together since the beginning of the year, they have made some remarkable progress.

### New ACT Assessment & Reporting System

The ACT Education Directorate is currently working on rolling out a new Assessment and Reporting system across all ACT schools. The new system will bring all schools under a common reporting framework, which will eliminate variations in the process and allow the aggregation of data at a whole of system level. A number of pilot schools have been selected to trial the new system for Semester 1 2019, so we will be able to learn from these schools as we look towards implementation in Semester 2.

### School Camps

Next week, our Year 7/8 students are off to experience school camp at Berry, NSW and our Year 3/4 students are off to Birrigai. Camps are such a valuable learning experience for our students both in the planned activities and in incidental social and emotional learning that occurs along the way. We wish all of our intrepid campers great weather and a fabulous camp experience and we look forward to hearing all the stories on their return.

### Sister School

This week, we are exceptionally proud and privileged to be hosting 4 staff and 4 students from our sister school Tomio Daisan. This is the first

### **Term 1 Week 8 2019**

TOMIO DAISAN SCHOOL VISIT  
YR.2 AQUA SAFE PROGRAM

#### **Tuesday 26**

- Secondary North ACT Boys Basketball 8:30am

#### **Wednesday 27**

- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Yr.7 Immunisations
- Kindergarten Kenny Koala Visit

#### **Friday 29**

- Indian High Commission Visit Yr. 5/6DM, TK, MPO & BM.

### **Term 1 Week 9 2019**

#### **Monday 1**

- Yr.7/8 Camp Berry 7am
- Yr.1/2 Warrambui Excursion 1/2MP, JM, OP, JHA & BC

#### **Tuesday 2**

- Yr.7/8 Camp Berry
- Harrison Hoppers School Demonstration 9:00am
- Yr.1/2 Warrambui Excursion 1/2KW, NE, KS, EP & LD
- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Education Camp

### **2019 Calendar**

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



time they have visited and Hugo Walker and Roxy McKay along with our Japanese students have developed a great itinerary for them. They will be experiencing Harrison classes and learning, the homestay environments, as well of some of Canberra's local highlights including Questacon.

### Unit Outlines

Unit Outlines for each class this semester in years 7-10 have been shared with all students. These are important sources of information for students and parents, in that they detail the learning outcomes for the unit and provide information on the assessment tasks, including due dates. Parents can support their young person by sitting down and assisting with the planning and self-regulation of their time, so that peak periods can be anticipated.

### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Rixon L	James O'D	Matthew H
Aayra S	Deeksh Naag V	Henry Z

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES LIST and EXCLUSION PERIODS

If your son or daughter is suspected of having one of these illnesses, it is very important that he/she does not attend school. It is also important that while your child is unwell he/she remains at home until he/she is no longer contagious. Information on infectious conditions can be found on national health websites e.g. [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) or alternatively contact your local GP.

If your child has chicken pox, measles or mumps or is suspected of having an illness please contact the school immediately.

Please find attached an important letter in regard to students with infectious diseases and a list of Infectious Diseases with exclusion periods.

As a school community, we value your support in relation to the wellbeing of all our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday 20 March, Harrison School came together to celebrate Harmony Day with a special assembly which showcased the diversity of our school community. At this event, we celebrated with a Harrison School Senior School choir performance, a demonstration from Reece Cummings and his Karate class and a video showcasing what Harmony Day means to the Senior School students.

We would like to thank all the people who participated in the assembly, with a particular mention to Reece Cummings who generously gave up his time to perform on the day. We would also

like to acknowledge the presenters Hannah P, Hannah K and Ella J and the flag bearers Shaylani KC, Isaac S and Epeli V who did a marvellous job.

Thank you also to the students and parents who added to the significance of the day by wearing traditional dress. The students looked amazing when classes came together for a parade of costumes. Throughout the remainder of the day, students were immersed in making quilts with their buddy class to display in the corridors of their buildings to represent the *fabric of diversity* at Harrison School.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Entertainment Book.

The Entertainment book is a great way to support our library. The book contains many vouchers that give great discounts on dining, entertainment, travel and more! The Entertainment Book will be available on sale later this week.

Thank you for your support.



<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2d6190>

## SECONDARY NORTHSIDE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Last Tuesday, our Yr. 7/8 and 9/10 Girls Basketball teams competed at the Secondary Northside competition. Members of the Yr. 7/8 team were:



Chloe P, Abbey S, Debra S, Jasmin F, Caitlin C, Epi V, Brianna M, Mischa B, Sandra M and Didi T. Members of the Yr. 9/10 team were: Ariel M, Ivah L, Erin V, Caitlin B, Stefanija D, Abby M, Meg S and Monique M. Both teams were very competitive on the day. Our Yr. 7/8 girls finished the day with 3 wins, 26-4 v Belconnen High, 10-9 v Campbell High, 17-4 v Gold Creek and a loss to Amaroo 19-8. The Yr. 9/10 team finished with 2 wins, 32-4 v Belconnen High, 35-2 Gold Creek, an 18-18 draw against Kaleen and a loss to a strong Amaroo side 30-18.


It was a fantastic effort by all the girls who played very well in their teams and showcased many skills. Thanks to Ms Atallah and Mr Cosan for coaching the teams. A great day was had by all.



Yr. 7/8 Girls Harrison School Basketball Team

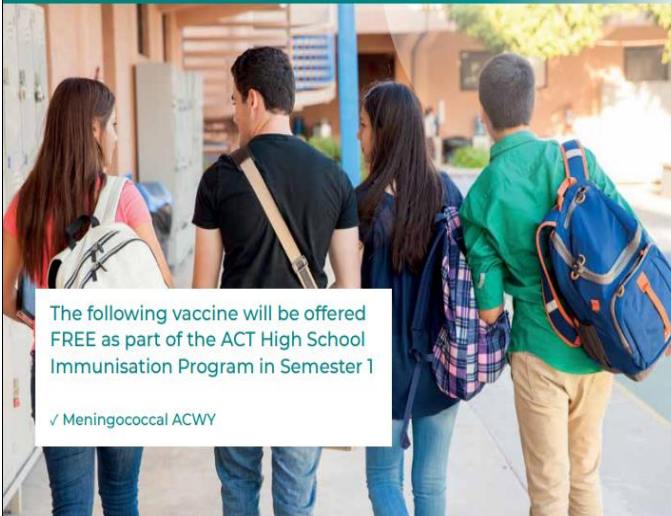


## Yr. 9/10 Girls Harrison School Basketball Team


Canberra Health Services

# Attention Year 10 Parents

Your child's vaccinations are due in Semester 1



The following vaccine will be offered FREE as part of the ACT High School Immunisation Program in Semester 1

- ✓ Meningococcal ACWY

Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1

- find
- sign
- return

Where can I get more information?  
[www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents](http://www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents)

health.act.gov.au



## DEFENCE NEWS

**Kookaburra Kids:** Supports kids in families affected by mental illness. The program is open to Defence children aged between 8 -18 years who have a parent with a mental illness as a result of military service (it does not have to be the serving member). Kookaburra Kids hold regular camps and activity days each school holidays for these children. You can refer your child online at: [www.kookaburrakids.org.au](http://www.kookaburrakids.org.au) or by calling 1300 566 525 between 9 and 5 Monday to Friday. [defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.

[sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)

**Coming Up:** ANZAC Day Service – Friday 12 April 9:15am in the gym.

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 9am and 11am. 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**

### **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](#)

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