



Harrison School Newsletter 30 July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Two. This week has been particularly special as we have had the opportunity to welcome back Mr Holmes who had been working at a school on the southside for the past five school weeks. It is great having Mr Holmes back at Harrison and there have been many excited students taking the opportunity to catch up with him.

This Thursday, Harrison School will be marking NAIDOC week with an assembly in the school gym which commences at 9.15am. During this assembly, an art work constructed from over 36 000 Lego blocks will be shown to the school before it is then taken to the Hellenic Club in Woden for the annual Brick Expo. Students and teachers have been painstakingly working on this instalment over the past weeks and it looks absolutely fantastic. I would like to acknowledge Dee Nelson for her amazing work on this project and encourage everyone to get along to the Expo to see the piece live.

Wakakirri, Australia's largest performing arts event for schools begins at the Canberra Theatre Wednesday night and continues Thursday and Friday nights. The Canberra leg of Wakakirri culminates with an award night on the 3rd of September. Over the past term, students from the primary school have been giving up their lunchtimes to rehearse their performance and from all accounts they are looking great. I am sure that all the hard work will pay off and the performance will be excellent on the night. I would like to acknowledge and thank those teachers who have invested so much of their own time into making this opportunity a reality for the students participating.

For those parents who have attended or are planning to attend the upcoming Exhibitions of Learning, I would like to extend my thanks. Having parents attend these events to celebrate the achievements of each child here at school makes a huge positive difference, and further strengthens the partnership in learning we value so highly. I look forward

Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 30

- Kindergarten Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:30pm

Wednesday 31

- Preschool Learning Journeys 8:30 – 9:30am
- Preschool – Yr. 2 Assembly 9:15am - Hall
- Yr. 3 – 6 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Yr. 5/6 Girls Basketball Competition

Thursday 1 August

- NAIDOC Whole School Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Science Show Offs Incursion PTF CD, BZ & JC
- Yr. 3/4 Touch Football
- Kindergarten Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:30pm

Friday 2

- Preschool Learning Journeys 8:30 – 9:30am
- Wakakirri Dance Performance 11:30am – 1:45pm

Term 3 Week 3

Monday 5

- Preschool Learning Journeys 8:30 – 9:30am
- Kindergarten Incursion – Music Performance
- Yr. 1/2 Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:30pm

2019 Calendar

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



to catching up with as many parents and carers as I can and witness some of the excellent achievements for myself.

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

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.

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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES PRESCHOOL – YR. 6

We would like to advise of a change in scheduling of the P – 6 assemblies this semester. Due to our large site, the program for P – 6 assemblies have regularly been running overtime. This has impacted the senior school teaching and learning program who need to access the gym by 10:00am.

In response, Preschool – Yr. 2 will now operate assemblies from the junior school hall on even weeks, each Wednesday from 9:15 – 10:00am. Yr. 3 – 6 will hold their assemblies at the same time, on the same weeks in the gymnasium.

These are community events and we encourage parents of hosting classes to attend where and when possible.

We thank you for your understanding and support.
Nada Zarac and Heather Hill

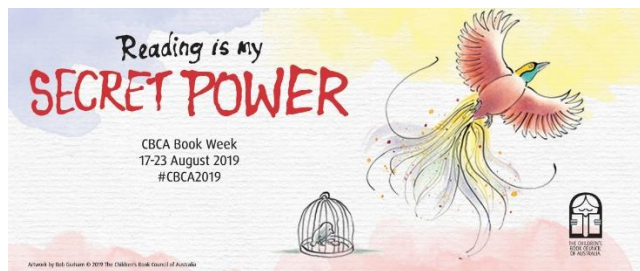
LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books

Just another reminder about overdue books. Could you please encourage your child to return their books on time as quite a few students have books that are overdue for more than two weeks. Thank you for your support.

Book Week 2019

We are very excited to celebrate Book Week this term. During Week 5 there will be many activities organised to celebrate books and promote the love of reading. The theme this year is **Reading is my Secret Power**. It is a good time now to start thinking about a book character costume for the book parade that will be held during that week. I will provide more information about the activities in the coming weeks.



Entertainment Book Fundraising.

We would like to thank the families that recently purchased an Entertainment Book. We would like to remind others that the book is available from the library, front office and online. Thank you again for your support.

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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 order forms will be sent out this week. There are many exciting titles in this issue and it also includes dress up ideas for our upcoming Book Week parade in Week 5.

Orders are due by the end of Week 2, **Friday 2 August 2019**.

LIMELIGHT 2019

Limelight Feature Act

The Gala Performance for Harrison School will be on Thursday 29 August at 7pm 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.

A big afternoon rehearsal with Turner School will be held in the school hall at Turner School on Monday Week 3, 2:30pm-5:30pm. Students **to be collected by parents/carers from Turner School at 5:30pm.**

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.**

LIGHT RAIL IS HERE SAFETY MESSAGE



Safety for Pedestrians

- Only cross the tracks at the designated crossing
- Always look both ways before crossing the tracks
- Pay attention and stay alert around LRV's
- Headphones, reading, texting or taking photos or selfies can put you at risk
- Take care with pram wheels of wheelchairs when crossing the tracks



DEFENCE NEWS

Australian Military Wives Choir is a choir for women who support Defence Force Members in Canberra. As a no audition, no experience necessary choir, they welcome new members at any time during the year. Despite the word wives in their name, they welcome any woman who has close links to ADF members and Foreign Defence Force members posted to Canberra. For more information email amwc.canberra@gmail.com or check out their Facebook page and website www.amwchoir.com

DCO Support for ADF Families: defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Coming Up: ADFA Musical Footloose (entry via gold coin donation) Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 August

Sarah and Zoe

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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.

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 demonstrating 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 will be able to print a rewards form. Don't forget to send in your 10 silver tokens along with your form, so that your rewards can be ordered. Please remember that all rewards take up to two weeks to be delivered from Brisbane and they will be sent to your classrooms via the 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 the 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, no experience is needed, and it will only take an hour each Tuesday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kalpana Pothuraju on 0459250097.

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](https://www.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 Pothauraju
School Banking Coordinator