



Harrison School Newsletter 19 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the year and it has been great to meet so many families supporting their children at their first day of school and then by attending last week's information nights. I have been so pleased to see how well our students have settled back into their learning programs with such high levels of engagement being demonstrated. Our new student connection and engagement officers along with our Year level wellbeing coordinators and homeroom teachers have been working hard to support a successful transition and I thank them for their care, and commitment to our students and families.

New look Leadership Structure Year 7-10

The executive team for the senior area of the school and their 2019 roles are as follows:

Principal 7-10	Jacqui Ford
Deputy Principal	Jeanette Watts
School Connection and Engagement Officer Year 7 & 8	Emily Tutin
School Connection and Engagement Officer Year 9 & 10	Ryan Bissell
Societies and Culture Learning Area (HaSS and Arts)	Reece Cheater
STEM Learning Area (Science, Maths, Technology)	Brad Wilken
Lifestyles Education and Nutrition (PE, Health and food technology)	Rebecca Platten
Languages (English and LOTE)	Andraya Stapp-Gaunt

We have also introduced Wellbeing Coordinators who are allocated to a specific year group and play a pivotal role in looking after students. Their role is to organise year group activities (eg. camps, major excursions), take care of concerns for their year group and work closely with Home Room teachers. Wellbeing Coordinators work closely with the Executive Teachers School Connection & Engagement.

Term 1 Week 3 2019

Kindergarten PIPS

Wednesday 20

Preschool – Yr. 6 Assembly 9:15am – Gym

Term 1 Week 4 2019

Kindergarten PIPS

Monday 25

- Yr. 5 – 10 Aqua Fun Day 9:00am

Tuesday 26

- Yr. 7 - 8 Girls Harrison School Basketball team trials 1:00pm

Wednesday 27

- Yr. 7 – 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 9 – 10 Harrison School Basketball team trials 1:00pm.
- Welcome BBQ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait families 5:00pm.

Thursday 28

- Yr. 9 – 10 Boys Harrison School Basketball team trials.

Friday 29

- Yr. 7 – 8 Boys Harrison School Basketball team trials

[2019 Calendar](#)

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



The Wellbeing Coordinators for 2019 and the wider support team are:

Year 7	Dan Ewin
Year 8	Kim Lum
Year 9	Rosie Randle
Year 10	Rebecca Lee
DECO (Disability Education Coordinator)	Marcus Berryman
YSW (Youth Support Worker)	Zac Noble
Senior School Psychologist	Ashleigh Kinlyside
Indigenous Education Officer	Kylie Gordon- Wilkins
DTM (Defence Transition Mentor)	Sarah McGavin
IPS (International Students)	Andrea Kemp

Please see the attached video to help you put faces to the names [Harrison Team.mp4](#)

First point of contact for parents.

Home Room teachers are an important first point of contact for all parents. All students meet in Home Room at the start of each day, and in an extended session of Personal Learning and Social and Emotional Learning twice a week. Home Room teachers will be contacting you in the coming weeks (by phone or email) to canvas how we can form a great partnership for the benefit of your child.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Participation in learning area excursions and extracurricular activities provide strong educational outcomes for students and are an enriching and rewarding part of school life. It is important for students and their families to balance participation in voluntary extra-curricular activities with time missed from class. At times we see students over-commit to out of class opportunities and as a result they, at times, struggle to catch up and meet the commitments of their class work. Harrison School has an expectation of students that they see the teacher of the missed class as soon as possible on return to school to remain up to date with their learning and assessment program. Please be proactive in assisting your child to manage this balance and experience strong outcomes in all aspects of their school life.

Aqua Fun Day

Aqua Fun Day is a great 5-10 community event and one of the highlights of the school year for many staff and students. This Year's Aqua Fun Day is Monday 25 February. Notes have gone home to families via students last week. Please encourage your child's participation and get the notes returned as soon as possible.

Have a great week.

Jacqui Ford

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

We have one parent position that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2019. We have received three parent nominations and will be running an election. Voting for the Harrison School Board opens at 11:00am on **Monday 25 February** and closes at 11:00am on **Monday 4 March 2019**. Ballot papers and nominee information will be available from the front office.

2019 AQUATIC CARNIVALS - SAVE THE DATE

Carnivals are always early in the beginning of the year; put these in your diary!!!

- **Aqua Fun Day** – Monday 25 February, Big Splash Macquarie.

All classes Yr. 5 -10, aquatic activities all day

- **Harrison Swimming Trials**– Tuesday 5 March, at AIS Pool

For 8 -16 yr old competent 50m swimmers.

Events include all strokes, 50m & 100m

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 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.

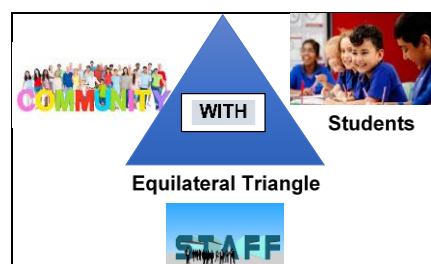
POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING HAS ARRIVED AT HARRISON SCHOOL!!

What is Positive Behaviour for Learning?

Harrison School staff and students are excited to be introducing a new positive behaviour framework for our school to support the wellbeing of every student.

This framework is an evidence based, positive, social, student focussed approach to behaviour that involves the whole school community. It includes creating, teaching and rewarding expected and pro-social behaviours and involves everyone, everywhere, every time.

