



Harrison School Newsletter 25 February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 4. I am happy to be able to report that I have had several people who have been visiting the school recently comment on how our students are so settled and focused on their learning.

Last Friday, students at Harrison had the opportunity to nominate and elect their School House Sports Leaders. I would like to extend my congratulations to all students who embodied the Harrison values and put their hand up to be in the running for the positions. The sense of house pride and school spirit was wonderful to have witnessed and I am looking forward to the school sporting events for this year.

This year's Year 5/6 Aqua Fun Day was held on Monday at Big Splash. This opportunity for students to build connections in a fun environment is one that is not necessarily afforded to students at other schools. I would like to warmly thank Ms Gordon, Ms Atallah and the other staff responsible, for their hard work to make a day like this possible.

As you are reading this, we have a large number of students attending the annual Year 7 Camp. This year's camp is at picturesque Berry on the South Coast, where I hear the weather has been fantastic. I am sure that the students and teachers are making the most of their chance for some fun, whilst getting to know one another, and build connections for the year ahead.

Last year, we sought input from the community, through the Harrison P&C on how we could strengthen our communication practices to provide a more succinct means of getting information to everyone. One idea that was floated was a trial around changing the frequency of the publication of the school newsletter. We are going to trial a move from a weekly newsletter to a monthly newsletter. We will continue to provide weekly information on the other weeks in the form of a calendar to keep everyone abreast of upcoming events happening here at school. We will

Term 1 Week 4 2020

Monday 24 February

- Yr. 7 Berry camp
- Yr. 5/6 Aqua Fun Day – Big Splash
- 7-10 ACT secondary tennis trials – 9am-2.30pm
- Kindergarten BASE Testing

Tuesday 25 February

- Yr. 7 Berry camp
- Kindergarten BASE Testing

Wednesday 26 February

- Yr. 7 Berry camp
- Kindergarten BASE Testing

Thursday 27 February

- Kindergarten BASE Testing

Friday 28 February

- Kindergarten BASE Testing

Term 1 Week 5 2020

Tuesday 3 March

- Harrison School Board Meeting – 5:00pm

Wednesday 4 March

- Yr. 7-10 Aqua Fun Day – Big Splash
- Whole School Assembly – Gym – 9:15am
- Indigenous Family BBQ – 5:00pm

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



be asking for feedback on the proposed change to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our school community.

As we have been lucky enough to have had some pleasant weather of late, could I please remind everyone of the need to be sun smart. Hats are a requirement for outside play in the junior school and I would hope that our senior students are also looking after their skin when out in the sun. Whilst on the topic of the playground, we ask that bikes and scooters are walked through the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. This is a matter of safety as we have high numbers of people walking and we want to avoid any potential collisions.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Special Principals Award

Recipients:

Charlotte V

Congratulations to our Principals' Award Recipients:

Jeremy W	Sasvath S	Anthea L
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FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm

HARRISON SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 13 February, 110 students travelled to Gungahlin Leisure Centre to participate in the Harrison Swimming Carnival. With swimmers aged from 8 years through to 16 years, we had a very busy day. Congratulations to all swimmers for their participation and good sportsmanship. A big shout out to the Yr. 9/10 sports leaders who did a fantastic job timekeeping, marshalling and recording. Special congratulations to the eight swimmers who swam in the Harrison Fish: 1st Abbey S, 2nd Anicha L-R, 3rd Khan W. Everyone will have to wait for the results for House Champions!!!

SCHOOL GATES

Just a reminder that the school gates are locked from 3:30pm daily. If entering after 3:30pm please access via the front gate.

LEAGUE STAR INSPIRE RESPECT

Last Monday, Allan Tongue and Raiders players Sia Soliola, Luke Bateman, Hudson Young and Michael Oldfield visited Harrison School to deliver the message of Respect. They used the analogy “Pass the ball the way you want to receive it.” At Harrison, we talk about “Treat others the way you want to be treated”. Student were encouraged to think about how they could “Respect” themselves. Their ideas included: eating good food, positive thoughts, limiting screen time, good hygiene, exercise and being part of a team. The Raiders also talked with students about how they could “Respect” others. Students ideas included: asking – Are you OK?, listen, be kind, be present and be on time. The message was loud and clear, Respect yourself and others!!!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

How to Help the Front Office Support your Child

Parent Contact Details

It is important that information regarding parent contact details for students are accurate should we need to contact you in an emergency or if your child is unwell. If there are changes to your contact details during the year please contact the front office to inform of your new contact details to enable us to update our records.

