



## Harrison School Newsletter 5 March

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Dan, Jacqui and I have mentioned in our articles to date, the school year has started well, and it has been great to see students engaging in learning across the school and our new staff already showing their strengths as high quality educators. Our staff are also engaging in learning and challenge through professional learning and through enacting our Annual Action Plan (AAP). I presented the plan to the Harrison Board last week and thought I'd share some of it with you today. Our priorities, which are shaped by our five-year strategic plan are:

- Improve student learning outcomes in Literacy across all learning areas
- Improve student learning outcomes in Numeracy across all learning areas
- Create and embed a K-10 Curriculum and Pedagogical framework

*In our work towards achieving these we have identified a number of specific actions we will undertake in 2019. While there are others that are specific to different areas of the school, our school wide ones are:*

- *Develop and embed a consistent approach to teacher observation/feedback by colleagues*
- *General capabilities curriculum PL for teachers*
- *Review assessment schedule to identify relevant sources of data*
- *Develop plan for identification and analysis of multiple sources of data*
- *Continue to develop consistency in planning using backwards by design principles with a focus on the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards*
- *Undertake a pedagogical framework review to refine the Harrison School Universal Practices*

### Term 1 Week 5 2019

#### **Wednesday 6**

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am -Gym
- International Women's Day Event Yr. 9-10

### Term 1 Week 6 2019

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

#### **Monday 11**

Public Holiday

#### **Tuesday 12**

- School Photos
- Preschool photos

#### **Wednesday 13**

- School Photos
- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9:15am-CANCELLED

#### **Thursday 14**

- School Photos
- Preschool Photos
- Buroinjin Gala Day Yr. 5/6

#### **Friday 15**

- School Photos

### 2019 Calendar

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



- *Consistency in the aim of data chats, defining and prioritising them in Team/Learning Area meeting agendas - how we are using data formatively?*

### **Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)**

We've started our PBL implementation journey this year and with consideration of our Harrison School Values have identified three expectations to help shape our journey. Our three expectations are:

- We are responsible
- We are respectful
- We are learners

These expectations are what we'll use school wide to develop statements of expected behaviours for different areas of the school - in following the PBL framework, our first stage will see us focussing on non-classroom spaces. We will be engaging with students, parents and staff to identify appropriate behaviours for these areas and develop consistent messaging and statements of these behaviours. It's an exciting time and I can't wait to see the richness students and parents bring to the process.

### **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA)**

March 15 is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, and while we work to stamp out these behaviours every day of the year, March 15 is a day when we can bring this to the fore. With a theme of [\*Bullying. No Way! Take action every day\*](#), it is apparent that vigilance and commitment are two of the keys to eradicating bullying. When you couple this with high expectations and a community like ours, we are in a strong position to make a difference every day. On the NDA, students and staff across the school will have the opportunity to engage in activities with a focus of building on what we currently do to make Harrison School a safe and supportive place for all our community. Keeping our school safe takes the effort and action of all in our community and I encourage people to speak up if they are experiencing or are aware of bullying happening - the best place to start is with our classroom teachers.

### **Mr Holmes' Recipe**

Over the last two Friday afternoons, I have observed a number of our parents who aren't playing their part in keeping our car park safe and operating as effectively as it can. There were eleven cars last Friday parked in the Drop Off/Pick Up zones (some with drivers still in them) and at least three double parked on the side of the car park nearest to Wimmera St. This is a relatively small number given our population and I know we can do better. To help, here's my *recipe* for keeping the car park safe:

#### **Prep**

In the morning, tell your children to stand and wait for you in the Drop Off/Pick up zones - you may need to show them beforehand (maybe even on the weekend).

#### **Recipe**

1. Reduce your speed to 10 km/hr
2. Add a healthy serve of common sense and an extra dollop of patience
3. Watch closely for pedestrians
4. Continue to circulate the car park slowly (remember Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3) if your children aren't in position and ready to be picked up
5. When you see your children, drive in and pick them up from the Drop Off/Pick Up zone (this should only take a minute or two at most)
6. Only park in designated parking spots
7. Exit the car park repeating Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3
8. For best results, give yourself as much time as possible for this recipe.

### **Uniform**

It's time to gather some parent and student voice in relation to the uniform for our years 5/6 students with our realignment of them to a P-6 area of the school. We are not looking to move away from our current school uniform designs and will be seeking input about whether our years 5/6 students wear the current P-4 uniform or the current 5-8 uniform. For all of 2019 we are accepting the both the P-4 and

5-8 uniforms. Later this week, we will distribute a survey to our students and parents as a first step in this decision making process - I encourage you to have a say.

