



Harrison School Newsletter 27 August 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

AMAZING! EXCITING! ENGAGING! AWESOME! FANTASTIC! These are just some of the words I can think of to describe the activities of Book Week and the general feel across the school last week. There were numerous literacy events across the school to promote Book Week including guest readings, sharing information like "I'm reading....." or talking about our favourite books and writing activities to consider the perspectives of authors. I hope you had a chance to drop in to the library during the week as it was decorated beautifully and was a hub of activity too. Thank you to all the parents who dressed up their children to add to the magic of our Book Week parade and to the staff who exuded enthusiasm and passion through their costumes too.



Father's Day

Thank you to our terrific P&C who have organised this week's Father's Day stall so students can buy a very special present for their Dad. I know volunteers to run the stall on Tuesday and Thursday were a little hard to come by and I am grateful to the parents/carers who were able to do this. Our Footy Colours Father's Day Breakfast is one of the more significant community events we host at the school and it's a great opportunity for Dads to take up an invitation to visit classrooms during lesson one (or longer if you can swing it) to join in on some learning activities. This year, the breakfast is on the Friday following Father's Day (6 September) and I hope to see you there - I'll be the one in the red and green :).

Term 3 Week 6

Wednesday 28

- Preschool - Yr. 2 Assembly – Hall 9:15am
- Yr. 3 - Yr. 6 Assembly – Gym 9:15am
- Limelight Technical Rehearsal
- Preschool Family and Friends Day 2:00-3:00pm

Thursday 29

• Father's Day Stall

- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 NO & AH
- Limelight Ukulele and Gala Performances 5:30pm - AIS

Friday 30

- Kindergarten – Yr.2 Book Week & Special Friends Day 9:15 – 11:00am
- Yr. 7 – 10 Secondary Mountain Biking Championships
- Nth Gungahlin 8 – 12 Yrs. Athletics Carnival

Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday 3 September

- The Smith Family Future Seekers Program Yr. 5/6 NO & AH
- ICAS – Digital Technology

Wednesday 4

- Yr. 7 - 10 Assembly 9:15am – Gym
- ACT 13 & O Track & Field Championship
- Yr.7 - 10 Nth, Track & Field Championship
- Christian Ed Kindergarten – Yr. 6
- Preschool Family and Friends Day 2:00-3:00pm
- Yr. 3/4 Mixed Cricket Gala Day
- Yr. 3/4 & 5/6 Basketball Finals

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



Evacuations and Lockdowns

It is rare that the school has a legitimate evacuation or lockdown. To ensure everyone is aware of their roles and what to do in the case an emergency, we practise these events a couple of times per semester - we did one a couple of weeks ago. Please don't be alarmed if you hear the evacuation or lockdown tones during the school day and rest assured that if there is a real event that there is a Directorate level communication strategy that will ensure you are informed of events in a timely fashion.

School Board Elections

Last week we sent out an email to all parents advising you of a short-term vacancy on the School Board. The Board is the governing body of the school and is comprised of parent, student and staff representatives who help shape the strategic direction of the school. Nominations for the short-term vacancy are now open and will close on 9 September. Voting opens on 16 September and we will distribute voting information as soon as possible after nominations close. Please take time to read the nominee statements and take an active part in our school governance by voting.

Reading

Instead of sharing a specific reading with you this week, I thought I'd point you in the direction of the Parenting Ideas Blog. There are lots of terrific articles on the blog and most are authored by Michael Grose, who has significant expertise in the area of child development and parenting. You can find the blog at <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog> - enjoy the read(s).

Regards,
Jason.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

Yr. 5/6 BROKEN BAY CAMP PAYMENT

REMINDER

A friendly reminder that 2nd payment of camp is due 28 August 2019.

Parents, please ensure that you are up to date with your child's contribution.

For those paying by Quick Web the Fee Code is **56Broken**

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Special Principals Award

Recipients:

Sienna H Ben R

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Trisha D Jaydet B Thaqiff M S A

Lukas J Aarza J Bondi S

Izaac G Sidh B Bianca R

Josie M Sarah 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.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Parade 2019



On Friday 23 August, Harrison School celebrated Book Week with an amazing Book Character parade. All the students and staff had great fun parading in their costumes and celebrating the wonders of literature. This year's theme is, 'Reading is my Secret Power' and as we celebrated all week, the students were given many opportunities to engage with their secret power in literacy activities promoting the love of books and reading.

