



## Harrison School Newsletter 2 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week nine. The weather is certainly starting to feel like autumn is well and truly here and with the colder mornings, it is timely to remind everyone to make sure that jumpers and jackets are labelled clearly with your child's name. If clothes are labelled it makes it just that little bit easier to return them if they have been misplaced.

This week marks the beginning of several camps that will take our students off site and give them a chance to experience the great outdoors. Our year 7 and 8 students left early on Monday morning, bound for Berry on the South Coast of NSW. Our year 1 and 2 students will be heading to the Warrumbui Camp, near Murrumbateman in NSW for single day experiences starting Monday and finishing up with the last group on Wednesday. Also, on Wednesday, the first group of our year 3 and 4 students will travel down south to Birrigai for their annual camp experience. Not to be left out, our year 9 and 10 Outdoor Education group will be travelling to the Blue Mountains for an action-packed trip leaving Tuesday.

Last week, our year 2 students completed the Royal Life Saving Aqua Safe program. I would like to acknowledge our year 1/2 teachers for their hard work in getting our students to and from the pool safely.

Last week, members of the leadership team attended a conference titled, The Leading Edge. Here, some internationally acclaimed professors presented to principals and deputy principals. One startling learning from the conference was around screen time and device use. The research around the amount of time young people spend on devices shows an increasing trend, with 12-year-old children averaging more than three hours a day and some teenagers averaging up to 9 hours a day. This is despite the fact that these groups average only about 8 hours of sleep per night.

### Term 1 Week 9 2019

#### **Wednesday 3**

- Yr.1/2 Warrambui Excursion 1/2 JH, SK, SP, NH, DN & TJ
- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai Camp 1 3/4AB, DF, JD, SH & HK Departs 9:15am Nullarbor Ave Oval carpark
- Preschool – Yr.6 Assembly 9:15am - Gym
- National Museum of Australia Yr. 5/6 AH & NO
- Yr.7/8 Camp Berry Returns approx. 4:00pm Nullarbor Ave Oval carpark
- Secondary Nth ACT Girls & Boys Touch Yr. 7-10

#### **Thursday 4**

- National Museum of Australia Yr. 5/6 DJ & KV
- Yr. 9/10 Outdoor Education Camp return approx. 6:00pm – Nullarbor Ave

#### **Friday 5**

- Harrison School Cross Country
- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai Camp 1 Return approx 3:15pm Nullarbor Ave Oval carpark

### Term 1 Week 10 2019

#### **Monday 8**

- Yr. 3/4 Birrigai Camp 2 3/4 SA, LM, RP & DW Departs 9:15am Nullarbor Ave Oval carpark
- Nth. Gungahlin Primary Swimming (8 – 12yr. olds)

#### **Tuesday 9**

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

#### [2019 Calendar](#)

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



While talking about device use, do you know what your children are accessing online? Interestingly, we have seen an increase in parents approaching the school seeking assistance around negative interactions that their children are having online. It is important that parents keep lines of communication open with their children around the appropriate use of devices and social media applications and have an understanding of the types of social media platforms that are being accessed. It is important that students are reminded that digital footprints are very hard to erase and of the importance of communicating with integrity while online. For resources around staying safe online, the eSafety Commissioner has some very good parent specific resources which can be accessed here, <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Rixon L	James O'D	Matthew H
Aayra S	Deeksh Naag V	Henry Z

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## STUDENT INFORMATION CHECKLIST

This week, your child/ren will receive a student information checklist. 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>



### Overdue Notices.

Overdue notices will be printed out on Wednesday. Please remind your children to return or renew their books this week.

### Family Reading Time.

A reminder that families are welcome to come into the library each morning from 8.30 to enjoy reading time with their children. It is lovely to see many parents each morning!



## YEAR 5/6 EXCURSION

Last Friday, 5/6 classes from Burton visited the Indian High Commission. This excursion was linked to our study of Asia. Despite the weather not being favourable, the staff at the Commission were extremely welcoming. The students learnt more about India, it's culture and customs. The students were also given a small gift to remember their visit. In return, the school presented the Indian High Commissioner with a school cookbook and a certificate of appreciation.



## SECONDARY NORTHSIDE BOYS BASKETBALL

Last Tuesday, our Year 7/8 and 9/10 Boys Basketball teams competed at the Secondary Northside competition.

Members of the 7/8 team were: Nathaniel S, Antony S, Thomas P, Arjun R, Johannes B, Luke K, Lewis F and Abyan S.

Members of the 9/10 team were: Joonho O, Kienan S, Tom T, Kye C, Bailey M, Clarence R, Renick C and Aiden A.

Year 7/8 boys had a very successful day, combining well as a team to convincingly win 3 round games and draw against Lyneham who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the pool. They played Saint Francis in the Final and had another strong win, making it through to the ACT

Secondary Finals Day in week 1 of next term.

The 9/10 boys had a highly competitive day, putting in some fantastic performances throughout the 3 games they played. In the first game, the boys made a dramatic comeback against Lyneham, coming back from 12 down in the final 3 minutes, only to have time run out and fall short by 2 points. The boys played a fantastic game against Kingsford Smith, dominating and winning the game 49-4. In a competitive game against Canberra High, the boys put in a massive effort but fell short by 15.

The boys represented Harrison School well by showcasing great sportsmanship, teamwork and commitment. Thanks to Mr Alexander and Mr Cosan for coaching the teams. We wish the 7/8 team all the best for the ACT Finals day.



Yr. 7/8 Harrison School Boys Basketball Team



Yr. 9/10 Harrison School Boys Basketball Team

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### CHANGES TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

The ACT Government is introducing a new integrated public transport network for Canberra for the beginning of Term 2, 2019. This network will include bus and light rail services operating together to give Canberrans more options to use

public transport, every day of the week.

As part of this change, the way students will get to school by public transport will change from Term 2, 2019. Some students will use different routes, make connections between services or use light rail for the first time. Every student who will use public transport needs to be aware of the changes.

What you need to know: Bus services will change for the beginning of Term 2.

- The change to services will include dedicated school services for the commencement of Term 2 on 29 April 2019
- The new timetable information will be available online from early March, including an improved online journey planner
- Information about services for each school is available <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools> online
- Light rail services are being tested now, and you can find out more about safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers around light rail online at <http://www.canberra-metro.com.au/safety>

Please see attached documents for changes.

Please also see the **Out of Hours Work Road Closures** for Nullarbor Ave and Flemington Road Intersection 30 March – 9 April.



### DEFENCE NEWS

Open Arms (formerly VVCS) provides counselling and support services to Australia's military community. If you have served one day of continuous full-time service in the ADF you can call for support. Support is available for families, reservists and some peacekeepers. For further information on the types of services available: [www.openarms.gov.au](http://www.openarms.gov.au) or call 1800 011 046.

#### DCO Support for ADF Families:

[defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.

[sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto: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 places 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 Advocacy Group Meeting will be taking place next Thursday, April 3. Please contact us if you would like to participate. A major component of this meeting will be about

how we can be more involved in the local community as well as some ideas we have behind some fundraising

- 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.

Have a great week,

Harrison OSHClub Team

### 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](mailto:Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au) or 6205 2912 by 12 April, last day of Term 1.

## P & C NEWS

### 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](#)

### 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 you via the black bag back to your classrooms.

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.

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