



## Harrison School Newsletter 1 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter with some positive news. It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the Harrison P&C Association have generously donated to the school the funds to build a large shade structure between the library and the gym. Construction of this shade structure began last week, and it should be completed within the next few weeks. The timing of this build could not have been better, with the weather starting to warm up, it will provide our students another shaded area for outside play during the hotter months. Please join me in thanking all of the members of the P&C for their incredible and tireless work to bring this to fruition. Stay posted for further exciting announcements around the development of this area of our playground.

As you read this, we will have hosted the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry MLA at Harrison to visit and observe the University of Canberra preservice teacher clinics. As you may be aware from past newsletters, we partner with the University of Canberra as part of the Affiliated Schools Program. One aspect of this program is having the opportunity to host a weekly tutorial at Harrison School for a group of preservice teachers who design lessons before teaching them to our students. This term we are running mathematics clinics in the year 5/6 area and arts clinics in the high school.

National Science Week took place recently and it was great to see some of our budding scientists in year 9 present their Science Week research to our year 3/4s. Well done to all who presented!

A reminder that now that winter is over, we are back to 'Hats On' during outside play. Please remind children to make sure that they pack a hat for school.

We are still trying to minimise the number of adults on site at any one time due to COVID restrictions. One initiative that is being promoted is around using part way points to make your drop off and pick up easier. The initiative

### Term 3 Week 7

A reminder that all assemblies and camps have been cancelled for Term 3.

#### **Wednesday 2 September**

- 3/4 Mixed Touch Football Competition
- 7/8 Boys Soccer Competition

#### **Sunday 6 September**

- Father's Day

#### **Monday 7 September**

- 9/10 Boys Netball Competition
- Yr. 6 Band Rehearsals at Neville Bonner Primary School

#### **Tuesday 8 – Friday 18 September**

- Book Fair

#### **Wednesday 9 September**

- 9/10 Girls Netball Competition

### **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**



is being promoted by Transport Canberra and I have included some information below.

You may have seen increased traffic volume around your children's school as we all try to practise physical distancing measures and keep public transport use for essential travel only.

A way you can help to reduce this congestion is to try using a part way point. It's as simple as finding a local oval, park or a street close to the school where you can park and walk the rest of the way. You may even like to pack scooters or bikes to make the trip quick and fun. Just don't forget your helmets! Using a part way point can be a handy, flexible option as you can tailor your part way point to suit your changing daily needs.

The [Transport Canberra website](#) has maps available showing part way point options for several Canberra schools as well as information about how to do school drop-offs safely. You could even find a part way point on the weekend and give it a go on your next school day.

If you choose to use a part way point, make sure to park legally and safely. Have a chat to your child about walking safely to school by utilising crossings and underpasses where possible or try walking with friends.

Using a part way point just once or twice a week can greatly help improve the traffic congestion around our schools. It's also a great way to incorporate some exercise into your day.

The [Transport Canberra Website](#) has additional information about school pick-up and set-down guidelines that can also assist to reduce congestion and increase safety at drop off and pick up time.

Kind regards,  
Dan Breen

### **KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECKS**

Canberra Health Services is offering a targeted kindergarten health check concentrating on vision and hearing. These health checks are performed in clinics at the City Health Centre Mondays and Fridays and there will be appointments most days in the school holidays.

If you are interested in making an appointment, please phone the Central Intake Line on 5124 9977.

### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

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Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Remy L	April M	William Z
Lilly I V	Dmitri G	Gabriella H
Heidi M L	Dharshama D	Cooper T
Debby Y	Sakina G	Phoebe G
Isobel F	Elise C	Benjamin T
Anika D	Madeleine O	Evie K
Ariyo Y	Elena N	Anya J
Kate C	Georgia R	Isabella T
Aariz N	Ethan C	Maya P
Yasin Y	Edie M	

Congratulations to our L J Hooker Award Recipients for Term 1 and Term 2:

Audrey D	Aditya K
Zachary M	Erin V

### **UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS**

As we move into Semester 2, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to ensure that the school has your correct and up to date contact details, this ensures that the school has the correct information should we need to contact you.

If you have changed your contact details, phone number or email address, please contact the school via email to [Info.harrison@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Info.harrison@ed.act.edu.au) or complete a [Change of Contact Details Form](#) which can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your assistance.

### **YEAR 3/4 SPORTS DAY**

The ovals opened, the sun shone and Yr 3/4 staff and students were blessed with a fabulous day. There was a big splash of red, blue, yellow and green as students flooded onto the oval for their Sports Day. Yr 5/6 students did a fantastic job leading the students through 10 different activities including: races, Finska, frisbee, obstacle course, paddle bat balancing and hitting, jumping sacks and beanbags, ball bounce games, agility runs, footy fun goal kicks and noodle ball. A huge thanks goes to our Yr 6 Prefects and House Captains and the Yr 5/6 student helpers who ran each

of the 20 stations on the day. Seven of the ten stations scored house points and the results for the day are:

Mapleton	3115
Nullabor	3222
Wimmera	3565
Katoomba	3918

## UPDATE FROM OSHCLUB

Dear Families,

### Holiday Program

Bookings for our upcoming holiday program are now open. We have two exciting excursions planned: National Zoo and Aquarium and for the first time, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. We also have some great incursions: Bubble Soccer and the Balancing Man. Due to popular demand we will be having Wheels Day again and also a Teddy Bear's Picnic. It doesn't matter if your child doesn't attend before or after school care - simply complete an enrolment for your child via our website [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au).

### Lost Property

Our Lost Property tubs are quite full at the moment (this also includes property from children who don't attend OSHClub). If you are missing any of your child's belongings, feel free to come and have a look to see if it may be with us.

