



Harrison School Newsletter 20 August 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we're almost halfway through Term 3! As usual, there have been numerous events to enrich learning for students and I'd like to highlight the Learning Journeys and Exhibitions of Learning that have occurred over the last few weeks. Last week alone, we had 270 years 3-6 students share their learning with a parent or carer, which is a sensational effort for a single evening event. I am thankful to the students who shared their learning, the teachers who helped them prepare and to the parents who attended - Teamwork is one of our values and this is a great example of it!

School Board

An opportunity has opened up for a parent/carer to join our school Board - please keep an eye out for information requesting nomination for the position of parent representative on the Board. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Samantha Murray for her contribution to the strategic direction of the school through her membership to the Board.

Satisfaction Survey

School satisfaction survey information has been sent out to parents via email. If you didn't receive an email with the details on how to complete the survey, please get in touch with our front office. The surveys will be open until 2 September 2019 and we would love to hear from you - the information you provide gives us a great snapshot of where we're at, what's working well and where we need to focus our energies for improvement.

Lids for Kids

OSHClub have introduced a terrific initiative called Lids for Kids. Lids for Kids uses recycled plastic lids to make prosthetic limbs for disabled children using 3D printing. You can find a drop off bin at the sign in area for their service (junior canteen) and we have one in the front office too. Please remember to bring your lids in and pop them in the bin - a

Term 3 Week 5 BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 20

- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 NO & AH
- Write a Book in A Day Challenge Yr. 7 - 10

Wednesday 21

- Whole School Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Preschool - Yr. 2 Book Week Performances

Thursday 22

- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 SM & MP
- Yr.5/6 Combined Band Practice

Friday 23

- **BOOK WEEK PARADE 9:15am - Gym**
- Kindergarten - Yr.2 Book Week & Special Friends Day 9:15 - 11:00am

Term 3 Week 6

Monday 26

- Yrs. 3 - 6 Book Week Performances

Tuesday 27

- Father's Day Stall
- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 NO & AH
- ACT Secondary Netball Finals

Wednesday 28

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

2019 Calendar

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



community the size of ours should be able to make a pretty significant ongoing contribution.

Lego Masterpiece

Congratulations to the team of students and teachers who contributed to the creation of our amazing Lego artwork that highlights the importance we place on recognising and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and the part we play in continuing that culture. From all accounts, it was a hit at the Brick Expo and in talking to some of the leadership team in the Education Directorate office, they're excited that it will be displayed where they work, at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning.

Book Week

This week is Book Week! Teachers have great activities planned to promote reading and I'm really looking forward to the Book Week parade on Friday morning and can't wait to see the great costumes and feel the excitement this event generates. I've got my costume all sorted and have decided to keep my undies on the inside of my pants this year.....

Rail Safety

We have a special guest visiting us for our whole school assembly on Wednesday morning – local Paralympian [Vanessa Low](#). Vanessa, who lost her legs at the age of 15 in a rail incident, is a truly remarkable woman who is the Rail Safety Ambassador. Vanessa will share some important messages about rail safety and show the 'near miss' video to students.

PBL

We are maintaining our focus on our PBL expectations, starting with non-classroom area expectations. They are pretty simple to remember and align beautifully with our Harrison School Values of *Respect, Inclusion, Integrity, Teamwork, Endeavour and Resilience*. We're still in the early stages of our PBL journey and hopefully when you're visiting the school, you'll see the posters to remind us all that:

- **We are responsible**
- **We are respectful**
- **We are learners**

Parenting Ideas

I came across an interesting article about online privacy from *Parenting Ideas* recently. It made me think a little differently about what and how I post images of my children and is included as an attachment with the newsletter. I've also attached information about an upcoming Parenting Ideas webinar that our community can access due to our membership

Yours in learning,
Jason.

Yr. 5/6 BROKEN BAY CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER

A friendly reminder that 2nd payment of camp is due 28 August 2019.

Parents, please ensure that you are up to date with your child's contribution.

For those paying by Quick Web the Fee Code is **56Broken**

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Manuka W D	Bailey B	Raymond C
Kai D	Matthew H	Risean M
Ella G	Syra S	Charlee S
Vyaas N	Sienna H	Rachel M
Jesse Y	Sanah M S	Jack McC
Ben R	Ryan M	Olivia H
Anthea L	Asher C	Steven Tam T
Coen W	Joban W	Cordy W
Harry E	Elmore W	Alice D
Chloe H		

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

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

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.

