



## Harrison School Newsletter 5 October 2021

Dear Harrison School families,

Welcome to Term 4! With an 11-week term, it already promised to be unique, and it is well on its way to delivering. I am very excited about a number of things:

- I am excited to be in the Executive Principal's role for this term whilst the process to fill the position substantively is completed. As the Principal of the senior (7-10) area of the school, I am passionate about this community and the growth of the students' learning within in it. I am excited to be involved on a deeper level with the Junior (P-6) area of the school and I am looking forward to connecting with this part of our community. I wish to thank Gareth Richards for his contributions to the school and the enthusiasm with which he undertook the role. Our perspectives have been enriched by the view he brought, and we wish him well in his return to Namadgi School
- I am excited by the return of students to the school over weeks 4 and 5 – the school just isn't the same without them. We have missed being able to witness the lightbulb moments in class, we have missed the smiles and constant chatter, we have missed the conversations and hearing their perspectives and yes, we have missed the hustle and bustle of the school day. We are very much looking forward to a safe return to school in the coming weeks. A letter will be coming home at the end of week 2 which will detail a broad range of information and procedures to assist in a safe and supported return to school for our valuable students. We are working hard to put all advice and guidelines from ACT Health into action and prepare the school for the return of students. This work has included but is not limited to:
  - Hygiene resources, procedures, and environmental cleaning
  - Appropriate ventilation of our learning spaces
  - Procedures around the wearing of masks

### Term 4 Week 1 2021

#### **Tuesday 5 October**

- First Day of Term 1

#### **Friday 8 October**

- 7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews via Google Meets or Phone call – 9:00-10:00am and 11:00am-3:00pm

### Term 4 Week 3 2021

#### **Monday 18 – Friday 22 October**

- Online Kindergarten Interview for NEW Students in 2022

#### **Tuesday 19 October**

- Harrison School Board Meeting – 5:30pm
- Harrison School P&C Meeting – 7:00pm

### **RETURN TO ON-CAMPUS LEARNING**

### Term 4 Week 4 2021

#### **Monday 25 October**

- Preschool, Kinder, Year 1, Year 2, Year 6, Year 9, and Year 10 student return to on-campus learning

### Term 4 Week 5 2021

#### **Monday 1 November**

- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 8 students return to on-campus learning

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



- Drop off and pick up routines
- Learning supports for students
- Break times
- Egress around the school
- Signage for checking in, reminders to stay home if unwell, the appropriate method for hand washing and physical distancing
- Advice for families living in NSW

I thank the community for their patience whilst we ensure this planning is thorough and comprehensive and that we provide the community the appropriate detail in the communication coming home in the later half of next week

- I am excited to be collating our learning data growth in preparation for finalising our school improvement Annual Action Plan for 2021. We have made some great progress in our literacy and numeracy initiatives across the school, and I am pleased to say the impact is being demonstrated in our student learning outcomes
- I am excited to be witnessing the wide and varied achievements of some of our students via the school's [Facebook page](#) and love that these students' work, effort, creativity and leadership is being shared with and recognised by our community. The school's Facebook page continues to grow in followers and is a great way to stay connected to the school. Please continue to share your child's achievements as we get a great sense of enjoyment and pride when we are able to share and celebrate with our community.

Term 4 is an inherently busy term with the culmination of a year's worth of effort, learning, growth, and achievements; important celebrations and graduations; transition experience for students progressing to a new stage of schooling; and preparations for the 2022 schooling year. Please stay connected to the newsletter, school emails and the school's Facebook page to keep up to date with plans for and ways to engage in these important community events. Our students have worked hard and the importance of these rites of passage within our community is something I am passionate about.

Lastly, I wish to acknowledge two groups of people

1. The Harrison School staff – I am proud of the dedication they show to the school community and the care and genuine support they show our kids. This goes for our teaching and learning support staff with their tireless efforts and learning of new skills and improved ways of implementing remote learning and the dedicated administrative staff whose care and commitment was clearly shown over the period of remote learning. The BSO's have taken the opportunity to get the school looking great and have repaired and improved many of our learning resources. The administrative staff have not stopped supporting the community on the phones, connecting parents with the appropriate people to assist, auditing and ensuring areas of the school such as technology, food science and science are at their best for the students return, and being the heart, soul and engine room that keep our school functioning and in good working order.
2. Our parents and carers – You have had a hard gig during remote learning. We know it was at times stressful, at times frustrating, at times overwhelming, at times confusing. You have been amazing in being your child's or children's best advocate and supporting the school in our endeavours to keep all students safe, connected and learning. We have greatly appreciated the positive and supportive feedback we have received and equally appreciated those who reached out to respectfully let us know when improvements could be made. Please give yourselves the biggest pat on the back and know that you have been amazing.

