



Harrison School Newsletter 10 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 8!

Last week we celebrated Father's Day with the School Community at our Annual Footy Colours breakfast. What a fantastic morning! The weather held off and we had an amazing turn out – it was great seeing the variety of colours around the quad. Thank you to everyone who attended, participated or helped out. Because of you, we raised just short of \$1000 for the Fight Cancer charity. It was a great community event and I would like to thank our organising team David Finch, Scott Quilty and Christopher Nugent.

Along with the terrific learning that is happening in classrooms, the extra curricula activities students are getting access to and the terrific community building opportunities highlighted for me the great commitment and sense of belonging that exists at Harrison School. Some highlights were the success of our Wakakirri group in making it to the national finals, ICAS assessments to extend and challenge students academically, and sporting events to extend and challenge students physically. Well done to all involved.

Reporting on Student Achievement

In 2019 the ACT Education Directorate are introducing a common report template format for students in Kindergarten to Year 10 through the new School Administration System (SAS). This change is occurring across all ACT Public Schools via a staged roll out. This means that all ACT public schools will be using the common report format by the end of Semester 1 2020.

Harrison School is moving to the new report template this semester. The new system report format uses the Achievement Standards directly from the Australian Curriculum. Achievement Standards set the goal for what all students should learn in each year as they progress through their

Term 3 Week 8

Wednesday 11

- Preschool - Yr. 2 Assembly – Hall 9:15am
- Yr. 3 - Yr. 6 Assembly – Gym 9:15am
- Yr. 5/6 Girls Gala Cricket Day
- DanceFest 2019 Yr. 7 – 10

Thursday 12

- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 SM & MP
- Harrison Hoppers Demonstration Tour
- Yr. 5/6 Boys Gala Cricket Day
- Bell Shakespeare Performance Yr. 7 – 10
- Yr. 6 Band Students Bandfestival
- Yr. 7 2020 Transition Parent Open Night

Friday 13

- Kindergarten Athletics Carnival
- Senior Band – Bandfestival

Term 3 Week 9

Monday 16

- Cricket ACT Yr. 7 – 10 Boys

Tuesday 17

- ICAS - English
- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 AH & NO
- Yr. 7 – 10 Headspace Workshop
- Headspace Parent Information Session 6:00 – 7:30pm

Wednesday 18

- Yr. 7 – 10 Headspace Workshop

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



school life. From the first year of schooling to Year 10, students develop knowledge and skills in eight learning areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Health and Physical Education (HPE)
- Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)
- The Arts
- Technologies
- Languages

Students will be allocated an achievement level against each standard using a five-point scale: limited, partial, at standard, high or outstanding. Students in Years 1-10 will also receive an overall grade for the learning area using a five-point A-E scale.

In the ACT, student work at standard is considered a 'C' grade which indicates the student is on track and demonstrating achievement at the standard for their age and ability. A 'C' grade is to be celebrated.

We will be utilising the new report template and the new School Administration System to distribute the Year 7-10 progress reports this term.

One of the major changes of this system is that all reports for this semester will be emailed home. It is therefore important that the school has a current email address. We will be sending a test email to all parents shortly which will be followed up by a letter home to ensure we do our utmost to have on record your preferred and accessed email address.

Parent Information Session

On Tuesday 17 September 6:00-7:30pm in the senior PATs building we are very fortunate to have Headspace coming in to present a Mental Health Literacy presentation for Parents of adolescence.

Headspace will be presenting a version of this session to all students Year 7-10 on the 17 and 18 of September. It is important to us that parents are aware of the information that is presented to their children and have the opportunity to hear the information and the ability to ask their own questions.

Please see the attachment included for the RSVP details and an outline of the session. The information can also be found on the school website:

[Headspace in Schools 2019 Parent Information Session](#)

We strongly encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity and hope we see you there.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Mustafa S	Baasil A	Brooke R
Sanjana K	Elena N	Kate C
Dhyan U	Olicer C	Ain K
Radeena W	Zohan K	Isabella C
Layla G		

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Nominations for the position of parent representative on the school Board have now closed. As we have received three nominations an election will now be held.

Ballot papers including information about each nominee will be available from the front office between 8:30am – 3:30pm.

Voting will open: 11:00am Monday 16 September 2019

Voting will close: 11:00am Monday 23 September 2019

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Notices

We will be sending overdue notices home this Wednesday. Please remind your child to return any books that are overdue to the library as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Floriade

Reading at Floriade.



<https://www.library.act.gov.au/whats-on/programs-for-families/family-activities>

Join bestselling Australian kids' authors [Mick Elliott](#) (*Squidge Dibley, The Turners*) and [Oliver Phommavanh](#) (*Don't Follow Vee, Natural Born Loser, Thai-Riffic*) as they face off on stage in the ULTIMATE STORYTELLING BATTLE. They have just ONE HOUR to come up with the most HILARIOUS, OUTRAGEOUS and UNTHINKABLY STINKY stories ever told. No drafts. No rewrites. Just instant storytelling to the max.

But be ready! Oliver and Mick will be calling on the audience to unleash their imaginations and help them think up the craziest characters, silliest situations and all-round excellent endings. There will be PRIZES, PRANKS and PLOT HOLES the size of Pluto. This LIVE, improvised storytelling battle is perfect for kids who love to laugh until their stomachs explode out their nostrils.

A special storytelling event in conjunction with Floriade, Australian Reading Hour and Libraries ACT. Suitable for ages 8 to 800.

The Ultimate Storytelling Battle will be followed by a book signing with Mick and Oliver.

Family Reading Time



The library is open every morning from 8.30am for borrowing and reading. We would love to see as many parents, grandparents and special friends come along and enjoy reading time together with your children.

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

Just a reminder to parents that the Round 2 Year 7 Immunisation date is Friday 6 December 2019. If you have not returned your consent card you can download a form from:

www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisations/adolescents

or call: (02) 5124 1585

Please see the attached flyer for further information.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR ICAS

English – 17 September

Mathematics – 19 September



DEFENCE NEWS

Last week we had the privilege of taking ten defence students from Yr. 5-10 to the Australian War Memorial for the Battle for Australia Commemorative Ceremony. Commemorating the courage and sacrifice of Australians and our Allies who fought against the Japanese in South-East Asia and in the Pacific during the Second World War. We are very proud of our students and the way in which they represented Harrison School.



Postings: As posting orders are starting to come out, please advise us of new movement for the future so we may help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU/Deployments) to let us know, as it is important that we have accurate information.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or

1800 624 608.

Coming Up:

- Kidsmart Graduation - Tuesday 10 September
- Defence Families' Dinner – Gungahlin Raiders – Wed 11 September
- Christmas Care Parcels Donations – Friday 20 Sept

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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 Wednesday lunchtimes and students in Years 7 – 10 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

ORDERS

Cut off time for Flexischools **online** orders is strictly **9:00am**.

Cut off time for **over the counter** orders is strictly **10:00am**.

Please note that once an order has been placed either through Flexischools or over the counter, the order is processed and is non-refundable or transferrable. Unfortunately, we cannot offer refunds for uncollected lunch orders.

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.

Banking for Pre-schoolers is processed every **THURSDAY** for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday classes.

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

- Artic Owl Fluffy Ring
- Scratch Art Cards

Term 4

- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencil & 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 you via the black bag back to your classrooms.

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 Kalpana0708@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