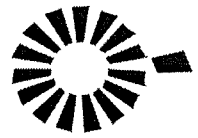




ACT
Government
Education



HARRISON
SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am thrilled that I am your child's new teacher for the remainder of this year! We are going to learn so many new and exciting things together. This is my twenty-fifth year of teaching and I have taught all grade levels from Kindergarten to Year 12. This is my first placement in the Public Education Directorate and I am very excited about starting at a school that specifically adopts the same values that I try to model in my everyday encounters with others: teamwork, respect, inclusion, integrity, resilience and endeavour. These same values have been part of your child's vocabulary since they started at Harrison School. I know Emma has done a great job to ensure that the students understand what each value means. I believe that if we all try to live out these values together we are more effective as a classroom family.

I understand that each student thinks and learns differently. It is my role, as your child's teacher, to help your child to grow as a learner and as a person of good character. However, I can only do this with your support:

1. Please let me know straight away (by email) if you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning.
2. Please ensure that your child is reading each night. If you have time, it would be good for them to hear you or an older sibling read to them.
3. Please ask your child about their day and what they did. Ask them if they have any homework or notes. Check their bags daily.

My husband and I were fortunate to have travelled to Thailand – Phuket during the term break. It was so lovely to get away from the cold weather for a short while and to just relax and enjoy the Thai culture. I brought back a souvenir for each of the students. They will receive it on Monday. I believe the character of the souvenir represents the values of Harrison School.

I can't wait to meet you at morning line up or afternoon pick up times or alternatively at the Exhibitions of Learning in Week 2!

Kindest regards,

Mary Pezzella
Mary.Pezzella@ed.act.edu.au