



Harrison School Newsletter 22 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I look back on Term 3, and my time here at Harrison School, I am impressed with the resilience and professionalism of the staff and students. In a term that is traditionally tough, often referred to as the “championship quarter”, staff have striven to provide students across the school with innovative, relevant, engaging and varied lessons and units. In every classroom I go into, the great majority of students are actively involved in learning in a safe and supportive space. Term 3 has also seen an opening up of experiences for students such as interschool sport and local excursions. Our football (soccer), netball and volleyball teams have all had good success, and year 7 Food classes have had shopping excursions to Woolworths. This week also sees Year 10 engaged in the Road Ready program which should result in many more “L” plates around, and the House Spirit Day on Thursday with heaps of activities and fun.

In support of the learning so far this term, Midsemester reports will be emailed out to parents/carers on Wednesday for **year 7-10 students only**. Please take the time to discuss with your child the substance of the report. These reports are usually supported with Parent/Teacher interviews in Week 1 or 2 of Term 4. With the COVID restrictions currently in place, we are not able to offer them this at this stage. We will be in touch early in Week 1 next term with a process for contacting teachers regarding midsemester reports. For urgent contact before then, please use the usual methods such as email or phoning the school.

Planning is well under way for our end of year celebrations and acknowledgement events. These will be different to previous years’ events due to advice from the Education Directorate regarding COVID restrictions, however we are aiming for the best experiences for students and families.

As my time at Harrison draws to a close, I wish to acknowledge the welcoming and supportive community of students, parents and staff. Especially the support of Jason Holmes, Dan Breen, Kate Cunningham and

Term 3 Week 10

A reminder that all assemblies and camps have been cancelled for 2020.

Tuesday 22 September

- 2021 Preschool Interviews
- PMT Classes: Nutrition Magician Incursion

Wednesday 23 September

- Senior Band Performance at Kaleen High School

Thursday 24 September

- 2021 Preschool Interviews
- PTF Classes: Nutrition Magician Incursion
- 7-10 House Colours Day

Friday 25 September

- Footy Colours Day
- Yr. 3/4 Dance Classes
- Last Day of Term 3

Monday 12 October

- First Day of Term 4

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office
hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm



the High School Executive Team. The whole community should be proud of your school and the learning and growth achieved.

I wish everybody a safe and restful holiday, and a productive and rewarding Term 4.

Alex Nagy

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

On Friday 25 September (last day of Term 3), students are invited to wear their Footy Colours (or jersey) to school all day in support for *Kids with Cancer*, more information can be found [here](#).



KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECKS

Canberra Health Services is offering a targeted kindergarten health check concentrating on vision and hearing. These health checks are performed in clinics at the City Health Centre Mondays and Fridays and there will be appointments most days in the school holidays.

If you are interested in making an appointment, please phone the Central Intake Line on 5124 9977.

HATS ON

A reminder it is now *Hats On*. Please ensure your child has a hat on at school.



FAMILY TRANSACTION STATEMENTS

Recently, you should have received a family statement from the school outlining voluntary contributions, art and craft contributions and Years 7-10 elective course costs. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as they assist the school in providing high quality learning opportunities and projects for your children.

Voluntary contributions are used to purchase a range of resources across the school to support the provision of challenging, interesting and personalised learning. Subject contributions received from families are used to purchase resources and consumables such as decorative timbers, 3D printing materials, specific art supplies and recipe ingredients that allow students to go beyond basic project work to produce materials that are of high quality, allow personalisation and often provide additional challenges.

If you have any questions about the family statements or require a copy, please contact the front office or me on the school's general number.

Jason Holmes

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

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Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Lin D	Sophia C	Noelle W
Anahad C	Brayden B	Kaine S
Ali E	Hannah W	Charlee S
Taseen T	Maddison-Grace R	Jack C
Gurnaz S	Natasha M	Aria N
Henry Z	Adhira M	Iris T
Zarwa K	Maeve K	Ethan W
Cooper T	Mackenzie C-S	Thea R
Saakhi S	Ruby K	Archie R
Nathan H	Brianna J	Jordan M
Leyah I	Samantha A	Hallie B
Shuhe L	Leeland D-F	Ryan H
Vyaas N	Gemma H-W	Deeksh V
Amathea S	Minha U	Zoey H
Jameson L	Lachlan C	Ashton A
Izaac G	Kevin S	Adam S
Ethan S	Abdullah A	Ella M
William A	Harlow M	Emma C
Jasmin P	Isaac P	Mia J
Khadija A	Lin D	George Z
Sanjana K	William O	Thabi V

Congratulations to our L J Hooker Award Recipients for Term 3:

Brady H John E

SPORTS NEWS

Yr. 3/4 Touch

On Wednesday the 2 September, a group of twenty-two Harrison 3/4 students went to Amaroo to participate in a Touch Football Gala Day. Harrison entered two mixed teams in what was a fun day of touch football. It was great to see students improve their skills throughout the day, with quite a few students scoring tries. A big congratulations to all students who participated with a special thank you to our coaching volunteers from year 10, Zach and Kenzie. Thanks to Mr Finch for taking us.



Yr. 7/8 and 9/10 Boys Soccer

On Thursday the 27 of August and Wednesday 2 of September we sent a 9/10 and 7/8 boys soccer team to Dickson to participate in a gala day. Due to COVID, we were only allowed to enter 2 out of 4 potential teams. It was great to see students improve their skills throughout the day, with quite a few students scoring goals. A big congratulations to all students who participated especially the 7/8 boys' team who finished the day in 2nd place! There will be no ACT Finals day. A special thank you to Hakan Cosan and Allan Lansdowne for training and taking the boys on the day.



