



Harrison School Newsletter 26 November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week seven. With only four weeks left in the term, things are certainly starting to get busy here at Harrison. It has been great to see the incredible dedication to learning from our students that has been so evident this term. With reports fast approaching, the opportunity to celebrate the growth achieved by everyone will be an opportunity not to be missed.

While there has been some great learning happening in classes across the school lately, it is also the time of year when students have also been busy rehearsing for the end of year productions and concert items. It has been great seeing classes busily building props and designing costumes for the end of year performances. There is a buzz around the school that has been reflected by the steady stream of parents coming into the front office to pick up their tickets for the upcoming events. In the senior school, the Mary Poppins production is, from all reports, an amazing production and well worth making the time to come to see.

As the weather has been warming up, we have seen an increase in the amount of students travelling to school on bicycles, scooters and skateboards. A reminder that once on school grounds, these are to be walked so as to avoid any collisions with pedestrians. We have also received reports from concerned community members around students not wearing helmets while riding scooters. Please remind your children of the importance of wearing helmets when riding scooters and skateboards as well as bikes as the inherent dangers are virtually the same and we do not want to see any of our students injured.

We have seen an influx in the amount of clothing making its way to the lost property drop off point in the library in the past few weeks. If your child has misplaced a jumper, jacket or hat, there is a very good chance that it has been dropped off at the library. There is quite a high proportion of the clothing there that looks quite new and it would be a shame for it not to be returned to the rightful owners. If you get a chance while you

Term 4 Week 7

Wednesday 27

- Yr. 7-10 Assembly – Gym – 9:15am
- Christian Education – Kindergarten-Yr. 6 – Hall – 11:30am-12:45pm

Thursday 28

- Harrison School Production – Mary Poppins – 7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday 29

- 2020 Preschool Interviews (prospective families) – 8:30am-4:30pm
- Harrison School Production – Mary Poppins – 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Yr. 3/4 Mulligan's Flat Excursion – Group 1 – KC, FE, SV, TW & PG – 9:30am-12:30pm
- Yr. 3/4 Mulligan's Flat Excursion – Group 2 – HK, JD, DW & RP – 12:00pm-2:30pm

Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday 3

- Preschool Expo – PMT-CD, PMT-ER, PMT-BD – Harrison School Preschool – 4:30pm-5:15pm

Wednesday 4

- Harrison School End of Year Concert A – Matinee – 11:00am
- Preschool Expo – PTF-CD, PTF-BZ, PTF-JC – Harrison School Preschool – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Harrison School End of Year Concert A – Evening – 6:30pm

Thursday 5

- Harrison School End of Year Concert B – Matinee – 11:00am
- Harrison School End of Year Concert B – Matinee – 6:30pm

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



are here at school in the next few weeks, please make sure that you drop in to check for any missing items that your child may have recently lost.

In the remaining weeks of term, there are a number of excursions planned across the school. Please remember that all excursions are advertised on the school calendar on our website as well links to any notes that may have not made it home in school bags. We are also very lucky to have the P&C running multiple Facebook pages that advertise upcoming events as well as being a forum where parents are able to ask questions of each other.

Have a great week.

Dan Breen

2020 Stationery Lists

The school has been working hard to ensure that families receive the best possible price on the stationery items. We are hoping to have the 2020 Stationery lists available this week. They will be available on the school website and on the supplying company's website. As soon as they are available, we will inform the school community.

2020 Year 4 and 6 Student Leader Results

Last Friday, students, staff and parents had the pleasure of listening to the shortlisted applicants for the 2020 Y4 and Y6 school leader positions.

There were close to 50 applicants for the 2020 positions and of those, 20 were shortlisted. The shortlisted applicants provided strong examples of how they demonstrated leadership skills, displayed the Harrison School values and contributed to the welfare and improvement of others, the school and in some cases, the wider community.

We were impressed to hear students speak of being environmentally conscious and thinking of how they could make changes which would impact positively at and beyond the school level.

Current Y2 and 3 students voted for their 2020 Y4 student leaders and Y4 and 5 students voted for the 2020 Y6 leaders.

We would like to congratulate all students who submitted an application and whether or not you were successful this time, hope you will continue to look for further opportunities for leadership whether it's in a small group in the classroom, a team sport, future school leader positions or leadership beyond the school.

The results of the voting are as follows. Congratulations to the 2020 Y4 school leaders, Amelia F, Sam J, Charles H and Jasmin P and to the 2020 Y6 school leaders, Dharmi P, Chloe K, Bradley P and Luke Y.

This is also our opportunity to recognise and thank this year's Y4 student leaders, Zara M, Isabella P, Riley R and Marco T, and Y6 student leaders, Ella J, Hannah K, Hannah P and Neha K. In their leadership, they set strong examples of the Harrison School values and developed leadership skills both at and beyond the school as they collaborated with school leaders within and from other schools and had their voices heard as far as government level. We hope you have grown from and enjoyed the role and will continue to look for leadership opportunities in the future.

