



Harrison School Newsletter 1 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4. With the recent easing of some of the restrictions that have been in place due to COVID this year, this term has felt like it has almost been business as usual in some ways. In saying that though, now is not the time to become complacent and I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone who intends to be a visitor coming onto site over the next few weeks, to follow social distancing protocols.

This week will see Transport Canberra and City Services visit Harrison School to gain an understanding of the traffic flow movement on Wimmera Street. The visit will involve their staff taking photographs for the assessment.

Student Leaders in the Primary School

This year, we had 23 students apply for the position of Years 4 and 6 2021 School Leader. The purpose of the School Leadership Program at Harrison School is to develop student leadership skills, involve students in decision making processes and provide opportunities for selected Student Leaders to represent the school at official functions. Other duties that School Leaders may be asked to perform include meeting and greeting official guests, thanking organisations or speakers at school functions and performances, and presenting and organising assemblies.

This year's applications were reviewed by a panel and shortlisted to 8 year 3 and 5 year 5 students. On Monday 23 November, the shortlisted students presented their speeches, aiming to convince the audience of peers to vote for them. Every speech was of a very high quality and every student presented convincing reasons why they should advance to the leadership role and the attributes they could bring to it.

Staff and students then cast their votes and the outcomes are as follows. Please join us in congratulating the 2021 Year 4 School Leaders, Jimmy

Term 4 Week 8

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

Tuesday 1 December

- Kinder Group A and Mon/Tue Preschool ACE Award Assembly – 10:00am-10:50am
- Year 1/2 Group A ACE Award Assembly – 11:20am-12:20pm
- Year 1/2 Group B ACE Award Assembly – 1:50pm-2:50pm

Wednesday 2 December

- Kinder Group B and Thurs/Fri Preschool ACE Award Assembly – 10:00am-10:50am
- Year 3/4 ACE Award Assembly – 11:20am-12:20pm
- Year 5/6 ACE Award Assembly – 1:50pm-2:50pm
- 7-10 Arts Spectacular
- Indigenous Family Farewell BBQ – 4:30pm-6:30pm

Friday 4 December

- Chess Club – 1:10pm-1:50pm
- Year 5/6 Volleyball Clinics

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm**

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



P, Phoebe G, Imogen C and Aayra S and, our 2021 Year 6 School Leaders, Parama B, Ghazan F, Nandan K and Krithika B.

We would also like to acknowledge our current Year 4 Leaders, Amelia F, Sam J, Charles H and, Jasmin P and, our Year 6 2020 Leaders, Dharmi P, Chloe K and Luke Y. Whilst acknowledging the usual opportunities were not available to them this year, they have maintained leadership by example and certainly provided a great explanation of the leadership role and encouraged other students to apply.

We had scheduled the presentation of the School Leader badges to take place in Week 9, however, they will now be presented as part of the ACE awards on Wednesday 2 December. 11:20am-12:20pm for Year 3/4 and 1:50pm - 2:50pm for Year 5/6.

Facilities Upgrade

We are really excited about our new purpose designed and built scooter racks that allow for students to securely lock their scooters within the bicycle cages. The racks do require students to bring a lock to make sure that they are secured. While on the topic of the bicycle cages, just a reminder that students to need to make sure that they park their bike within the cage, and we do strongly encourage students to additionally lock their bikes with a bike lock.

Farewell

As it is the final week for our Year 10 Class of 2020, I would like to take the opportunity to wish them all the very best of luck for their future endeavours.

Kind regards,
Dan Breen

NOVEMBER HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Harrison School Board met on November 3 for its final meeting of 2020. The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) report noted the continued operation of its online uniform shop throughout 2020, and ongoing challenges in the operation of the senior canteen due to capacity, which the Board

agreed should be discussed with the school to find a suitable solution. In his Principal's report, Jason Holmes acknowledged the School's appreciation of Harrison's P&C for organising a coffee cart on World Teacher Day, as well as its generous ongoing donations provided to the school from fund raising efforts as well as running the school canteens and uniform shop.