Medication

If children need to take medication during school hours, please fill in an “Authority to Administer Medication” form which is available from the front office. If the medication is prescribed by a doctor, it is also preferable to have the doctor sign the form. Due to departmental policy, school staff are unable to administer medication without this authority. All medication to be administered must be in the medication container/box from the chemist with dosage and time of administration and handed to the front office staff.

Students with Medical Conditions

It is important that information for students with medical conditions is accurate and detailed to help us provide appropriate care. If there are changes to your child's health or medical circumstances during the year, please contact the front office to inform them of the changes and complete the required documentation to ensure your child receives the appropriate first aid care. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Infectious Diseases Information

Please see [attached](#) a copy of the infectious diseases and the exclusion periods and other measures which should be followed if a child contracts or comes into contact with a person who has one of the diseases listed.

Allergy Friendly School

Harrison School is an Allergy Friendly school. This policy requires students to **not** bring to school certain products that may cause severe allergic reactions. Please **do not** send any peanut or nut products to school.

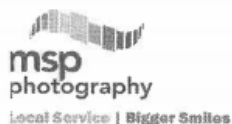
Clothing

Please mark all clothing clearly with your child's **full name**. Lost property can then be returned promptly to the owner.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an extremely large amount of lost property in the library. We ask all parents to check the lost property for any missing items. Any items still remaining on Friday 6 March will either be donated or disposed of.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos for Kindergarten – Yr. 10 will be taken on the 16, 17 and 18 March 2020. Preschool photos will be taken on 16 and 25 March 2020. Photo envelopes will be sent home next week.

Please follow the instructions on the envelope to order your photos online.

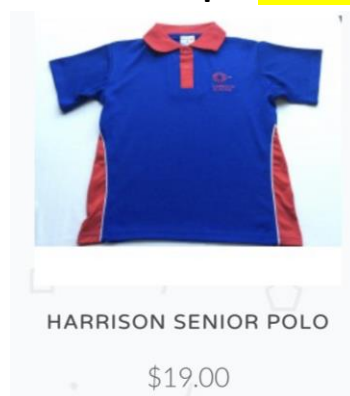
If you do not receive a photo envelope, please see the front office. MSP Photography can be contacted on: (02)62559208

Sibling photos are available again this year for students with siblings attending Harrison School and will be taken before school from 8:15am to the beginning of the school day. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the main admin office. Please **DO NOT** return sibling envelopes to the school but either bring or send them with your children on the day.

A class timetable for School Photos will be available on the school website closer to the date.

CHILADA SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Senior PE Top – **SALE - \$19**



HARRISON HOPPERS

Tryouts for our Skipping Team - Harrison Hoppers

Our Harrison Hoppers have the privilege of representing the ACT for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation again this year. If you would like to be a part of our amazing team, we will be holding tryouts for dedicated skippers. The team will be run again by Mrs Barden. It's a huge commitment and skipping practice will be held twice a week in the hall on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtimes. Tryouts will be held in the hall on Thursday 27th February (Week 4) at the start of lunchtime.

If you're keen as a bean, we'll see you there!

Mrs Barden

UKE CHOIR

Calling all Uke Players!

Harrison Uke Choir needs YOU!

Uke Choir is meeting at 8:15am in the Library Music Room. As always, all students (K-10), family and staff are welcome to join! No fees, no fuss, just bring your uke or borrow one of ours.

For confident players in Years 3-10, Advanced Uke is resuming in the Library Music Room every Wednesday lunchtime.



STATIONERY PACKS

As you may be aware, some families/carers are still waiting for book packs or items from book packs to be delivered by the book pack provider. The Education Directorate has decided to terminate their agreement with this provider and has arranged for families/carers to receive a refund for packs and items not delivered.

A new provider has been engaged to provide outstanding packs and items and these will be delivered to our school next week. The school will arrange for these outstanding packs and items to be distributed to students.

STUDENT INJURY

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury, if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES

Transport Canberra will be updating the current public transport network from 28 April 2020 which will see a range of improvements to services across the city, more direct services to Woden and Belconnen and better connections and timings across the 7-day network.

These changes have been made in consultation with schools to better meet capacity and improve services used by school students. Individual timetables will be made available online in mid-March, and each school in the ACT will receive a digital information pack showing all the services available to students, including Rapid routes, local bus services and school services.

For more information please visit our website at: transport.act.gov.au

[Changes to Canberra Transport Network](#)  (22kb)

NAPLAN



NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 12 and 22 May 2020. NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

TALKING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Do you need help with an enquiry or concern?