Kind regards,
Heather

Job Advertisement

Defence School Mentor – Palmerston District Primary School - [More info here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Swimming Activities for Term 1 2020

- Thursday 13 February: Harrison Swimming Carnival (8 years – 16 years) – Gungahlin Leisure Centre
- Monday 24 February: Yr. 5/6 Aqua Fun Day – Big Splash
- Wednesday 4 March: Yr. 7-10 Aqua Fun Day – Big Splash

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principal's Award Recipients:

Zoe R	Shrey G	Katelyn G
Maddison D	Inara A	Aayra S
Sanah M S	Dhyan U	Benjamin T
Ayaan F	Aarza J	

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2019

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2020 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.

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.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT

A reminder that there will be a sausage sizzle available for families before the evening concerts to raise funds for the 2020 Harrison School Japan Trip.



Classes are working hard on their concert items and looking forward to presenting them in Week 8 on the 4 and 5 of December. The theme for the 2019 concert is **Generation Next**. Within this theme, we reflect on what impact we have on our future and what we have learned from the past. There are different performance items for Concert A and B. Both concerts will have a Matinee (11:00am) and evening (6:30pm) performance. Please complete the slip attached and return to the Front Office if you wish to attend. [2019 Concert Note](#)

Below is the day/night students are performing.

Please note this is not the order the students are performing in.

Wednesday 4 December 2019 EOY Concert Matinee: 11:00am Evening Gala: 6:30pm	Thursday 5 December 2019 EOY Concert Matinee: 11:00am Evening Gala: 6:30pm
KRB and KKN	KKR & KKJ
KAJ and KTF	KKV and KJB
1/2OP, 1/2RT and 1/2JM	1/2KA and 1/2DN
1/2NH and 1/2SK	1/2KS, 1/2LD and 1/2JC
1/2 NE and 1/2KW	1/2EL and 1/2JH
1/2JHA and 1/2HC	3/4KC and 3/4SH
3/4PG and 3/4TW	3/4AB and 3/4SA
3/4FE and 3/4SV	3/4LM and 3/4DF
3/4DW, 3/4RP, 3/4HB and 3/4JD	5/6 DM, 5/6TK, 5/6MPo and 5/6BM
5/6DB and 5/6TC	5/6AH, 5/6SM, 5/6NO and 5/6MP
5/6 JLY and 5/6DJ	9/10 Dance Elective
7/8 Dance Elective (2 groups - Reece Cheater and, Sian Harrington)	Songs from the 9/10 Drama Production
Songs from the 9/10 Drama Production	Second Stage Senior Band (9 pieces) Y6 band (6 pieces) 9/10 Music
Second Stage Senior Band (9 pieces) Y6 band (6 pieces)	

IMPORTANT - STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child/ren are absent for any reason from school please call the school on 61422200, or email the school at 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books



Notes have been sent out this week to remind students of overdue books. The library will be closed for stocktake Weeks 9 and 10 and we would like all books to be returned by the end of Week 8 please. Thank you for your support.

Book Club



A reminder that Issue 8 Book Club orders are due back by Friday 29 November.



DEFENCE NEWS

In last week's newsletter there was photos of our Long Tan Award Recipient Sam P. The ADF Long Tan award is awarded to a year 10 student who displays the traits the veterans demonstrated such as determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership. Congratulations Sam!!

Last week we sent our care packages for ADF Personnel that will be deployed over the Christmas period. We are pleased to report that we were able to send off 17 care parcels and would like to thank the families, teachers and classes that contributed by donating food, letters and their time to help package the items.



Postings: As posting orders are out could you please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (eg. MWDU/Deployments) could you please let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

DCO Support for ADF Families:
defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Coming Up:

- Harrison Hearts Thank You Morning Tea 9:00am Monday 9 December

Sarah and Zoe

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zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

This is the final week of lunch groups for the year!!

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The canteen will be closed on Thursday 19 December 2019 and will reopen on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

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](#)

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.

We are changing the banking day next year (2020) from TUESDAY to **WEDNESDAY**.

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

Our School Banking program has been very successful at Harrison School with both the students and school benefiting from the rewards.

Many of you already have enough tokens to redeem and are eligible to claim the rewards. If you would like to claim rewards, just send your collected silver token with your bank deposit books and give it to your class teacher.

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

The last date for rewards ordering is 05/12/2019.

The program has been run by two volunteer mothers and we are now urgently looking for another two parents to join our team.

All training is provided, no experience is needed, and 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

We also have in stock several reward items from previous years that are still available for students.

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