



## Harrison School Newsletter 22 October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week two everyone. I am happy to be able to report that the first week of term, although a very busy one, was very productive with a lot of great learning happening in classes from preschool to year 10.

Last Friday, we held a Kindergarten information session for the parents of those students who will be starting Kindergarten in 2020 here at Harrison. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who attended and remind them that the slides from the session are available on our website. This session has been followed by an orientation visit for new students which was held today. It is always an exciting time for all involved as these young people begin their journey in primary school education.

This week we have welcomed a number of University of Canberra pre-service teachers to Harrison School. Most of these teachers will be completing a three-week placement with their designated classes and are excited to begin working with our students. I am sure that we will all extend our friendliest Harrison School welcome to these teachers and ensure that their placement is a successful one.

In more news from the University of Canberra, the Affiliated Schools Program has come to an end for 2019. This semester, we had two groups of students studying the teaching of Arts in both the high school and primary school. This culminated in a multi-discipline arts extravaganza presentation in the junior performing arts building last week which was attended by representatives from the university. I would like to congratulate both the pre-service teachers and the Harrison School students on an excellent performance and presentation.

The ACT government's infrastructure plan was launched last week which included several announcements concerning the Gungahlin region, which is coincidentally the largest growing region in the ACT. If you would like to learn more about the plan, including announcements about schools in

### Term 4 Week 2

#### **Tuesday 22**

- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Group 1 (new students only) 9:00am-11:20am
- Junior LSU Dream Cricket Clinic – Harrison Ovals – 11:00am-1:10pm

#### **Wednesday 23**

- Preschool-Yr. 2 Assembly – 9:15am Hall
- Yr. 3- 6 Assembly – 9:15am Gym

#### **Thursday 24**

- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Group 2 (new students only) 9:00am-11:20am
- Nara University High School Visit – 9:00am-10:00am
- Youth Support Students - Alan Tongue Aspire Program - Gungahlin College 1:00pm-3:00pm

#### **Friday 25**

- Yr. 9/10 ACT Badminton Competition - ANU 8:30am-3:00pm
- Yr. 5/6 Actsmart Northern Eco-Bus Tour

### Term 4 Week 3

#### **Monday 28**

- P&C Meeting – Harrison School Library – 7:00pm-9:00pm

#### **Wednesday 30**

- Harrison Hoppers School Demonstration
- Yr. 7-10 Assembly – 9:15am
- P&C Harrison School Disco

#### **Thursday 31**

- Senior Choir Performance – Australian National Library – 8:45am-12:00pm

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



the region, you can read more here, <https://apps.treasury.act.gov.au/act-infrastructure-plan>

For those of you who have not seen how the school gardens have been looking lately, it is well worth a brief walk around the school. The garden areas are now open and have been responding well to the recent spring rain that we have been so lucky to have received.

Finally, a reminder that now we are starting to experience some warmer weather, we expect that students wear hats when playing outside of shaded areas. Teachers have been reminding students to put them on, and we would like to ask that parents make sure that hats are labelled with their child's name and class.

## **ACT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

The ACT Government has launched an Infrastructure Plan that outlines the future pipeline of ACT Government projects and priority works to address Canberra's future growth.

The Infrastructure Plan includes \$2.1 billion to build new schools and modernise existing schools.

As the fastest-growing region in the ACT, Gungahlin has been a priority in recent years. Since 2008, the ACT Government has built five new schools across the region as well as undertaking several significant school expansions.

The Molonglo region will see a new primary school in Denman Prospect opening in 2021 and planning is underway for a future 7-10 campus.

In Gungahlin, a new primary school at Throsby will accept students from the 2022 school year and a new high school at Kenny is set to open in 2023. Franklin Early Childhood School and Gold Creek School will have increased capacity.

With the Molonglo region growing and urban renewal driving growth in the Inner North and Inner South, these areas will need a new focus for school infrastructure in the coming years.

Modernisation at both Campbell Primary School and Narrabundah College will meet rising demand and

create a more comfortable learning environment for students.

The ACT Government is also undertaking feasibility studies to inform future needs in the Belconnen and Woden Town Centres.

Over the last four years, the Government has invested \$180.3 million in ACT public school capital works. Here at Harrison School, we have increased capacity with additional learning spaces, upgraded classrooms, our heating, ventilation and cooling system, our telephone and security systems and installed a sensory courtyard. In addition, works are currently underway to reinstate our landscaping.

The full Infrastructure Plan is available at <https://apps.treasury.act.gov.au/act-infrastructure-plan>

## **SCHOOL TRAVEL - TERM 4 2019**

### **2020 School Travel Applications Now Open**



To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### **STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2019**

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2020 could you please complete the form on this link; [Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#) and return it to the front office to assist us in organising classes for 2020.