Board members were advised on preparations for the 2021 school year, including anticipated enrolments and changes. The Budget report noted that the ACT Education Directorate has acknowledged the impact of COVID-19 on the operation of all ACT public schools and advised that adjustments will be made to support schools with staffing deficits.

Members also received reports from staff and student representatives on the numerous activities being undertaken in Term 4, as well as end of year events and student transition processes for 2021.

The Board continued its discussions on reviewing school policies and procedures, focusing on student behaviour and home learning policies. The next Board meeting has been scheduled for 23 February 2021. For any questions about the Harrison School Board please contact: info@harrison.act.edu.au

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award Recipients:

Avyukt G,	Hamish B,	Ollie J,
Radin P,	Declan W,	Ali H,
Boula T,	Vincent C,	Rheanna J,
Mackenzie C,	Daniel K,	Zoey H,
Ananya G,	Yasmine W,	Cooper T,
Abdullah A,	Amanda D,	Marcus R,
Thea R x2,	Taiki K,	Taseen T,
Steven T,	James C,	Idris A,
Ruby A,	Georgia P,	Elena N,

Congratulations to our Special Principal Award Recipient:

Ethan C, and Ava H

9/10 GIRLS SHELEADS CONFERENCE EXCURSION

On Friday of week 4, ten senior school Harrison students took part in an excursion to the Australian National University for the SheLeads Female Leadership Conference. The girls were able to take part in various workshops, as well as listen to keynote speakers throughout the day. The events theme was 'unstoppable', and Harrison students were able to come away with some great insights and learnings from attending and participating throughout the day. It is great to see opportunities for out of school activities becoming more available as 2020 comes towards a close.



ACADEMY FOR ENTERPRISING GIRLS

On Wednesday 25 November, Young Change Agents as part of the Academy for Enterprising Girls headed to Harrison School where the school hall became the "innovation lab" for the day!

Students participated in our one-day Discovery program where they identified problems in their community and created social enterprise ideas.

We were particularly impressed with this group of students at how they picked up the concept of "enhancing" each other ideas. Not only did they enhance the ideas of the others in their group but when it came to ideation time, they wanted to go around and help all the teams think of the best ideas for their "How might we?" question. It was great to see how supportive they all were of each other.

Of the 7 teams, 5 teams expressed their strong interest in attending the first Canberra Youth Incubator Program in January! Ideas from this group included a financial literacy app of kids, a Pokeman-style game to get more girls into sport and a Beach Huts service at

schools to provide more shade at lunchtime in the summer heat! Congratulations to this enterprising group of Harrison School students!



REMINDER

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2021

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2021 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 2021.

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 2021 (Tuesday 2 February 2021), please complete the form on this link; [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

WIN A THERMOMIX

How amazing would it be to win a Thermomix in time for Christmas?

The Harrison School P&C is raising funds for outdoor equipment by hosting a Thermomix raffle. By purchasing a raffle ticket, you will have a 1 in 250 chance to get your hands on the latest Thermomix - the TM6.

This fundraising initiative is being run through Raffle Link. By clicking on the below link you will be

directed to our raffle page, where you can buy tickets online.

Feel free to share with friends and family in most states around the country (unfortunately not WA due to raffle rules in that state).

The lucky winner will be drawn on the 9th December 2020, just in time for Christmas.

Buy your tickets online here - <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/harrisonpandctm6>



2021 STATIONERY LISTS

The Harrison School stationery lists for 2021 are now available on the COS website for ordering. The lists are also available on the school website, please see the links below.

[2021 Stationery Lists](#) A hard copy of the lists will be sent home shortly.

Please ensure that you follow the instructions for ordering and home delivery as **the school is unable to accept any deliveries of stationery packs.**

The items listed on the following page have been selected as being required for 2021. To ensure delivery prior to Term 1, 2021, please place your order by **11 January 2021.**

Instructions:

For a fast, simple and secure way to place your order visit www.cos.net.au and follow these steps:

1. Click on **School Packs** in menu task bar
Enter the Username: **harrison@cos.net.au**
Password: **Parents-21**
2. Select the year level required for 2021
3. Review product selection based on your requirements
 - Please note, items may have been marked as either mandatory or optional by your school, select your required items

4. Add your Pack to the Cart
5. If you need, additional items are available for you to top up from our Back to School range.
6. Enter your Child's Details & Delivery Details
7. Enter in your credit card details and submit

You will receive an order confirmation via email and can request to have your order tracking sent to you via mobile.

Please note: If you have more than one child at the same school, repeat the above steps.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER YOUR HOME ADDRESS. DO NOT SEND YOUR STATIONERY PACKS TO HARRISON SCHOOL.

DEADLINES, DELIVERY AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ORDER

COVID-19 has had a large impact on the transport industry and Australia Post has advised delays are possible over January due to an expected surge in demand. Sending your order early as you can, and by the dates advised below, means your School Packs will have the best chance of arriving in time for the start of school. We'll still deliver items sent after these dates as quickly as possible, but it will be difficult to get them to you in time for start of school.

Delivery Service – All orders will be sent out via Australia Post. A specific time of delivery cannot be requested. In the event that nobody is available to receive the delivery, the goods will be taken to the nearest post office for collection. A card will be left in your mailbox confirming this.

Delivery Guarantee – Orders placed before 7 December, will be delivered to your home by 21 December. Orders placed before 11 January, will be delivered to your home prior to Term 1, 2021 commencing. Orders placed after this date cannot be guaranteed to arrive on time.

Delivery Charges – All orders will incur a \$10.95 including GST delivery charge.

SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2021

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply online](#). A new application should be submitted if a student is

applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or [update their details](#).

More information can be found [here](#).



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 HOLIDAY READING



SORA is available to all students and teachers to borrow from a large collection of e-books and audiobooks. Most students have been given instructions on how to borrow to continue reading during the school holidays. Instructions are on the school Oliver library page with can be found when you log on to Backpack, or they can be found [here](#). Please come to the library if you need help with this, I am happy to get you started.

<http://www.soraapp.com/>

Happy reading 😊

STOCKTAKE AND OVERDUE BOOKS

Just a reminder that the library will be closed for the yearly stocktake of our collections during Weeks 8, 9 and 10. We would like all families to look at home and return any Harrison School library books this week as it is important that we have all resources returned.

Overdue notes will be sent out as reminders. If you have any queries, please contact the library. We appreciate your support during this time.

LIBRARY TRUST FUND

This year we have had many contributions to the Library Trust Fund. We would like to thank all the families for their generous donations. The funds will continue to be used to purchase new books for the library collections for all students to borrow and enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support!

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Christmas and 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 supporting our school!

The Library Team.

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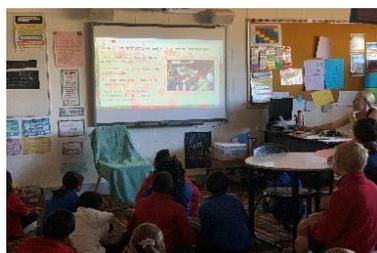
DEFENCE NEWS

Remembrance Day was commemorated a little differently at Harrison School this year. It was great to see the learning about Remembrance Day and its

significance in the classrooms. We were also very proud to see classes looking at and talking about our poppy displays at the Cenotaph and the mural.

In the last couple of weeks, we also sent our care packages for ADF Personnel who will be deployed over the Christmas period. We are pleased to report that we were able to send off 22 care parcels and would like to thank the families, teachers and classes who contributed by donating.

Finally, for all those families that are leaving us, we wish you safe travels and hope you enjoy your next adventure! For those we will see next year, we hope you have a great holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 1, 2021.



DCO Support for ADF Families:

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

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DEFENCE KIDS

This is our final week of lunch groups for the year!

CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen is 100% operational again and back to normal trading hours. The 2020 canteen menu can be found [here](#).

To place an online order with *FexliSchools*, please click [here](#).

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop is closed and will remain closed for the rest of the year due to COVID-19. We have however created a Facebook Buy, Swap and Sell page to assist the community with obtaining second-hand uniforms during this time. The Facebook page can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3518239331522558>

SCHOOL BANKING



The School Banking program will remain on hold. Keep an eye out in 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.