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Week has arrived!! We have organised many activities this week to celebrate the love of reading.

- Mystery Storytime before school and lunchtimes - Library
- Art and craft every lunchtime - Library
- **Big Dreams Performance** Week 5 Preschool - Yr. 2, Wednesday 21 August. Please return forms ASAP
- **Book Week Character Parade** 9:15 am School Gym, Friday 23 August
- Preschool Dress up Parade for **Monday / Tuesday groups only**, Tuesday 20 August
- Grandparent's morning, Friday 23 August after parade.
- **Meerkat Production** Week 6 Yr. 3-6, Monday 26 August. Please return notes ASAP.

Enjoy the celebrations!



Scholastic Book Club.

Scholastic has advised us that there is a delay in the delivery for orders from Issue 5. We are sorry about this and hope to distribute items as soon as they arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

Westfield Belconnen Book Week display.

Westfield Belconnen are celebrating Book Week from Monday 19 August and are providing opportunities for children to enjoy reading time and other fun activities. Harrison School have been invited to take part in this celebration. We have provided beautiful artwork created by our wonderful students and inspired by the 2019 shortlisted books. Please come along and enjoy this event.

LOST PROPERTY



We have a large number of lost property items at the front office including prescription glasses, keys and wallets. If you have lost any of the above, please come into the front office to either see if they belong to you or claim lost items. If looking for lost wallets ID will be required.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

This year from the 23 to the 26 of October, Harrison School will be playing host to 8 students from Nara University High School. We are looking for families to host each of the students for the 3 nights they will be here. It is always a hugely enriching experience no matter what grade your children are in! If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Amy McLeod Amy.McLeod@ed.act.edu.au

LIMELIGHT 2019

Limelight Feature Act

The Gala Performance for Harrison School will be on Thursday 29 August at 7:00pm at the AIS Arena. Students will be expected to attend a technical rehearsal at the AIS Arena on Wednesday 28 August from 12:30pm until 2:30pm and a dress rehearsal at the AIS Arena all day on the Thursday of the Gala from 9:10am until 2:30pm.

If you would like to be a member of the audience, tickets for *Step into the Limelight* will be on sale through Ticketek from Thursday 1 August. Please make sure when you are purchasing tickets, you order for Thursday 29 August as that is the only day our students will be performing as part of the Step into the Limelight program.

Limelight Ukulele Foyer Performance

Ukulele Project has been rehearsing for their next big performance at the *Step into the Limelight* event. Students will need to meet in the foyer of the AIS Arena at 5:30pm, ready for a 6pm concert on Thursday 29 August. **Students need their own transport to and from this performance.**



DEFENCE NEWS

Last week, we were fortunate to have Mr Ian Spaulding and Mr Dennis Lyons from HMAS Sydney & Escorts VLSVA visit our Yrs. 3 to 6 assembly to donate the book, "My Grandfathers War" to our school. This was to signify the importance of Long Tan/Vietnam Veterans' Day which was commemorated on Sunday 18 August.

Postings: As posting orders are starting to come out, please advise us of new movement for the future so we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU/Deployments) to 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:

- DCO Kidsmart Program - Tuesday 20 August
- ADFA Open Day – Saturday 24 August (9:00am – 4:00pm)
- Battle for Australia Commemoration (AWM) – Wed 4 September
- Defence Families Dinner @ Raiders Club Gungahlin – Wed 11 September

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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 NOW Wednesday

lunchtimes. Student in Years 7 – 10 remain 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.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

It takes a big heart to hold a little hand, so why not leave it to the kids to spoil that special man in their lives this Father's Day

The P&C are organising a pop-up stall over two days (Tuesday 27 Aug & Thursday 29 Aug) to give the children at Harrison School the opportunity to purchase that perfect gift for that special man in their life. Gifts will range from \$1 to \$5.

Each class will be allocated a day that they will visit the stall so the children can be prepared.

Please keep a look out for a letter going home with your child or check out the posts on the P&C Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC>

Thank you,

Harrison School P&C Association

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.

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

- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards

Term 4

- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & 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 will be sent to you via the classroom black bag.

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 benefiting 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 kalpana078@gmail.com.

We also have in stock a number of 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 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