Remember to reach out and ask if you require assistance or support. Please continue to take care and stay safe.

We will be back in contact soon 😊

Kind regards,  
Jacqui Ford



## 7-10 ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our 7-10 Bronze Award

Recipients:

Edward M	Safina R	Mina B
Harry H	Charli M	Thomas P
Aashana S	Abyan S	Nicholas V
Ali Z	Soffia B	Stephen R
Samuel J	Prabhkirat S	Mariam W

Congratulations to our 7-10 Silver Award Recipients:

Pranav D      Haily K

## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2022

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2022 please complete the form on this link:

[Students Leaving Harrison School Permanently](#) and return it to the front office or email it to [info@harrison.act.edu.au](mailto:info@harrison.act.edu.au) as soon as possible to assist us in organising classes for 2022.

## UPDATE TO SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICES AT LOWES



LOWES have made small price increases to some of the uniform items.

The price lists below reflect the new prices which come into effect on 5 October 2021.

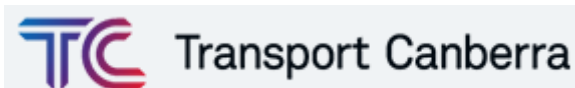
LOWES are mindful of the impact increases have on families and have worked to limit adjustments by absorbing many of the cost rises we have received this year.

These increases were due to the sharp commodity increases that have had a substantial impact on fabric costs, increases in freight, and garment manufacture.

[LOWES School Uniform Price List 1](#)

[LOWES School Uniform Price List 2](#)

## UPDATE TO HARRISON SCHOOL BUS ROUTES – TRANSPORT CANBERRA



Please find the updated Bus Routes for Harrison School [HERE](#) which includes the new Light Rail Sandford Street stop at the corner of Flemington Road, Mitchell.

The school bus services are resuming in Week 4 🇺🇸.

From 25 October, the dedicated school bus services will resume to get returning students to and from school. This includes the resumption of 'S' trips that divert into school grounds.

Details and updated school timetables will be available online one week before this is implemented. There will be some minor timing changes to school services so please review the timetables when they become available.

For the latest information on the school bus services, please visit [Transport Canberra](#).

## 2022 STATIONERY PACKS



Please keep your eyes peeled for further correspondence coming soon regarding 2022 Stationery Packs. This information will be emailed to families in the next few weeks.

## YEAR 10 2022 JUMPERS - REMINDER

Dear current Year 9 Parents and Carers,

Orders for the Year 10 Class of 2022 commemorative jumpers are due on Friday 29 October 2021. Please ensure you place all orders and payments via the website link below.

- Cost: The cost of each jumper is \$85 and will include the student's name.
- Due date: Orders must be placed through the website and paid for by Friday 29th October 2021. Further orders will not be able to be placed after this date.
- Website to order: <https://orders.indigowolf.com.au/harrisonyr102022>

If you need support to place your order here is an [instructional video](#) or please do not hesitate to

contact the school at [info@harrison.act.edu.au](mailto:info@harrison.act.edu.au).



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Harrison School Entertainment Book Fundraiser



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A reminder that the Entertainment Book provides great savings to many purchases during lockdown.

Support our school and enjoy the family benefits!

[Harrison Entertainment Page](#)

<https://cbca.org.au/winners-2021>

### Scholastic Book Club – Issue 7



Keep an eye out for Issue 7 of Book Club, available to parents and students from Week 1 Term 4.

All orders will be available through the LOOP. Parents can register and have orders delivered home during lockdown. [LOGIN \(scholastic.com.au\)](#)

Thank you for your support!

### Story Box Parent Instructions below:



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Thank You!

We would like to thank the following businesses who have generously supported us by donating Book Week prizes this year. Thank you for your continued support.

- The Book Cow - Kingston
- Dee's Comics - Belconnen
- Lamont Books.



## DEFENCE NEWS

Remembrance Day will be commemorated in Week 6 of this term. As we are not expecting to be able to host Whole School Assemblies, we are asking the Harrison School community to share with us: *What Remembrance Day Means to You?* Please email your thoughts or a short 1-to-2-minute video to us at your earliest convenience (email addresses below). Please note this will most likely be shared with the whole school community.

**Postings:** As posting orders are starting to come out, please advise us of new movement for the future so we may help with the transition. Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g., MWDU/Deployments) to let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

### Defence Member & Family Support:

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

Sarah and Kelly

[Sarah.McGavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Sarah.McGavin@ed.act.edu.au)

[Kelly.Cvitanovic@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Kelly.Cvitanovic@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE KIDS

Defence Kids is on hold until further notice.



## HARRISON HEARTS

Harrison Hearts is on hold until further notice.

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP



The second-hand uniform shop is closed until further notice.

## CANTEEN NEWS



The school canteen is closed until further notice.