Mindset of PBL Leadership Team



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) boosts student engagement in learning by increasing attendance and retention and improving student behaviour in all settings across the school.

In the early stages, PBL expectations are developed for all playground settings in the school. Classroom teachers continue to incorporate our Harrison School values' approach to strategies and awards at a classroom level. Over time, we will see a merging of these two approaches ensuring we meld the two to get the best framework to support the students and their learning.

The PBL framework will be underpinned by three core principles, which we expect everyone to uphold. Staff data was collected which led us to identify the following three PBL principles:

- **We are LEARNERS**
- **We are RESPECTFUL**
- **We are RESPONSIBLE**

How will PBL work at Harrison School?

PBL is a collaborative approach and we are seeking parent and student representation in the PBL team. If you are interested in joining the team, please let us know.

Regular meetings will be held throughout the year and used to identify and refine our expected behaviours in all areas of the school. These are then turned into explicit lessons through a collaborative process and are refined in the PBL team's meetings. Each week, students will be involved in lessons that specifically teach and practise our expectations which are continually reinforced through assemblies, the newsletter, the website and via the electronic school sign.

PBL is still in the beginning developmental stages at Harrison School and will be introduced gradually into the school throughout this year. Once we are ready, a formal launch of PBL will be held at a later date.

If you have any questions about PBL, please contact the front office and a staff member from the PBL team will contact you.

We look forward to introducing PBL!

The PBL Team

DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR

HARRISON SCHOOL

Level: SA2

**Contract Term: ASAP to Wednesday 18
December 2019**

Closing Date: Friday 22 February 2019

Hours: 18 hours per week

Contact Officer: Debbie Carne

A Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) provides assistance and support to the children of Australian Defence Force members as they move from school to school and during times of parental absence.

The DTM would develop and implement a range of resources and activities to assist these children in the community and to increase their ability to cope with the military lifestyle.

This is a contract position starting ASAP to 18 December 2019. The continuation of the position beyond this date is dependent on funding from the Australian Department of Defence.

The DTM is an employee of Harrison School and is responsible to the School Principal or nominee for everyday activities.

Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the DTM role description and selection criteria from the school office.

For information relating to this position please contact Debbie Carne on 61422200

*Applications are to be returned to Harrison School marked attention Debbie Carne Corporate Manager by close of business on **Friday 22 February 2019**.

LIBRARY NEWS



Scholastic Book Club

A reminder that Book Club orders are due in this week, Friday 22 February.

Library Lover's Day

Thank you to all the students who came to the library and shared the books they love with their class.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property left in the library. Parents, if your child has lost any items please come in and have a look through.



DEFENCE NEWS

It has been lovely to meet our new defence families and catch up with returning families over the past couple of weeks. I hope everyone is settling well into the new school year.

By now you should have received a welcome email from me, if you haven't received it could you please send me your current contact details.

DCO have recently sent out the latest copy of the DCO-Canberra E – news this newsletter is packed full of information relevant to Defence families and happenings in Canberra if you wish to subscribe to the newsletter please email: dco.canberra@defence.gov.au

I am available Mon – Wed & Fri 8:30am – 3:00pm and Thursdays 8:30am – 1:00pm and can be found in the Defence Room in the school library if you would like to meet with me. You can also contact me by phoning the school on 6142 2200.

Sarah

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 or 1800 624 608.



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. The Chill-Out sessions have also recommenced, 5/6 are Wednesday lunchtime and 7/10 are Friday lunchtime. 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 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.

HARRISON HOPPERS



Tryouts for our Skipping Team - Harrison Hoppers

Our Harrison Hoppers have the privilege of representing the ACT for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation again this year. If you would like to be a part of our amazing team, we will be holding tryouts for dedicated skippers. The team will be run by Mrs Barden. It's a huge commitment and skipping practice will be held twice a week in the hall on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtimes. Tryouts will be held in the hall on Thursday 21 February (Week 3) at the start of lunchtime. Come one come all!

From Mrs Barden

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](#)



Late Food Order Service

Changes starting Term 1, 2019

As of Term 1, 2019, Flexischools' Customer Service Team will no longer be taking late orders over the phone from parents. Cut off time for Harrison School is 9:00am.

SAFE PARKING BEHAVIOURS

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around

schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.



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#SafeParking

ENFORCEMENT AROUND SCHOOLS

Parking Operations use a [Licence Plate Recognition vehicle](#) (or electronic chalking), which regularly patrol school environments to increase safety for children. Motorists that commit an offence will receive their infringement notice in the mail (rather than on their windscreen) 5-7 days after the offence.

While the school can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking should be avoided at all times as it creates an unsafe environment for children and local residents. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around the school, but please remember to park legally. Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children's crossings start from \$114.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website to promote safe behaviours around schools. Please help to make our school community safe.



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#Enforcement



PARENT CYBER SAFETY EDUCATION SESSION

We are offering a workshop for parents to learn more about managing children's technology use, including an introduction into the most popular social media platforms, and practical tips for keeping teenagers safe online. We will also cover information on setting boundaries around technology, online behaviour management and tools for managing technology both in and outside of the home.

Cyber Safety Parent Information Sessions will be held at Gungahlin College Theatre on:
Thursday 28 February 2019 from 6:00 - 7:00pm
Friday 1 March 2019 from 9:30 – 10:30am

We will also have representatives from community services and ACT Policing in attendance for parents to connect with and know what supports are available in the region.

To register for the session please follow the links below:

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Session](#)

[Thursday 28 February 2019](#)

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Session Friday
1 March 2019](#)