Many other activities were enjoyed during Book Week including mystery storytelling, increased borrowing, creating artworks for displays, craft activities in the library, quizzes, competitions and attending Book Week incursions.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff that helped make Book Week enjoyable and for encouraging the love of reading by promoting literacy in your classrooms every day. Thank you to the Book Week committee and the angels behind the scene who helped organise and run the parade.

Thank you to the parents and students who put so much time and thought into planning and constructing the fabulous character costumes. Such creativity! It was wonderful to see so many families and special friends attending the parade and classroom visits that followed. Thank you for coming and celebrating with us.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR ICAS

Digital technology - 3 September

Science – 5 September

Writing – 10 September

English – 17 September

Mathematics – 19 September

School Sport

Year 3/4 Boys Basketball

Our Boys Basketball Team had an awesome day out at the North Gungahlin Basketball day on Wednesday 31 July 2019. The boys won all their round games which put them into the Championship competition. Unfortunately, the boys lost their Grand Final, but they have progressed to the ACT Finals Day on Wednesday 4 September. Goodluck to Mr Vukelic and the 3/4 Boys.

Year 3/4 Girls Basketball

Our Girls Basketball team had a wonderful day led by Ms Meacham. The girls played well and had a great day at the tournament. The girls will not be heading to the ACT finals day as they lost their semi-final however, we look forward to watching them in the future.

Year 3/4 Touch Football

Our 3/4 boys and girls touch football teams headed out to Amaroo ovals on August 1. Our boys had a very successful day, winning all but 1 game. Our girls also had a great day out with many of our players only playing their first games of touch football on the day. Our girls won a couple, drew a couple and even lost a couple. Our boys continued their success during the lunchtime relay which they won! Congratulations to all the players involved and a big thank you to Mr Finch and Mr Roberts for coaching both the girls' and boys' teams.

Year 5/6 Boys Basketball

Our 5/6 Boys basketball team had a tough day at the office during their basketball campaign. They were put in the top pool vs. some very skilful schools. Congratulations to the boys on their team work and sportsmanship throughout the day. A big thank you to Mr McGibbon for giving the boys the opportunity to attend the day.

Year 5/6 Girls Basketball

Our girls' basketball team had a very successful day at the Northsides' competition. The girls finished the day in the number 1 position and will join the 3/4 boys' basketball team at the ACT Finals Day on Wednesday 4 September. Goodluck to the girls and Mr McGibbon.

Year 5/6 Netball

On Tuesday the 13th of August, we took 4 teams of enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 netballers to play games against other North ACT schools. We had two girls' teams and two mixed teams who brought all their skill, motivation and good sportsmanship to the court. These teams were well supported by umpires and team managers from the senior school. We would like to congratulate all our players and officials on a fantastic day! You displayed all the Harrison School values throughout the day. Your positive attitude, resilience to cold, respect for all and kindness and support for your team mates was wonderful to see. Well done! We can't wait for next year. Ms MacKenzie and Mrs Yeaman.

School Sport Australia Championships

Earlier this term, we had a few students who competed in School Sport Australia Championships for Netball and Swimming. Ivah L was a part of the School Sport ACT u/15 netball team who competed in Caloundra. They ACT had a successful tournament and were competitive. Congratulations to Ivah on representing Harrison School so well at the national competition. We also had three students who competed at the School Sport Australia Swimming championships in Melbourne. Those students were Abbey S, Meg S and Sarah T. All three girls were great representatives of the ACT and Harrison School. Sarah competed in 3 individual events and 3 relays. Meg competed in 8 individual events and 5 relays, coming away with several top 5 results. Abbey competed in 6 individual events and 3 relays. A special mention goes to Abbey for winning gold in the 13 years 100m freestyle, silver in 50m freestyle and for being a part of the first ever ACT relay team to win a medal, winning silver in the 200m mixed medley.

