



Harrison School Newsletter 30 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last week of Term 2, Semester 1. It has been a challenging time for students, families and staff. It was not however without some exciting learning for both students and staff in the tools and pedagogies for “remote” learning. Jason Holmes distributed surveys to Parents/Carers, students and staff, to capture some of the feedback around remote learning, and it will be great to analyse everyone’s input to inform our practice going forward. These were due last Friday. Thank you for all of those who took the time to complete the surveys.

Semester 1 Reports will shortly be emailed in two separate processes. Year 7 to 10 reports are scheduled to be sent out over the course of **Friday 3 July**, with Preschool to Year 6 scheduled for **Tuesday 7 July**. Due to the impact of COVID 19 no A to E grade will be included on these semester reports. The ACT Education Directorate made the decision that Semester 1 2020 reports across all government schools will not include grades for individual learning areas/subjects. The Semester 1 reports will reflect student progress against the relevant Achievement Standards from the specific learning areas/subjects covered within this semester. In addition to this, where staff are unable to assess students against particular Achievement Standards due to the impact of COVID 19, they will award “Status” (S) for that Achievement Standard. More clarification on this is contained in the Semester Reports. Please take the time to sit with your student and reflect on their achievements and growth over the semester, keeping in mind the disruptions that have occurred. It may also be a great chance to discuss the areas for improvements outlined and the suggested strategies to aid in achieving them.

The most recent COVID advice we received indicated that excursions and overnight camps can resume (at this point in time there is a cap of 100 participants) in term 3, as long as the COVID requirements of the state the excursion is going to are met. Given the uncertainty of the future (I reference Victoria at present), and after much deliberation, we have made

Term 2 Week 10

A reminder that all excursions and sporting events have been cancelled for Term 2.

- Friday 3 July 2020 – Last day of Term 2
- Monday 20 July 2020 – First Day of Term 3

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm**

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



a decision to cancel all camps scheduled for this year. I understand this will be disappointing news for our students and for many of you and I hope you can understand that this is a 'safety first' decision in the interest of ensuring the safety of all. The Yr. 3/4 and 5/6 camp refund notes are being sent home this afternoon, please check your child's bag for this note. To help us finalise this process, we ask that all claims for refunds be submitted by **Friday 31 July 2020**. On a more positive note, we do however look forward to the resumption of interschool sports next term, with years 7-10 Netball and Football(soccer) to look out for early in the term.

I would like to thank the staff and students at Harrison for their warm welcome and support as I have moved into the school as Principal of the Senior School, while Jacqui Ford is on leave. Particular thanks goes to Kate Cunningham, Senior School Deputy Principal, Jason Holmes and Daniel Breen. I have also been welcomed into many classes and have seen some fantastic pedagogy and learning including some peer assessment in Basketball, a discussion of Manga in an English class, I have been offered a "toastie" in CES, and discussed exploding tortellini in Hospitality, amongst others.

Along with Dan and Jason I wish all families a safe and happy holiday break with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed, full of energy and raring to go for another semester of academic and social growth and achievements.

Kind Regards,
Alex Nagy

MISSING IPHONE

During Week 8, a Year 6 student lost his iPhone XR. It was in his bag and had a Simpsons phone case. If you have seen the phone or know anything about it, please contact the front office on 6142 2200.

MISSING RINGS

Two adult rings have been handed into the main Front Office, that were believed to be left in the Blue Building the night of ACE Awards in 2019. If you are missing two rings and believe they are yours, please phone the office on 6142 2200. Please note, you will be required to give a description of what the rings look like.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

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Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Joshua Y	Paul R	Lin D
Marcus R	Vyaas N	Benjamin T
Ruby C	Taiki K	Nathan V
Reet K	Josie M	Cooper T
Connor T	Brianna F	Harlow M
Matthew H	Sophia C	Kuntishwori W
Dennis H	Freya T	Ankushdeep M
Jameson L	Ali E	Madeleine Ord
Elena N	Daniel K	Anika D
Harry E	Sophie L	Dhyan U
Zia C	Yahia N	Andrew P
Cooper L	Benjamin T	Jack M
Flynn M	Aima K	Blake B
Lily K	Rylie B	

LOST SCOOTER

A scooter has been handed in to the front office and has not yet been claimed. If you are missing a scooter, please call the main Front Office 6142 2200. If this scooter goes unclaimed, it will be donated to charity.