## LEGAL AID SUPPORT IN ACT COLLEGES

The provision of legal support is an important offering for vulnerable youth. Young people can face difficulties in accessing legal services when required due to distance, service availability, the disinclination of parents, the intimidating and formal atmosphere of many legal services and/or a lack of knowledge about the law. Schools provide an important opportunity to engage and educate young people about the law, and an avenue to provide direct legal support to vulnerable young people.

The ACT Education Direction together with Legal Aid ACT are pleased to offer the following free services to our College students and their families across the ACT:

- **College Drop-in Centre**

Legal Liaison Officer's will provide a drop-in service at each college once per fortnight, to improve access to legal assistance for students through the

introduction of a free and confidential service. The drop-in centre for students will not require bookings.

- **Individual Appointments**

This will allow College students and/or their parents or carers to make an appointment with a Legal Liaison Officer at their school.

For information about these services, and the booking process please visit the [Education Directorate website](#).

## COVID-19 TRANSLATED RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES



Reaching people who speak a language other than English with vital public health information is essential to protecting our school communities as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The ACT Government has partnered with SBS Australia to deliver essential information about COVID-19 in Canberra, available on the COVID-19 [website](#).

SBS also have a Coronavirus Information Portal. This includes [videos in 59 languages](#) explaining essential health information, and a growing suite of [infographics and posters](#) in more than 60 languages, clearly communicating and breaking down key COVID-19 messages. The site provides up to date information as well as links to news and reporting from across the world including radio and podcasts. The SBS Coronavirus Information Portal is available at the [SBS website](#). Visit the [Connect in Canberra webpage](#) to find a list of services and programs currently available to support the ACT multicultural community and please support the community by widely sharing information about the availability of these resources.

## Stranger Safety

This is reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the AFP website section on [Child Safety](#) for tips. In addition, the [Safety4Kids](#) is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The [Constable Kenny website](#) also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

## ESAFETY LIVE FAMILY WEBINAR

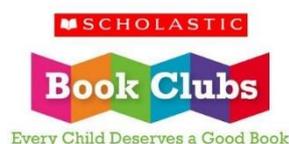
The Education Directorate, through its partnership with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the Australian Federal Police, will be hosting a live webinar for families on Wednesday 16 September 2020 from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. This webinar is suitable for adults and will provide an overview of the role and function of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the AFP. It will cover prevention tips and resources, difficult conversations, how to help your child be a responsible digital citizen and how to report inappropriate and harmful content.

Participants will be able to ask questions throughout the webinar through a secure link. [Register](#) for the best experience and full functionality. We encourage you to use a personal PC/laptop or mobile device.

## SPARE CLOTHES LOANED TO STUDENTS

If your child has been given a change of clothing by the school, please wash and return them to the Front Office as soon as possible, as we are running extremely low. Thank you for your cooperation.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### BOOK CLUB

Issue 6 has been sent out and all orders are due back Friday 4 September 2020.

Thank you for your support.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2020

We are very excited to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair this term! It will run from Tuesday 8 September - Friday 18 September.

The students will have the opportunity to browse the great selection of books that will be available, write a wish list and purchase a book.

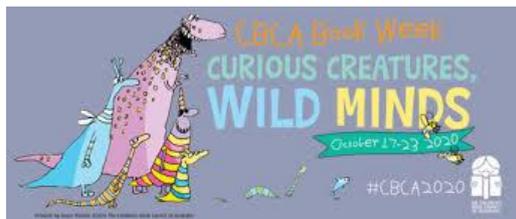
The students will visit the fair during library lessons and will complete a Wish List.

Due to restrictions the fair will be only open to students. Parents will be encouraged to purchase using Wish List forms or order online after viewing the [Book Catalogue attached](#).

Let's get excited about books! 😊

### BOOK WEEK 2020

#### 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'



We are very excited for Book Week! It is an opportunity to set minds free and roam among the wild world of books while celebrating all the best things about books and reading.

Activities will be held in the library and classrooms throughout the week.

Dress Up day will be on Friday 23 October. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to hold a whole school parade, however each learning area will be holding a mini parade.

## FATHER'S DAY READING FUN

Dads, are you nervous about reading to your young children? Here is a video showing you how much fun it can be with 'Frank Woodley's Storytime tips for dads.' Also, there are three authors reading stories (including Bluey) if you opt out or need some more encouragement. Reading will make your day!

<https://www.penguin.com.au/articles/2790-read-aloud-videos-by-dads>

Some activity sheets are included. to help you along.

<https://www.penguin.com.au/activities/2789-fathers-day-activities-and-a-poster>

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2020

You can help our school community fundraise while saving on everything you love to do! Entertainment Memberships are packed with savings across dining, activities, groceries, shopping and more!

Right now, when you buy a Membership to support our fundraising, we will raise an extra \$10 or \$20 on top of the 20% we already receive from every Entertainment Membership purchase!

Order your Entertainment Membership at:

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

## 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

With COVID restrictions limiting our contact with families and events, we are still hoping that by next term we may be able to have our end of year pizza party which we know was loved by all that were able to attend last year!

During this time of COVID, we have been busy in the school grounds. Most of our work this term has been focusing on one-on-one contact with students or

small groups for programs focusing on mental health and wellbeing, such as Tyler Turtle and Hey Warrior (coming soon!). Down the senior end, there is also a Pool competition happening amongst our defence students and there have been lots of calming jars made. Lunch groups have continued to be popular and all students are to sanitise their hands on entry (though we do get lots of complaints about the smell of the blue hand sanitiser!!)

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

## 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 K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in 5/6, the Defence Hangout is Wednesday lunchtimes and students in Years 7 to 10 Thursday lunchtimes. Years 7 -10 also have movies in the Defence room on Fridays at lunch!

## CANTEEN NEWS

The Junior and Senior Canteens are fully operational. 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.