Secondary Netball

In Week 4, we had our 7/8 and 9/10 Girls' netball teams compete at the Secondary North Region netball competition. Both teams were extremely competitive on the day. Our 7/8 team won all their round games and their semi-final. They played a very

strong SFX team in the Grand Final and went down in a tough game.

The 9/10 team had three big wins and a draw in their round games. They finished on top of their pool and played against SFX in their semi-final. The girls narrowly lost the semi by a couple of goals.

Congratulations to the 7/8 team who have qualified for the ACT Finals day on Tuesday 27 August.

Secondary Football

In Week 4, we had our 7/8 Football teams compete at the Secondary North Region Football competition. Both the boys' and girls' teams had the most successful day we've had at this competition. Our girls' team drew two games and won three. The boys' team lost one, drew one and won two games. Last week, we had our 9/10 Football teams compete at the North Region Competition. Both our boys' and girls' teams had a fun day out competing against the other schools. The girls ended up with one draw and the boys' team won one game and had several narrow losses by one goal.

Our 7/8 girls' team successfully qualified for the ACT finals day this Thursday. We wish them all the best.

HARRISON SCHOOL 2020 JAPAN TRIP

Thank you for the wonderful response from the school community about Expressions of Interest for next year's Harrison School trip to Japan. Applications are now closed. The trip is over-subscribed, and a number of students are on a wait list. No more applications can be received. Thanks, Mr Walker (Teacher-in-charge, 2020 Japan Trip).

CAMP WOMBAROO SURVEY

As part of an exciting Psychology Honours research project, a team at the University of Sunshine Coast is currently investigating the extent to which youth psychological well-being is facilitated at residential camps. To investigate this, the team have created a survey to understand parent/guardian's perspectives. The overall aim of the project is to enhance how well residential school-based camps facilitate psychological well-being for students in the future! If you would like to participate and add your

view on the matter please follow the link below to our survey, it should only take approximately 10 minutes of your time.

Your privacy is important. Therefore, this communication has been distributed by OEG on behalf of the research team, ensuring that your contact information remains confidential and protected by OEG. Additionally, if you choose to participate, OEG will not be advised or have access to any individual data and/or comments.

Thanks in advance,

Michaela (Honours Student) & Research Team

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OEGresidentialcamp-parents>



DEFENCE NEWS

Join DCO for an afternoon in the park to celebrate Father's Day! The event will be held at Cuppacumbalong Homestead Tharwa, from 10am – 3pm on Sunday 1st September. Tharwa Valley Forge will be conducting woodwork, metalwork and leatherwork activities for all ages. Plus, representatives from soccer, AFL and Little Athletics will run activities for the kids, while Scouts and Parks and Wildlife host activities and walks to the old Homestead Cemetery. The Royal Military College band will provide light entertainment. Bring along a picnic basket with your favourite picnic food and a blanket and relax in the beautiful gardens. DCO will supplement your picnic lunch with wood fired pizza and pork spit roast, plus a coffee van will be on site to buy tea and coffee. To register: DCO-canberra.eventbrite.com.au

Postings: As posting orders are starting to come out, please advise us of new movement for the future so we may be able to 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:

- DCO Kidsmart Program - Tuesday 27 August
- DCO Father's Day – Sunday 1 September
- Battle for Australia Commemoration (AWM) – Wed 4 September

Sarah and Zoe

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

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.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

It takes a big heart to hold a little hand, so why not leave it to the kids to spoil that special man in their lives this Father's Day

The P&C are organising a pop-up stall over two days Tuesday 27 Aug & Thursday 29 Aug to give the children at Harrison School the opportunity to purchase that perfect gift for that special man in their life. Gifts will range from \$1 to \$5.

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

[2019 Father's Day Stall Class Roster](#)

Please check out the posts on the P&C Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC>

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 can print a rewards form. Don't forget to send in your 10 silver tokens along with your form, so your rewards can be ordered. Please remember that all rewards take up to two weeks to be delivered from Brisbane and will be sent to you via the classroom 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 or email to kalpana078@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