Yr. 7/8 Girls and 9/10 Boys Netball

On Thursday 6 August, we sent a 7/8 girls netball team to Lyneham to participate in a gala day. We were very lucky that a school pulled out of the competition which allowed Harrison to enter. Our girls played outstandingly as a team and in doing so only lost 1 game by 1 point finishing the day in 2nd place! Congratulations to the girls and a big thank you to Rebecca Lee for all her work.

On Monday 7 September, our 9/10 boys netball team travelled all the way to Calwell to participate in their gala day. After a few weeks of training and an injury to a star shooter in the first game, the boys finished the day in 4th place. Congratulations to all the boys for their commitment and dedication and a big thank you to Farah Atallah and Rebecca Lee for all their work.



REMINDER

UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION and 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. We are aware that student information or contact numbers and email addresses etc. often change. If there are changes to your child(rens) information or contact details during the year, please contact the school or email info@harrison.act.edu.au to inform us of your new contact details and to enable us to update our records.

Alternatively you can complete a change of contact details form which can be found on the school website: [Change of Contact Details](#) and return to the front office.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2020

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2020 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.

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

If parking in the rear car park, please ensure that you are not blocking the emergency vehicle access.

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.

ACT Instrumental Music Program Secondary Student Extension Ensembles - 2021

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 7 to Year 12 in ACT public schools in 2021 to audition for secondary extension ensembles.

Current year 6 students continuing to a public secondary school in 2021 can apply for -

- Percussion Ensemble – Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2021
- Junior Concert Band – Years 7 - 8 students in ACT public schools in 2021
- Senior Concert Choir — Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2021

Auditions will be held at the ACT Instrumental Music Program Rehearsal Room, UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.

Band auditions will be in Term 4, from 2-13 of November 2020.

Choir auditions will be held in Term 4, with audition times to be allocated in early Term 4.

All audition requirements and pieces will be available on the IMP website by the end of Term 3.

The ensembles are an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Complete your online application at:

<https://forms.gle/qT6UeQPX1rYeRUqp8> or scan the QR code for a direct link

Applications are now open and close Monday 19 October.



Stranger Safety

This is reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the AFP website section on [Child Safety](#) for tips. In addition, the [Safety4Kids](#) is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The [Constable Kenny website](#) also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

SPARE CLOTHES LOANED TO STUDENTS

If your child has been given a change of clothing by the school, please wash and return them to the Front Office as soon as possible, as we are running extremely low. Thank you for your cooperation.



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

We have recently held a Scholastic Book Fair in the library. Thank you to all the students, families and teachers who enjoyed browsing and purchasing their favourite books.

The fair was a huge success and the library was buzzing with excitement. Profits from the fair will be used to purchase many new books for the library collections for everyone to enjoy.



LIBRARY TRUST FUND

Thank you to all the Harrison families that have generously donated to the Library Trust Fund so far this year. We have recently purchased many new resources including new books for our students to enjoy, teacher resources that will support student learning and informative books on parenting and family subjects in our Community collection for families to borrow.

We appreciate your ongoing support.

Thank you

BOOK WEEK 2020

TERM 4 WEEK 2

'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'



We will be celebrating Book Week this year in Week 2 Term 4 October 19 – 23.

During the week we will be celebrating the love of literature. Students will be listening to stories being read by mystery readers, story time before school and lunchtimes in the library, literacy-based activities

in classrooms and in the library, increased borrowing for home, buddy reading and many more exciting activities including the day we all wait for, the Book Character Dress Up Day!!!!

The Book Character Dress up day will be held **on Friday 23rd October.**

This year the theme is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.'

Students and staff look forward to coming to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Students are encouraged to bring the physical book with them on the day which will provide an opportunity to talk about their character and the story and share the story with their friends.

This year, due to restrictions on whole school gatherings, students will participate in a mini parade with their class in their learning communities on the Friday.

It will be a wonderful day and we are excited to see the fabulous and creative costumes that bring the book characters to life!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

School Holidays are coming up and it is the perfect time to enjoy many entertainment and dining savings for your family using the variety of discount vouchers in the current issue of the Entertainment Book.

A reminder that we are taking online orders for the 2020 Entertainment Book. You can follow the link to make a purchase.

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

Thank you for your support!

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

From the Victorian State Library

There are many online recourses and programs available to help spark your child's creativity, imagination and learning! Follow [this link](#) for more information.



21 SEPTEMBER 2020-06 OCTOBER 2020

Online jigsaw puzzles



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Create a dreamscape with Tai Snaitth



DEFENCE NEWS

Christmas Care Parcels for Deployed Personnel

Once again, we are putting together parcels to be sent to Defence personnel who are deployed over the Christmas season. If you are able to support us, your donated items can be handed to either the main or senior Front Office, or the Defence Room in the library by Friday 23 October.

If you are leaving Canberra or Harrison School, please be sure to let us know so that your child/ren don't miss out on our farewell events coming up in Term 4.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Sarah and Zoe

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DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. For students in 5/6, the Defence Hang out is Wednesday lunchtime and Years 7 to 10 is Thursday lunchtimes.



HARRISON HEARTS

Please stay tuned as we hope to be able to recommence this program in Term 4!

CANTEEN NEWS

The Junior and Senior Canteens are fully operational. The P&C strongly suggest that wherever possible lunch orders are processed online through Flexischools <https://flexischools.com.au>.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is closed until further notice.

SCHOOL BANKING



The School Banking program will remain on hold. Keep an eye out on future newsletters for when the School Banking program may resume.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills and are aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.