



## Harrison School Newsletter 23 July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for term 3. Hopefully everyone is feeling well rested and ready to make a start on some amazing learning for this term.

As you may be aware, ABLE Landscaping started work on reinstating our gardens at the end of last term. We are happy to be able to advise you that they have made some very good progress over the break, having completed most of the initial irrigation work and a large portion of the soil replenishment. Part of this work has meant that the circular drive section of the carpark on the Wimmera Street side of the school is now fenced off as it is being used as a compound for resource delivery. Please be aware that this has impacted some of the traffic arrangements in that section of the carpark and some traffic management staff have been organised to be in place to monitor the situation.

Students will also be aware that the landscapers will be operating some machinery during class time. We ask that students do not approach the landscapers whilst they are working and please listen to the staff and spotters regarding areas that are being cordoned off temporarily.

In week 10 of last term, Harrison School was visited by the Royal Military College Rock Band. The band put on a great performance in the school gym where students and teachers alike were up and dancing. Members of the RMC Band then followed up the concert with a workshop for our student bands in the music room. I would like to thank Sarah McGavin, Zoe Rossiter, Sarah Wicken, Martin Papavgeris and everyone else whose work went into making this event such a success.

This Friday, our kindergarten classes will be celebrating their first one hundred days at primary school. I would like to congratulate these students on reaching this milestone and acknowledge how much they have grown both academically and socially in their time here. Here is hoping their next one hundred days are just as great!

### Term 3 Week 1

#### Friday 26

- Kindergarten 100 Days Celebration

### Term 3 Week 2

#### Tuesday 30

- Science Show Offs Excursion PMT CD, ER & BD
- Kindergarten Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:30pm

#### Wednesday 31

- Preschool Learning Journeys 8:30 – 9:30am
- Preschool – Yr. 2 Assembly 9:15am - Hall
- Yr. 3 – 6 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Yr. 5/6 Girls Basketball Competition

#### Thursday 1 August

- NAIDOC Whole School Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Science Show Offs Excursion PTF CD, BZ & JC
- Kindergarten Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:30pm

#### Friday 2

- Preschool Learning Journeys 8:30 – 9:30am
- Wakakirri Dance Performance 11:30am – 1:45pm

### Term 3 Week 3

#### Monday 5

- Preschool Learning Journeys 8:30 – 9:30am
- Yr. 1/2 Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:30pm

#### [2019 Calendar](#)

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



## ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Term 1 L J Hooker Award

Recipients:

Jimmy P Elizabeth E

Congratulations to our Term 2 Principals Award

Recipients:

Landon L Joshua T Maddison D

Ayaan F Chelsea B Seanna B

Heath B Brooke C Pepper C

Alina K Shuhe L Hamish B

Anya Z Claire C

## 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

## 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

## 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.

## HARRISON SCHOOL QUICKWEB PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

QuickWeb is the preferred method of payment for Harrison School. Below is a link to follow with instructions on how to access and utilise the online payment system.

[QuickWeb Online Instructions](#)

## 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.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES PRESCHOOL – YR. 6

We would like to advise of a change in scheduling of the P – 6 assemblies this semester. Due to our large site, the program for P – 6 assemblies have regularly been running overtime. This has impacted the senior school teaching and learning program who need to access the gym by 10:00am.

In response, Preschool – Yr. 2 will now operate assemblies from the junior school hall on even weeks, each Wednesday from 9:15 – 10:00am. Yr. 3 – 6 will hold their assemblies at the same time, on the same weeks in the gymnasium.

These are community events and we encourage parents of hosting classes to attend where and when possible.

We thank you for your understanding and support.

Nada Zarac and Heather Hill

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 order forms will be sent out this week. There are many exciting titles in this issue and it also includes dress up ideas for our upcoming Book Week parade in Week 5.

Orders are due by the end of Week 2, **Friday 2 August 2019.**



### Entertainment Book.

We would like to thank everyone who has purchased a copy of the Entertainment Book. This year many new businesses have joined to offer us great money saving experiences.

Please help support our school library buy purchasing a book or digital copy from the link below. Thanks again for your support.

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

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS 2019 (ICAS TEST FOR YEARS 3 - 10)

Please give consideration towards having your child/children participate in ICAS testing this year. This year Harrison school will be offering opportunities for students to participate in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, English and Mathematics. The tests provide an opportunity for all Year 3 - 10 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results on English, Mathematics and Science.