### **STUDENTS ON HOLIDAY LEAVE**

If your family is on an extended holiday and will not be back at school before the beginning of Term 1 2020 (Tuesday 4 February 2020), please complete the form on this link; [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

### **STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL**

**ALL** students arriving late to school **MUST** sign in at either the main front office or the Senior Office.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## IMPORTANT - 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs Scholastic Book Fair Week 3 and Week 4

We are very excited to organise our second Scholastic Book Fair for 2019. The fair will run from Week 3 Tuesday 29 October until Friday 8 November Week 4.

Come along and browse the wonderful selection of books available and by purchasing a book for your child to read and enjoy, you will also help support our school library.

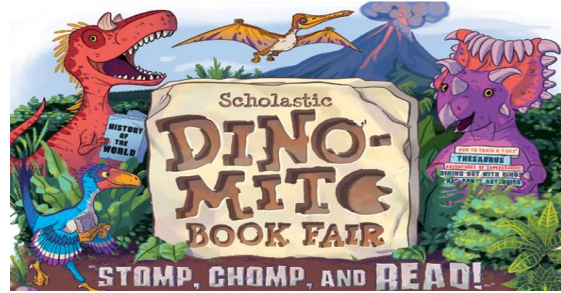
Books are a wonderful idea for gifts and the Book Fair is also a great opportunity to purchase something for Christmas!

Thank you for your support Nola and Michelle ☺

## BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS

Before school	8.30 – 9 am
First Lunch	1.10 – 1.30pm
After School	3.10 – 4.00pm

### TERMS 3 & 4, 2019



## P&C SCHOOL DISCO

**WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2019**  
**HALLOWEEN DISCO**

Glow products, snacks and drinks available for purchase on the night ranging from \$1-\$3

**FREE ENTRY**

**SESSION TIMES**

Preschool & Kindergarten	5:15pm - 6:00pm
Year 1/2	6:15pm - 7:15pm
Year 3/4 & 5/6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

**Volunteer call out**  
We need volunteers to assist on the night.  
Please email: [secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au)

Find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC](https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC)  
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**P&C ASSOCIATION**

Harrison School P&C Association is proudly run entirely by parents.



## DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome to term 4! We hope you all had a relaxing break. For those of you that are moving on to new locations later in the year, we hope that the preparations are going smoothly. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Also, if you are moving and haven't advised us as yet, please let us know as soon as possible as we would hate for your child/ren to miss out on the farewell activities we have planned.

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

Coming Up:

- Remembrance Day Service – Monday 11 November
- Defence Students' Farewells – Tuesday 19 and Wed 20th November
- Defence Family Christmas Pizza Party – Friday 22 November

Sarah and Zoe

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## 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 students in Years 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 9:00am 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.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### ORDERS

Cut off time for Flexischools **online** orders is strictly **9:00am**.

Cut off time for **over the counter** orders is strictly **10:00am**.

**Please note that once an order has been placed either through Flexischools or over the counter, the order is processed and is non-refundable or transferrable. Unfortunately, we cannot offer refunds for uncollected lunch orders.**

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 remember to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher.

Banking for Pre-schoolers is processed every **THURSDAY** for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday classes.

This year, the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are rugged up and ready to take kids on a Polar Savers adventure to the Ice Cave of Savings that's full of exciting rewards to keep children motivated and demonstrate the value of regular saving.

## 2019 Rewards



### Term 1

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set

### Term 2

- Yeti Fluffy Notebook
- Icicle Slapband Ruler

### Term 3

- Artic Owl Fluffy Ring
- Scratch Art Cards

### Term 4

- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencil & Pencil Toppers

Many of you already have enough tokens to redeem and are eligible to claim the Scented Stackable Highlighters or the Snowy Origami Set. If you would

like to claim your reward, simply click on the link <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> where you can print a rewards form. Don't forget to send in your 10 silver tokens along with your form, so your rewards can be ordered. Please remember that all rewards take up to two weeks to be delivered from Brisbane and they will be sent to you via the black bag back to your classrooms.

If you would like to be part of the School Banking program, you simply need to open a Youthsaver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Our School Banking program has been very successful at Harrison School with both the students and school benefitting from the rewards. The program has been run by two volunteer mums and we are now urgently looking for another two parents to join our team. All training is provided, and no experience is needed, it will only take an hour each Tuesday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kalpana Pothuraju on **0459250097** or email to [Kalpana0708@gmail.com](mailto:Kalpana0708@gmail.com)

**We also have in stock several reward items from previous years that are still available for students to redeem including a Handball, Sparkle Glitter Pens, Zoom Flying Disc, Heat Reactor Pencils and Glow Light. An updated slip is now available at [commbank.com.au/sbc](https://www.commbank.com.au/sbc) under the section Dollarmites wallet inserts, for you to print, cut and place inside students' Dollarmites deposit wallets to help spread the word. Students can then fill out the slip to redeem one of these rewards if they prefer.**

We look forward to some great savings this term and to many students receiving some fabulous rewards throughout the year.

Kalpana Pothuraju  
School Banking Coordinator