



## Harrison School Newsletter 5 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new students, families and staff. Yesterday was very exciting as we welcomed our Preschoolers and Kindergarteners and new students from Year 1 to Year 10. It was a great opportunity for them to find their way before all students returned today. We're also excited to introduce our new staff for 2019, listed below:

P	Brooke DeAngelis	3-6	John Nash	7-10	Ce-Ce Edwards
1/2	Lisa Buchanen	7-10	Tom Hobson	7-10	Kurt Halbauer
1/2	Tammie Chui	7-10	Emily Tutin	7-10	Peter Strain
1/2	Sophie Dash	7-10	Ryan Bissell	LSA	Saguna Madnure
1/2	Elissa Penfold	7-10	Reece Cheater	LSA	Corey Ketman
1/2	Sladjana Pantic	7-10	Brad Wilken	LSA	Thomas Parr
1/2	Ros Thomson	7-10	Keygan Dawes-Airey	LSA	Joseph Peluko
1/2	Narelle Hackett	Australian School Based Apprentice			Ben Pinchen
P-6 Psychologist		Rhonda Malouf			
Office Manager		Stacie Beecher			
Food Technology Assistant		Michelle Van Den Vos			

We also excited to have the following staff returning to the school:

P	Bo Zevon	7-10	Tom Alexander	7-10	Jeanette Watts
1/2	Alannah Jones	7-10	Jen McGavock	LSA	Kanchana Ilangisinha
5/6	Nick O'Brien	7-10	Sarah Fell		

## Diary

### Term 1 Week 1 2019

#### Wednesday 6

- **CANCELLED** Preschool – Yr. 6 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Kindergarten Information Session 5:15pm

#### Thursday 7

- First Day Preschool Th/ F Groups

### Term 1 Week 2 2019

#### Tuesday 12

- Yr. 1/2 Parent Information Session 5:15pm
- Yr. 3 - 6 Parent Information Sessions 6:00pm

#### Wednesday 13

- Yr. 7 - 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym

#### Thursday 14

- 2019 Yrs. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30pm

### Term 1 Week 3 2019

Kindergarten PIPS

#### Wednesday 20

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

### [2019 Calendar](#)

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



## Communication

Parent information sessions are scheduled for this week (Kinder) and next week (1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7-10). Please check the Harrison School calendar [http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our\\_community/calendar2](http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar2) for dates, times and venues.

We attempt to communicate with our community members in a number of ways including this newsletter, our Community News publication, the Harrison School Daily News blog (<https://harrisonschoolnews.com/>) the school calendar, the Harrison School P&C Facebook page, Class Parent Facebook messages, email, SMS, telephone and face to face conversations. I encourage you to take time to drop in and meet your child's/children's teacher(s) - the information sessions mentioned above might be a great time to do this - or at least drop them an email to introduce yourself. Teacher email addresses are in the format [firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au). If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

## Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies are in the Gym in Weeks 5 and 10 on the Wednesday at 9:15am. For Semester One, we will hold Preschool to Year 6 assemblies on odd weeks (starting week 3, 20 February) and Years 7-10 assemblies will be held in even weeks (starting week 2, 13 February). All assemblies are in the Gym and start at 9:15am. Class teachers will contact you if your child is receiving a school certificate or participating in the assembly. School certificates are awarded for recognising excellence in achievement, citizenship or endeavour and/or for showing the school values. Parents, friends and family are always welcome at assemblies.

## Harrison School Board

Nominations, which opened yesterday, are sought for one parent representative and one student representative. Terms for Board membership are generally two years. Nominations close on Monday 18 February 2019. For more information or to nominate, please contact the front office.

## Uniform

A quick reminder that Harrison is a uniform school and that students are expected to wear their uniform every day they attend school unless there is an official special program or event that allows them to wear non-uniform clothes for the day. Parents will always receive notification of these events. For Term One, students need to wear the summer school uniform and details of our [uniform requirements](#) can be found at on our school website in the Policies and Procedures section.

Due to the realignment of Yrs 5/6 to create a P-6 area of the school, we are accepting the previous P-4 and 5-8 uniform for 5/6 students. We will call for parent and student input for the longer term thinking of what the 5/6 uniform will be.

## Attendance Procedures

We mark attendance electronically and will send an SMS to your designated number at 10:30am if your child is absent and we haven't received notification from you about the absence. Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child will be absent by either phoning the front office (6142 2200) or sending an email to [Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au).

## Car park

Our wonderful P&C have worked hard over the last two years to improve safety for students and provide better traffic flow in the main car park (off Wimmera St). We have long standing temporary measures in place that we hope to have made permanent during Semester One. I implore you to play your part in keeping our car parks safe by:

- driving at 10 km/h in the car park
- parking only in designated parking bays
- when picking up, only pulling into the pick up/drop off zones when you can see your children
- turning left only when exiting the main car park

I will also take this opportunity to remind you all about the importance of keeping to the 40 km/h speed limit around the school and paying extra attention as you drive around the school.

