



Harrison School Newsletter 9 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we're in week 10! Time seems to have flown by and I've been impressed with the diversity of learning experiences our teachers have provided for students, both within and outside the classroom. Along with some very high-quality lessons, students have been able to extend their learning beyond the classroom through numerous incursions, excursions, camps and events. As the term draws to a close, it is important for you to have a quick 'stocktake' of where your child is at in relation to their learning goals. This is best achieved through conversations with children and teachers and can be supplemented by information on Google classrooms and work samples. To support this in the 7-10 area of the school (where children can sometimes be a little harder to engage in conversations), mid-semester reports will have provided a snapshot of your child's progress and this week's Exhibitions of Learning can provide some examples and elaborations.

Events and Communication

We've had a lot on this term and the recent 3/4 camps provided some good feedback to us regarding modes of communication. I apologise if there wasn't clarity about what time students needed to be at school to prepare for departure and we have taken this onboard to avoid future instances. I do hope the updates on the blog and Facebook regarding students' return from camps has been helpful. While our 3/4 camps continue, from all reports, our campers (3/4 - Birrigai, 7/8 - Berry, 9/10 Outdoor Ed - Blue Mountains) and day trippers (1/2 - Warrambui) have represented the school beautifully and had a wonderful time. We also had our Cross Country last Friday and it was great to see students taking up the challenge of running the course and earning points for their house. This Friday, we have a major school event on in the shape of our ANZAC Day Ceremony and I encourage you to come along.

In an update regarding the repatriation of the garden beds, I

Term 1 Week 10 2019

Tuesday 9

- Yrs. 7 – 10 Exhibitions of Learning 3:30 – 7:00pm

Wednesday 10

- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai Camp 3 3/4 FE, SV, TWE, PG & KC Departs 9:15am Nullarbor Ave Oval carpark
- Whole School Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai Camp 2 3/4 SA, LM, RP & DW Returns 3:15pm Nullarbor Ave Oval carpark

Thursday 11

- Yr. 5/6 Touch Football ACT Gala Day

Friday 12

- **ANZAC DAY** Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- Yr. 7 – 10 Youth Week Celebration
- Fresh Start Program Excursion
- **LAST DAY Term 1**

Term 2 Week 1 2019

Monday 29

- **Day 1 of Term 2**

Wednesday 1 May

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

Friday 3

- Yr. 7 – 10 ACT Secondary Basketball Finals

Term 2 Week 2 2019

Monday 6

- ACT 12&U Swimming Championships

Tuesday 7

- Mothers' Day Stall

[2019 Calendar](#)

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



unfortunately have no new information to provide. Staff from the Education Directorate are currently managing the process of tender for the work and I'll let you know as soon as I have information to share.

Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)

As I've mentioned previously, we've started our PBL implementation journey and I'm pleased to say that posters with our three expectations are up around the non-classroom spaces across the whole school as visual reminders that:

- We are responsible
- We are respectful
- We are learners

Please keep an eye out for calls to contribute your thoughts to the development of statements of expected behaviours for different areas of the school in-line with these expectations.

Uniform

A reminder that we move to our winter uniform at the start of Term 2 - you can find details on the School's [website](#). Thank you to the parents who completed the Years 5/6 Uniform Survey. Including parents, students and staff, there were almost 400 responses to date and I'm just waiting to receive a few more from 3/4 students before going further. The results are interesting, and I thought I'd share a snapshot of the preferences of parents, students and staff to date. What it's showing is that further discussion is definitely needed.

	Responses	Prefer Current P-4 Uniform	Prefer Current 5-8 Uniform
Students	177	7%	93%
Parents	194	54%	46%
Staff	26	69%	31%

Following on from the information from Dan last week regarding use of devices, I came across this little article and [interesting video](#) that shed some light on why our students (and sometimes us) find our devices so captivating. I also have a [quick read](#) for you this week. It comes from *Edutopia* and is

about teaching *realistic* optimism – an interesting concept with a few pretty simple strategies to help. Have a great break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Jason Holmes

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Amelia F	E'jaz R	Mobina B
Annalise R	Neena D	Chloe H
Abdul K	Rosie L	Dennis H
Elise C	Hallie B	April M
Antonia B	Melina S	Noah K
Patrick T		

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family Statements for Semester 1 will be sent home later this week. Family statements outline Years 7-10 elective course costs and we are asking you to make a voluntary contribution to the school. 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 that allow students to go beyond basic project work to produce materials that are high quality, allow personalisation and often provide additional challenge. If you have any questions about the family statements, please contact me on the school's general number.

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Preschool enrolment applications for 2020 will open on Monday 29 April 2019. Please go to the Education Directorate website or follow the link below for enrolment applications:

[Enrolling in an ACT Public School](#)

STUDENT INFORMATION CHECKLIST

REMINDER

Student Information Checklists have been sent home. This information reflects student details which are held on our computerized record keeping system. There is often a need to contact parents for various reasons. We are aware that contact numbers and email addresses etc. often change, and we require current information at school.

Please check the details and make any corrections required, sign the form and return it to school **even if there are no changes by Friday, 12 April 2019.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Entertainment Book Library Fundraiser 2019

It's that time of the year again when we are getting excited about the new Entertainment Book and all the great savings we can enjoy. Last Wednesday, we attended the book launch and now have copies of the books available in the library to purchase. Digital copies may also be purchased through the link below. Register your gold card and you will be in the draw to win a great holiday!