The competition is run by The University of NSW with certificates given for High Distinctions (top 1%), Distinctions (next 10%), Credits (next 25%), Merit (next 10%) and Participation for all other students. A university medal is given for the top candidate in the whole competition.

The **closing date** for participation and payment is **14 August 2019. Permission notes will be emailed to parents.** Cost for participation is outlined below as well as sitting dates.

Digital Technologies – 3 September \$14.50

Science – 5 September \$14.50

Writing – 10 September \$14.50

English – 17 September \$14.50

Mathematics – 19 September \$14.50

### Important changes to Payment for ICAS Assessments 2019

ICAS fees are now paid online. Visit [unsw.global/parentpay](http://unsw.global/parentpay) and enter Harrison school's unique code **5ab776d03a** to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. Online payment will close on the **14 August, 2019.** Please return the permission slip to the front office by the **14 August 2019.** Unfortunately, late entries **cannot be accepted.** Refunds are not available if your child is absent on the day of the test.

### **Permission notes will be emailed to parents**

Fatima Beyroutieh (Senior school)

Mita Pota (Junior School)

## LIGHT RAIL IS HERE. ARE YOU RAIL READY?



Canberra Metro Operations (CMET) are the proud operators of Canberra's Light Rail Network. The safety of our passengers, community and staff is our number 1 priority. Recently we have witnessed an increase in near misses around the Light Rail Network with pedestrians, cars and cyclists.

Light rail vehicles (LRVs) are now operating between Gungahlin and the city. It is important to ensure you know how to stay safe when walking, cycling or driving near the light rail corridor. Road rules stay the same. If everyone follows the rules, we all stay safe. Always obey traffic lights and road signs around LRVs.

## YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

We are organising a special polo shirt for Year 6 students to purchase, and wear at school in Term 4 - to recognise the end of their 'primary school' years and mark the transition into 'secondary school' in Year 7.

Year 6 students voted for their favourite design in the last week of last term, and this week Year 6 parents will receive a note with an order form and the final winning design.

The estimated cost is \$50 per polo shirt (if more than 40 people order one) and for an additional \$6 you can add your child's surname or nickname to the top back of the shirt.

Please return your completed order form by the end of Week 2.

We expect delivery of the shirts in Week 9 of Term 3. Further information can be found in the Harrison School Year 5/6 2019 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2396464980578920>

Queries: please contact Olivia Wenzholz ([olivia.wenzholz@anu.edu.au](mailto:olivia.wenzholz@anu.edu.au)) or Kate Morse ([morsefamily@iprimus.com.au](mailto:morsefamily@iprimus.com.au))



## DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome to term 3! We hope you all had a nice relaxing break. Term 2 ended on a wonderful high note with our RMC Rock Band Concert. Everyone appeared to enjoy letting loose dancing and singing along. Special thanks to the Hospitality Team for providing an amazing morning tea for the band members.

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

Sarah and Zoe  
[sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)  
[zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that the K - Yr.2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and Yr.3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in Yr. 5/6, the Defence Hang out is Wednesday lunchtimes and 7 - 10 Thursday lunchtimes.



## HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the school library on Monday mornings between 9:00 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.

Welcome back to what we are expecting to be a very busy and exciting term at Harrison OSHClub. Just a couple of quick notes to start off the term:

- Sadly for us, our Coordinator Emma, has left us to start her teaching career. This means that Zac will now be taking over from Emma as Coordinator. Zac will mainly be with our Echidnas (Years 1-3) in the hall. This also means that Jolene will now be stepping up as Assistant Coordinator in the Crocodiles (Years 4-6).



- Being the start of the term, now is a great time to take a few minutes to quickly check over your bookings for the rest of the term and year. If anything needs to be added or removed please do so via the iParent Portal or by contacting us via email - [harrison@oshclub.com.au](mailto:harrison@oshclub.com.au) or by phone 0418223198.
- If your child/ren is going to be absent, please notify us by phone 0418223198 or via email - [harrison@oshclub.com.au](mailto:harrison@oshclub.com.au). If we are not notified of your child/ren's absence for after school care, a \$5 no show fee will be applied to your account.

Jacqui Martin - OSHClub Harrison Lead Coordinator

### **Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport**

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

## **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 in to 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](#)

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

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

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is underway and is processed every **Tuesday**, so don't forget to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher.