



Harrison School Newsletter 6 August 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

2019 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The 2019 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term. Parents and carers, school staff and students will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools. Although the survey is voluntary, we encourage all our community to participate. It can be completed quickly and will help us understand areas where we are doing well and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent survey will be sent to you in August. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.det.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report.

LEARNING JOURNEY'S AND EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING

Thank you to all parents of our preschool and kindergarten students who attended the school last week so students could share their growth and progress in their learning with you. Thank you to our terrific junior school teachers who did a great job of preparing students as well as helping them curate works to share with their parents. It was an excellent demonstration and celebration of learning.

NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY

Last week we came together as a school to celebrate NAIDOC week. Thanks go to Kylie GW for her organisation of the terrific NAIDOC assembly. I know there was great support by staff who created artworks to make the event even better and I was very impressed with our MCs and our senior choir. I know Jason is proud to lead a school where there is strong and overt recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture and a genuine interest in giving our students every chance to understand our shared history and shine.

Term 3 Week 3

Wednesday 7

- Yr.7 - 10 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- ACT Legislative Assembly Excursion
Yr. 3/4 KC, PG, TW, SV, FE
- Yr. 1/2 Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:30pm

Thursday 8

- Yr. 5/6 Boys Basketball Competition
- Yr. 6 Combined Band Rehearsal
- Yr. 10 Careers Expo

Friday 9

- ACT Legislative Assembly Excursion
Yr. 3/4DF, LM, SA, AB & SH
- Yr. 7 -10 Secondary North Netball Comp

Term 3 Week 4

Tuesday 13

- Kindergarten Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Excursion KKR & KKV
- The Smith family Future Seekers Program 5/6 NO & 5/6 AH
- Yr. 3/4 Girls Basketball
- Yr. 5/6 Girls Netball Carnival
- Yr. 5/6 Girls Basketball Competition

Wednesday 14

- Preschool - Yr. 2 Assembly – Hall 9:15am
- Yr. 3 - Yr. 6 Assembly – Gym 9:15am
- AIME Program Day
- Yrs. 3 – 6 Exhibitions of Learning 2:30 – 5:00pm

2019 Calendar

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



If you have a chance to visit the Brick Expo hopefully you will see the amazing Lego story artwork students have collaboratively made and put enormous time and effort into. More impressive than the artwork itself is the story students are telling through the piece. Once it has finished being displayed at Brick Expo it will be displayed at The Education Directorate Headley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning. Congratulations to all involved.

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

With so many talented students at Harrison School, we always look forward to performances. Wakakirri was last week and wow what a night it was. Harrison students practised hard and were excited to be presenting their performances at this event. They certainly didn't disappoint. Congratulations to all staff, parents and students involved. This event takes a lot of organisation and effort to coordinate and the students' smiles at the completion of their performance and pride in their execution certainly makes it all worth it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep your eyes open for details surrounding two upcoming events: Science Week and Book Week. Information has been circulated for the 7-10 celebrations during Science Week. Please contact your child's Science Teacher or the Executive Teacher of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) for further information.

I am currently getting together my Book Week costume and know how much thought goes into this. I really look forward to this event as the smiles and the joy on faces is electric all day and the school community coming together to celebrate the importance and impact books have on our lives and community makes my heart sing. I look forward to seeing the community dressed up in characters from their favourite books.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Special Principals Award Recipients:

Alina K

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Elena N	Neha K	Lily K
Blake B	Ethan N	Konnie H
Yen P	Aryana K	Pegasus H
Anahad C	Tanish B	Madison – Grace R
Aarya S	Maryam H	Ankushdeep M
Deeksh V	Harry K	

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books

A reminder that overdue notes will be sent out next week. Please remind your child to return any outstanding books to the library as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Family Reading Time.

Parents, I would like to remind you that the library is open from 8.30am each morning for borrowing. Please come in and take the time to read with your child and help them select books they would like to borrow.

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>

Book Week Performances.

In celebration of Book Week and Literacy Week, our students will have the chance to take part in exciting performances presented by Meerkat Productions for Years 3 – 6 on Monday 26th August and for Years P - 2 on Wednesday 21st August. They will be presenting an adaptation of one of the books shortlisted for the CBCA Younger Readers Book of The Year Award. The performance will include a 40-minute musical production including original songs and puppetry. Notes for these shows will be sent out shortly.



LIMELIGHT 2019

Limelight Feature Act

The Gala Performance for Harrison School will be on Thursday 29 August at 7:00pm 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.

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.**

HARRISON SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEGO PROJECT.

This project has brought the Harrison Community together to create something special that represents the sense of belonging, inclusion and collaboration we have here at Harrison School. This project is a shining example of Harrison's Cultural Integrity and shall, hopefully, inspire you and others to share ideas and craft something unique, with a sense of purpose and integrity.



The Harrison School Community Project will be on display at the BrickExpo on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August at the Hellenic Club Woden.

LIGHT RAIL SAFETY MESSAGE



Safety for cyclists

- Always keep a safe distance from LRVs
- Ride directly over the tracks at a right angle to avoid your wheels getting stuck
- Do not ride along the rail track
- Always cross the tracks at designated crossings and intersections
- Do not cross in front of a moving LRV and where possible, avoid breaking on the tracks.



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SAFETY MESSAGES

SAFE PARKING BEHAVIOURS

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.



ENFORCEMENT AROUND SCHOOLS

Parking Operations use a [Licence Plate Recognition vehicle](#) (or electronic chalking), which regularly patrols school environments to increase safety for children. Motorists that commit an offence will receive their infringement notice in the mail (rather than on their windscreen) 5-7 days after the offence.

While the school can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking should be avoided at all times as it creates an unsafe environment for children and local residents. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around the school, but please remember to park legally. Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children's crossings start from \$114.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website to promote safe behaviours around schools. Please help to make our school community safe.



DEFENCE NEWS

Well it's that time of year again when POSTING orders have come or are coming out. If you are moving onto a new adventure, would you kindly please let us know so that we can help prepare your child/ren for a smooth transition and ensure that they are farewelled. Also, if there are any changes to your current situation i.e. MWDU, Courses, Deployments, please let us know so that we can provide your child/ren with extra support if required.

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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zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au



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 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

- 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 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. 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