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



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 2019



Please join us on Thursday 9 May for a bacon and egg sandwich, fresh fruit, tea and coffee at the Harrison School annual Mother's Day Breakfast.

Breakfast will be served from 8:15am on the junior netball courts near the library.

Don't forget to wear **pink** and bring \$3 for breakfast per person. All money raised goes towards the National Breast Cancer Foundation.



After breakfast, mums are warmly invited to visit their children's classrooms for maths activities.

NORTH GUNGAHLIN SWIMMING COMPETITION

This week on Monday, our 12 and under Swimmers competed at the North Gungahlin Swimming Competition and on Wednesday, our 13 and overs will compete at the High School North Region Competition. Both events are held at the AIS Aquatic centre. During weeks' 8 and 9 assemblies, our Swimming Age Champions received their medallions. Congratulations to the following students who were their respective Age Champion:

GIRLS	BOYS
U/8 – Ruby K	U/8 – William C
U/9 – Zara M	U/9 – Charles H
U/10 – Narah G	U/10 – Anton P
U/11 – Tia K	U/11 – Khan W
U/12 – Jaidi B	U/12 – Ethan P
U/13 – Abbey S	U/13 – Ben C
U/14 – Mina B	U/14 – Joshua S
U/15 – Ivah L	U/15 – Noah R
U/16 – Meg S	U/16 – Thomas R

NORTH REGION TOUCH COMPETITION

Last Wednesday, our 9/10 Boys and Girls Touch teams competed at the High School North Region Touch Competition. Members of the boys' team were: Pahnkhith C, Cameron S, Pavel A, Kye C, Nick S, Trent L, Aaron F, Adrian J, Jack W, Keegan K and Jake R.

Members of the girls' team were: Abbey S, Isabella H, Rebecca W, Ariel M, Sophie D, Livvy G, Erin V, Charli S, Caitlin B, Traelle R, Meg S and Eliza V.

Although the results did not go the way of the boys' team, it was an enjoyable, active day out and the skills improved strongly from game to game. Stand out moments include Kye sprinting through the line from dummy half to find Keegan to score and, Pahnkhith thinking he had been touched only to be told both defenders were offside and he scored a try. Our girls' team had quite a successful day, winning three games convincingly and only losing one. The girls have qualified for the ACT Finals day to be held next term. Congratulations to all who competed and thanks to Mr Lansdowne and Mr Halbauer who coached the teams.



Yr. 9/10 Boys



Yr. 9/10 Girls



DEFENCE NEWS

Please remember that this Friday is our ANZAC Day Service in the school gym. I would love to see as many of you there as possible. 5/6 SM and MP would love your support. I also welcome you to join me for morning tea afterwards in the Defence Room in the library so that I may introduce you to our new Defence School Mentor in the senior school.

I wish you all a wonderful break with your families and look forward to seeing you again next term.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

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

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

Coming Up: ANZAC Day Service – Friday 12 April 9:15am in the gym.

Sarah



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that the K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. The Chill-Out sessions have also recommenced 5/6 are Wednesday lunchtime and 7/10 are Friday lunchtime. All groups are held in the Defence Room in the library!



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE HARRISON OSHClub TEAM

Dear Families,

We're coming to the end of another very busy term at OSHClub. We've had lots of fun with the children taking part in various activities. Favourites have included exploding lunch bags and cooking. Another highlight has been our free sporting incursion which takes place every Monday and Wednesday. The children have been having a great time developing their skills in football, soccer and even archery!

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind our parents of a few things:

- Our holiday program bookings are now open. If you haven't done so yet, can you please book in your child/ren. Please note that we will be closed during the public holidays
- If your child/ren are attending the upcoming school camps, could you please delete your bookings if your child/ren won't be attending before or after school care or alternatively, if your child/ren will be attending after school care on the day they return from camp, please let us know so that we can pick them up from the buses
- If your child is going to be absent from after school care, please cancel your booking by either logging into the iParent Portal, calling, texting, emailing or coming into the service to see us.

ACT Parents and Citizens and the Education Directorate working together for safer schools.

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, what is working well or not working well, and who contributes to these. A second workshop with representatives of the P&C Council and the Education Directorate considered the outcomes of the first workshop to help prepare for further conversations with our school community.

We want to make it easy for anyone who wants to have a say to be given the opportunity to be involved. There are two remaining workshops you may wish to attend:

- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm the workshop will explore the key question *“How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?”*
- In June 2019, a 2 – 3-hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times during the day.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend the 9 May or June workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912 by 12 April, last day of Term 1.

P & C NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY!

That special day of the year where your children get to thank their mum for everything she does, is coming up on Sunday 12 May.

The P&C are organising a pop-up stall during term 2 /week 2 to give the children at Harrison School the opportunity to purchase that perfect gift for Mum. Gifts will range from \$1 to \$5.

Each class will be allocated a day that they will visit the stall, so the children can be prepared.

Please keep a look out for a letter going home with your child or check out the posts on the P&C Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolP&C>

We still require volunteers to assist with selling gifts on the stall. If you are free on either Tuesday 7 May or Thursday 9 May, please let us know by sending an email to info@harrisonschoolpandc.org.au

Thank you

Harrison School P&C Association

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 2019 Canteen Menu.

[2019 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)