Jason Holmes

### **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

### **NEW 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.

### **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](mailto: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. 4 students **MUST** be signed out from the main administration office before they are collected from class.

Years 5 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office.

**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.

### **DATES FOR TERM 1 2019**

#### **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

##### **Wednesday 6 February**

Kindergarten 2019 Information Session will be held from 5:15 – 6:00pm.

##### **Tuesday 12 February**

Yr.1/2 Information Session 5:30 – 6:00pm

Yr. 3 - 6 Information Session 6:00 – 7:30pm

##### **Thursday 14 February**

Yr. 7 - 10 Information Session 6:30 – 7:30pm

### **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

### **HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD**

We have one parent, and one student position that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from April 2019. Nominations for the Harrison School Board are now open and will close at 11:00am on **Monday 18 February**. If you wish to nominate for the school board and would like to know what the position entails, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Holmes.

The contact email address for parent representatives on the school board.

[hsbparentrep@outlook.com](mailto:hsbparentrep@outlook.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### How to Help the Front Office Support your Child

#### Parent Contact Details

It is important that information regarding parent contact details for students are accurate should we need to contact you in an emergency or if your child is unwell. If there are changes to your contact details during the year could you please contact the front office to inform of your new contact details to enable us to update our records.

#### Medication

If children need to take medication during school hours, please fill in an "Authority to Administer Medication" form which is available from the front office. If the medication is prescribed by a doctor, it is also preferable to have the doctor sign the form. Due to departmental policy, school staff are unable to administer medication without this authority. All medication to be administered must be in the medication container/box from the chemist with dosage and time of administration and handed to the front office staff.

## Students with Medical Conditions

It is important that information for students with medical conditions is accurate and detailed to help us provide appropriate care. If there are changes to your child's health or medical circumstances, during the year could you please contact the front office to inform them of the changes and complete the required documentation to ensure that your child receives the appropriate first aid care. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

## Infectious Diseases Information

Please see attached a copy of the infectious diseases and the exclusion periods and other measures which should be followed if a child contracts or comes into contact with a person who has one of the diseases listed.

## Allergy Friendly School

Harrison School is an Allergy Friendly school. This policy will require students to **not** bring to school certain products that may cause severe allergic reactions. Please **do not** send any peanut or nut products to school.

## Clothing

Please mark all clothing clearly with your child's **full name**. Lost property can then be returned promptly to the owner.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### A big Welcome back to school from the Library!

We hope you all had a nice break. We will be running library tours for all classes in the first two weeks. Regular library visits will follow. Please ensure your child is prepared for borrowing by ensuring that they have a library bag in their school bag.

For our new families an extra big welcome. We would like to invite you to set up a family account for parents to borrow books and enjoy family reading time together. Parents and children are also welcome to come to the library before school and read with their children.

The wonderful library team is always happy to assist parents and students with any enquiries. Come in and say hi!

**Students are welcome to visit the library for individual borrowing during the following times.**

**Before School 8.30 -8.50am**

**Lunch 1.10 – 1.50pm**

**After School 3.10- 3.30pm**

See you soon,

Nola Zorzi and Michelle Middleton



## DEFENCE NEWS

Welcome back for 2019 to all our continuing families. To all our new Defence families arriving this year, welcome to Harrison School and to Canberra! I hope that your moves have gone smoothly and that you settle into our community very quickly.

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](mailto: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](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.



## DEFENCE KIDS

Activity Groups will recommence next Monday further details will be displayed around the junior school with regards to activities for K – 4. The 5-10 Chill out session will be advertised down the senior end of the school.



## HARRISON HEARTS

**(Commencing NEXT WEEK):** Come to the Defence Room in the library room on Monday mornings between 9am and 11am. We would love to have you join us for a cuppa, a chat and to create some resources for the classrooms. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office.

## STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.


As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.



## BACK TO SCHOOL ASTHMA CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

Every year there is a sharp rise in the number of asthma attacks for children when they return to school after the summer break. This results in a significant increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school. Not only is this unsettling for children as they start a new year at school, but often it impacts on time off work for the parents/carers also.

- [Back to school Asthma Checklist for Parents](#)  (161kb)

Please see the attachment for further information

## SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to school for another exciting school year, we hope you all had a great holiday and are ready to keep saving your money. School Banking will be processed **every Tuesday**, so don't forget to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher. I would like to introduce you to Kalpana Pothuraju who will be assisting in delivering the program this year.

The Dollarmites are rugged up and ready to take kids on an exciting Polar Savers Adventure to the Ice Cave of Savings that's full of exciting rewards. There are eight new reward items for students to select from when redeeming their 10 silver Dollarmites tokens.

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 or visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



### 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

We are still waiting for the delivery of rewards from the end of last year. These should arrive within the next fortnight and will be sent out as soon as they arrive.

Happy savings for 2019.

Maria Sanchez-Worsnop and Kalpana Pothuraju  
School Banking Coordinators

## 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 2018 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.