### Parenting Ideas

We have a subscription to Parenting Ideas and they regularly have great articles, webinars and courses on offer to support parents in the difficult job of parenting in this day and age. I found the article at the link below an interesting read, with the concept of moving beyond a growth mindset (personal) to a mindset that considers their value and impact on others. A great concept in relation to building a strong, supporting culture. I hope you enjoy the read....<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/benefit-mindset-beyond-a-growth-mindset/>

Jason Holmes.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## HARRISON SCHOOL PHOTOS

Harrison School Photos will be held from Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 March. You should have received your child's photo envelope with the instructions as to how to order online or with cash.

If you did not receive a photo envelope, please see the front office. If you are a parent of a separated family and wish to order a photo you will need to complete a photo envelope (available from the front office and clearly mark on the envelope mum or dad's order or contact MSP Photography directly to place your order). MSP Photography can be contacted on: (02)62559208

**Sibling photos** are available again this year for students with siblings attending Harrison School and will be taken before school from 8:15am to the beginning of the school day. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the main and senior front offices. Please **DO NOT** return sibling envelopes to the school but either bring or send them with your children on the day. A discount applies for families with 3 or more children after purchasing individual packs for EACH child. A sibling Presentation pack of your choice will be free.

A class timetable for School Photos is attached and can be found on the School Website:

[2019 Harrison School Photo Day Schedule](#)

## HOPE CHOIR

Our school is hosting a Harmony day school incursion performance by the 100% hOPE Choir. This Ugandan group of 10, once destitute children and teenagers, offers a fantastic interaction, peer to peer educational experience that is uplifting, inspiring and exciting!

The incursion is a highly energetic concert with traditional African acapella singing, dancing and drumming, leading into more contemporary dance, culminating in head-spinning breakdancing.

The incursion fee is \$5.00 per student. All funds raised will go directly to building classrooms at 100%hOPE village in Mityana, Uganda. Find out more about 100% hOPE at <http://www.100-hope.org/>

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Club.

Issue 1 Book Club orders will be arriving this week.

### Entertainment Book.

The 2019 Entertainment book fundraiser is available now.

Please support our school library by purchasing a book or digital copy.

Early bird discounts available now. Click on this link to order

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



**Hurry! Bonus Early Bird Offers. Limited Time Only.**

Harrison School is fundraising with Entertainment!

Your support really helps our School, so we're thrilled to let you know about special bonus Early Bird Entertainment Membership Offers for loyal supporters.

Pre-order the NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away!



## DEFENCE NEWS

Call out for: Cadets & Old Army, Navy and Airforce Uniforms.

Cadets, if you are interested in participating in the ANZAC Day service and haven't had a chance to let me know could you please try to come and see me in the Defence Room in the library or email me in the next couple of days so that I can organise the appropriate paperwork.

If anyone has old uniforms I would love them for the preschool – year 4 children to be able to use for dress ups so, please drop them into me!

Sarah

[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.

**DCO Support for ADF Families:**  
[defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800  
624 608.



## DEFENCE KIDS

**Defence Kids:** Defence Kids: Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday Lunch times and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunch times. The Chill-Out sessions have also recommenced. 5/6 are Wednesday lunch time and 7/10 are Friday lunch time. All groups are held in the Defence Room in the library!



## HARRISON HEARTS

It is lovely to see some new and familiar faces at Harrison Hearts this year. 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.

## CROSSING SUPERVISOR SURVEY



A School Crossing Supervisor program was introduced in the ACT in 2018 at a selection of school crossings. School crossing supervisors

(lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

To help determine if the program is successful, Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has engaged First Person Consulting to evaluate the School Crossing Supervisor program. One of the ways that they will be doing this is through surveys to help capture attitudes to children travelling actively (i.e. walking or riding) to primary school.

To complete the survey please click [here](#), or copy and paste the following link into your browser:  
<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4828046/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Participating-Feb-19>

**The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential. You may have completed a similar survey last year. Please note that this is a follow up survey and we would appreciate your input again.**

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact [TCCS' Schools Program](#).

## 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](#)

[FLEXI-SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)



**Attention Kindergarten Parents!**

**Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!**

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a **FREE** health check



VISION CHECK



HEARING CHECK



HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND  
BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)



If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



**FIND** — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1



**SIGN** — Complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



**RETURN** — To your school by 7th March 2019

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.