SPARE CLOTHES LOANED TO STUDENTS

If your child has been given a change of clothing by the school, could those articles of clothing please be washed and returned to the Front Office as soon as possible, as we are running extremely low. Thank you for your cooperation.



STUDENTS LEAVING HARRISON SCHOOL PERMANENTLY

If your child/ren are leaving Harrison School permanently, you are required to complete [this form](#) and hand it to the Front Office before their last day of school.

CHANGE OF BUS TIMETABLE

From Saturday 18 July 2020, Transport Canberra will be updating timetables for bus services.

As a new timetable is being introduced, there will be minor changes for all students travelling to and from school on public transport across Canberra from the first day of Term 3, 2020 (Monday 20 July 2020).

In most cases, this will mean that students will catch the same service from the same stop, but the times that services arrive, and leave may change.

All schools, parents and students can find out more about the specific changes by:

- checking the information packs for each school, which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- checking timetables for each route (including school specials), which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- calling 13 17 10.

[Attached](#) is information for specific changes to Harrison School.

If you have any questions, please contact Transport Canberra directly on **13 17 10**.

Updated public transport timetables

START 18 JULY 2020

More services, particularly off peak.
Better connections & faster travel times.

ACT Government | Transport Canberra

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will be published as a [digital version](#) this term with all content available online.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™

The Holiday Happenings Winter Edition is now available online.
To see the Programs, Activities & Events happening these holidays go to:
www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

From OSHCLUB

Dear Families,

Our 2020 Family Survey is now open for you to complete and can be found [here](#). The aim of these short surveys is to gain an understanding of what our parents think that we do well, as well as recognising areas that we may be able to improve our OSHC service provision. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. Your contribution to the survey is greatly appreciated.

July 6 will see the beginning of our Vacation Care Program. Bookings for this can be made via your iParent Portal or by contacting the service on 0418 223 198. If your child doesn't normally attend OSHClub but you wish for them to attend our Vacation Care, you can make an enrolment for them via our website www.oshclub.com.au. Our brochure is [attached](#) to this newsletter which provides details about our themes for each day. Please note that we won't be participating in any incursions or excursions during Vacation Care.

Thank you all for a great term and we wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday break.

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL AND DURING THE HOLIDAYS!
Exciting new adventures every day.
Book online: oshclub.com.au

COVID-19 TRANSLATED RESOURCES

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STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

It's important for everyone to be able to understand the most up to date information and advice relating to COVID-19.

If you have a friend, family, neighbour or someone you know that doesn't speak English as their first language, let them know there are translated resources available on COVID-19 at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/translated>

If they require translating or interpreting services, they can call the national Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books and devices.

We would love to have all overdue books and devices back this week. Could you please remind your children to return their library books so they can borrow more books to enjoy during the school holidays.

Entertainment Books

As restrictions start to ease, we are excited to offer the new Entertainment Apps.

Times have been tough the last few months and there is plenty of free stuff if you purchase before 13 of July. You can buy now and don't need to register the app for up-to 3 months.

Let's support our local community! Buy yours [now!](#)

Thank you for supporting our school.



Download the App

Download the App to find deals near you.



Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

Many of our classes are participating in this year's Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The Challenge commenced Term 1 and will conclude Friday July 31.

We would like all parents to encourage their children who are in K-6 to continue to read and record books to complete the 30 books needed to achieve their goal.

If you have any questions, please talk to the classroom teacher or come to see me in the library.

[Chief Ministers Reading Challenge.](#)



Library Trust Fund

Our school has a Library fund that enables families to donate a small gift towards purchasing resources for the library.

Donations to the Library Fund can be made online via the link below.

[Payment](#)



DEFENCE NEWS

It has been a delight to welcome students back into the Defence room for lunchtime groups over the past couple of weeks we hope you have all enjoyed the different activities available.

We wish you a wonderful holiday period and look forward to seeing you all again in term 3. To those that are leaving us safe travels and all the best at your new locations.

Postings: At this time of the year we aware that many families have or soon will be receiving posting orders. Please ensure that you let us know if you are moving on so that we can support and farewell your children.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Sarah and Zoe

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DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. For students in 5/6 the Defence Hang out is Wednesday Lunch time and 7 -10 Hang Out is Thursday and Friday lunch times.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Junior and Senior Canteens have been fully operational as of **Tuesday 2 June 2020**. The P&C strongly suggest that wherever possible lunch orders are processed online through Flexischools <https://flexischools.com.au>.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is closed until further notice.

SCHOOL BANKING



Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills and are aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.