



Harrison School Newsletter 29 October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 3 of the term! Things are moving quickly and before we know it, we'll be 'up to our ears' with reporting, concert, awards, celebrations and graduation. In relation to reports, the Years 7-10 area experienced the new system for receiving reports with the mid semester progress reports and for the end of semester we'll be implementing the system. The major difference will be that reports are emailed rather than a paper copy being sent home with your child. Parents in years P-6 will receive a letter with extra details this week (a hard copy sent home with your child) and a follow up email next week. This week's newsletter is a joint effort by Heather Hill and me as I was keen for Heather to share a snippet of her learning with you.

Parents are Critical Partners in Knowing Each Learner

Recently, I've been rereading Lyn Sharratt's book, *CLARITY, What Matters Most in Learning, Teaching, and Leading*.

From her book, Lyn states;

Parents are student's first teachers and can be hugely influential players in the learning for, with and beside each student. As Pam Betts reminds us, "parents and the broader community are important stakeholders, with parents and caregivers having roles critical to their children's success. More often than not, they don't know the questions to ask their children or ask the teachers when they want to know more about how their child is doing in school. So, we give them a script"

5 QUESTIONS PARENTS CAN ASK TEACHERS

1. What is my child learning?
2. How is she or he doing?
3. How do you know (how she or he is doing)?
4. How can she or he improve?
5. What supports can I provide, and can you provide if she or he is struggling? When will we check in again?

Term 4 Week 3

Wednesday 30

- Yr. 7-10 Assembly – 9:15am - Gym
- P&C Harrison School Disco

Thursday 31

- Senior Choir Performance – Australian National Library – 8:45am-12:00pm

Term 4 Week 4

Monday 4

- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Session Group 2 (New students only) 1:45pm-3:00pm

Tuesday 5

- PMTBD and PMTCD – Canberra Museum and Gallery Excursion – 9:00am-12:30pm
- K-6 LSU Dream Cricket Gala Day – Radford College – 9:00am-2:00pm
- Harrison School Board Meeting – 5:30pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 6

- 2020 Preschool Information Sessions – 9:00am-11:30am – Hall
- Yr. 3-6 Assembly – 9:15am – Gym
- Preschool – Yr. 2 Assembly – 2:00pm – Hall

Thursday 7

- PTFCD – Canberra Museum and Gallery Excursion – 9:00am-12:30pm
- 2020 Yr. 1 – Yr. 10 Orientation Day (New students only) 9:00am – 11:00am
- 2020 Yr. 7 Orientation Day (New students only) – 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Session Group 1 (New students only) 1:45pm-3:00pm

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



Source: Developed with Mike Borgford, chief superintendent, Seine River School Division, Manitoba, Canada, personal communication, 2017

QUESTIONS PARENTS CAN ASK THEIR CHILDREN

1. What did you learn today?
2. How did you do?
3. What did you do if you didn't understand?
4. How can you improve on your learning?
5. What are you most proud of?

Heather.

World Teacher's Day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teacher's Day. While we reflect on our impact regularly, it was a great day to for us to put a spotlight on this and recognise the challenges we've faced and successes we've achieved in relation to improving student outcomes. As you might realise, this can take many forms across the school and could be something like watching the experience of a student who grasps a concept they've been struggling with, having a great conversation with a parent or colleague, connecting with a student in a meaningful and sustainable way or finding the right work experience placement for a student – it all matters.

Thank You P&C

A very big thank you goes to our terrific P&C for their recognition and kindness on World Teacher's Day. The recognition of appreciation shown through delivering lunches to staff studies was a highlight of the day for staff and helped reinforce that we're all part of a community where everyone matters. While on the topic of the P&C, a big thank you also for organising the Halloween Disco for tomorrow night. We certainly appreciate it and I know the students (and quite a few staff) are excited. If you're in a position to help the P&C out, please connect with one of the P&C Executive or contact them through the P&C Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC>).

Equity and Excellence

The concept of equity was a feature of the Future of Education conversations that occurred last year and

helped shape the priorities of the Education Directorate Strategic Plan (<https://www.education.act.gov.au/our-priorities/strategic-plan>). During a recent leadership forum, we had a focus on the topic of equity and excellence in ACT Education and it was great to be part of a rich conversation about giving every student the opportunity to be successful in their learning and achieve positive outcomes. A quote from Mary Jean Gallagher, "Set high standards for everyone and build ramps for those who may have barriers to achieving those standards" really resonated with me and set the scene for the conversation.

One of the themes that came through strongly was the importance of relationships and as I reflected on our school, I appreciated that despite our large community, one of our priorities continues to be building positive and productive relationships. Another theme central to equity in education is fairness. Essentially this relates to the concept of students and families getting what they need to be successful rather than everyone getting the same thing. Through getting to know students and families, differentiating learning, acknowledging cultural and social differences and offering supports where needed, we strive to achieve this at Harrison. While I'd struggle to say we get this right all the time, the intent is certainly there and sometimes we need to learn how to meet student and family needs; doing this in partnership is when we achieve success.

Parenting Ideas Webinar

For those of you who won't be at the disco, remember that you can access the Parenting Ideas webinar Wednesday 30 October 2019 8:00pm - 9:00pm AEDT titled *Step back so kids step up*

How you can register

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-strengthening-kids-self-esteem-in-a-digital-world>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'

4. Enter the voucher code DIGITAL and click 'Apply'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 30 November 2019.
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your parenting material
7. Click 'Place Order'

HARRISON SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT CHANGES

Harrison School is moving to a new report template this semester to contribute to greater consistency of reporting across all ACT Public schools. The new report format uses the Achievement Standards directly from the Australian Curriculum, as opposed to the school generated outcomes based on these.

We will be utilising the new report template and the new School Administration System to distribute all Semester 2 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.

For families who require a second report, these reports will be printed and sent home with students unless we receive an email with confirmation of an email address for these reports.

If you would like this copy emailed, please send an email to info@harrison.act.edu.au with "Copy of report for [Student Name]" in the subject line from the account to send reports to.

We will be sending a test email to all parents in Week 5 to ensure we have on record your preferred email address. If you do not receive the email or you wish to change your preferred email address, please email info@harrison.act.edu.au

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2019

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2020 could you please complete the form on this link; [Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#) and return it to the front office to assist us in organising classes for 2020.

STUDENTS ON HOLIDAY LEAVE

If your family is on an extended holiday and will not be back at school before the beginning of Term 1 2020 (Tuesday 4 February 2020), please complete the form on this link; [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

The ACT Government has launched an Infrastructure Plan that outlines the future pipeline of ACT Government projects and priority works to address Canberra's future growth.

The Infrastructure Plan includes \$2.1 billion to build new schools and modernise existing schools.

As the fastest-growing region in the ACT, Gungahlin has been a priority in recent years. Since 2008, the ACT Government has built five new schools across the region as well as undertaking several significant school expansions.

The Molonglo region will see a new primary school in Denman Prospect opening in 2021 and planning is underway for a future 7-10 campus.

In Gungahlin, a new primary school at Throsby will accept students from the 2022 school year and a new high school at Kenny is set to open in 2023. Franklin Early Childhood School and Gold Creek School will have increased capacity.

With the Molonglo region growing and urban renewal driving growth in the Inner North and Inner South, these areas will need a new focus for school infrastructure in the coming years.

Modernisation at both Campbell Primary School and Narrabundah College will meet rising demand and create a more comfortable learning environment for students.

The ACT Government is also undertaking feasibility studies to inform future needs in the Belconnen and Woden Town Centres.

Over the last four years, the Government has invested \$180.3 million in ACT public school capital works. Here at Harrison School, we have increased capacity with additional learning spaces, upgraded classrooms, our heating, ventilation and cooling system, our telephone and security systems and installed a sensory courtyard. In addition, works are currently underway to reinstate our landscaping.

The full Infrastructure Plan is available at <https://apps.treasury.act.gov.au/act-infrastructure-plan>

SCHOOL TRAVEL - TERM 4 2019

2020 School Travel Applications Now Open



To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

ALL students arriving late to school **MUST** sign in at either the main front office or the Senior Office.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Aaron K	Myra A	Louis P
Katelyn G	Ali M	Abdul Wasay K
Zahra Z	Zacharie Z	Ethan C
Yagnik P		

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.

IMPORTANT - 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.

LIBRARY NEWS


SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs
Scholastic Book Fair Week 3 and Week 4

We are very excited to organise our second Scholastic Book Fair for 2019. The fair will run from Week 3 Tuesday 29 October until Friday 8 November Week 4.

Come along and browse the wonderful selection of books available and by purchasing a book for your child to read and enjoy, you will also help support our school library.

Books are a wonderful idea for gifts and the Book Fair is also a great opportunity to purchase something for Christmas!

Thank you for your support Nola and Michelle 😊

BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS

Before school	8.30 – 9 am
First Lunch	1.10 – 1.30pm
After School	3.10 – 4.00pm



P&C SCHOOL DISCO



WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2019

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Glow products, snacks and drinks available for purchase on the night ranging from \$1-\$3

FREE ENTRY

SESSION TIMES

Preschool & Kindergarten	5:15pm - 6:00pm
Year 1/2	6:15pm - 7:15pm
Year 3/4 & 5/6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Volunteer call out
We need volunteers to assist on the night.
Please email: secretary@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC](https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC)

P&C ASSOCIATION

Harrison School P&C Association is proudly run entirely by parents.

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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 9:00am 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](#)



DEFENCE NEWS

CHRISTMAS CARE PARCELS

Harrison School wishes to show pride in our Australian Defence Forces by sending Christmas Care Parcels to deployed personnel over the 2019 Christmas period. If you are available to help us assemble the parcels this will be taking place in the Defence Room (School Library) on Wednesday 13 November at 9am.

POSTINGS

As posting orders are out, please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (eg. 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:

- Remembrance Day Service – Monday 11 November
- Defence Students' Farewells – Tuesday 19 and Wed 20th November
- Defence Family Christmas Pizza Party – Friday 22 November

Sarah and Zoe

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 remember 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.

We are changing the banking day next year (2020) from TUESDAY to **WEDNESDAY**.

If you would like to be part of the School Banking program you simply need to open a Youth saver 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.

Many of you already have enough tokens to redeem and are eligible to claim the rewards. If you would like to claim rewards just send your collected silver token with your bank deposit books and give it to your class teacher.

The last date of rewards ordering is 05/12/2019.

The program has been run by two volunteer mothers 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

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

We also have in stock several 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