1. Make an appointment with your school via phone or email
2. Discuss your enquiry or concern with the class or executive teacher
3. Discuss your enquiry or concern with the principal.

You may also contact the ACT Education Directorate if you require further assistance. The online contact form can be found at www.education.act.gov.au/contact_us

More information available [here](#).

PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATE 2020

Monday 27 April 2020 is declared a public holiday. This year, ANZAC day falls on Saturday 25 April 2020 and consequently, Monday 27 April 2020 has been declared a public holiday. This is in addition to the ANZAC Day public holiday on Saturday 25 April 2020.

The Term 2, 2020 dates information on the Directorate website and the Public Holiday information on ACT Government website has been updated to reflect the public holiday. Term 2, 2020 starts on Tuesday 28 April.

IMPORTANT - STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child/ren is absent or late to school and the school has not been notified by 9:15am, an SMS will be sent out to parents. Parents are now able to

reply to the SMS to explain your child/ren's absence or late arrival.

When replying to an SMS please remember to:

- Use students full name and homeroom
- State that the absence or late arrival is parent approved
- Please send a separate text for each child

If your child arrives to school late, they are required to sign in at either the Junior or Senior Office when they arrive, even if you have already informed the school that your child will be late.

If you know in advance that your child/ren will be late or absent from school, please send an email to Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au. If your child/ren will be taking extended/holiday leave, please fill out the Holiday Leave Form (hard copy located at either office) and return to the school.

If your child/ren are in the Senior School and you give them permission to leave the school early for an appointment, please provide your child with a note explaining this. Your child/ren will need to present this note to their classroom teacher, the senior office when leaving.

LIBRARY NEWS



Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

The students from K – 6 will be participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

This is a wonderful opportunity to increase a students' reading by selecting different genres, sharing your favourite books and stories with classmates and with the family or, trying to exceed the 30 books set by the Challenge.

The students will receive their record sheet from their teacher this week and books read can be

recorded until the end of August. Please encourage your child to read, read, read!

Family Reading Time



We would like to invite family members to come to the library before school at 8.30 to read with their children, select books to borrow and spend time together.

Parents are invited to borrow with a family account which allows you to borrow more books to enjoy together.

OLYMPIC SPIRIT AWARD

The Olympic Spirit Awards were given to us by Olympic hopeful Astin Darcy. Astin spoke with the 3-6 students on Tuesday 11 February about his journey to becoming an archer and aspiring Olympian. Two students from Years 3-6 who have demonstrated friendship, respect and striving to be their best self will be chosen each assembly to receive an Olympic Spirit Award. Last week Grace Luteru-Auva'a from 5/6SM and Ashton Bartley from 3/4LM were presented with the award.

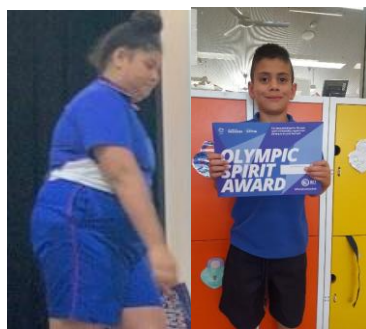
Ashton-

Ashton consistently demonstrates the importance of working as part of a team. He does this by showing kindness, inclusion and respect towards others and often goes out of his way to be of assistance to his peers. Ashton enjoys a challenge and shows perseverance when completing a challenging task.

Grace-

Grace is building resilience by becoming part of her class and making an effort with her school attendance. She is working with peer encouragement to participate in lessons which challenge her. This feeling of success is having a positive effect.

Congratulations Ashton and Grace!



DEFENCE NEWS

CALLING ALL CADETS!

If you are interested in being part of our Anzac Day Service please let Ms Zoe know as soon as possible so that appropriate paperwork can be organised.

Education Assistance: Education Support is available to families in the first 18 months of their posting to a new locality. Students may be entitled to up to 14 weeks of tutoring in any subject that has been recommended by the school principal or the child's teacher. This applies to primary and secondary students. In order to receive further information about this process, please contact me or obtain the form from: <http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Family/Kids/Education.asp>

DCO Support for ADF Families:

DCO have recently sent out the latest copy of the DCO-Canberra E-news. This newsletter is packed full of information relevant to Defence families and happenings in Canberra. If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter, please email: dco.canberra@defence.gov.au

Coming up:

- Defence Families Dinner – Tuesday 24 March 6:00pm at Eastlakes Club, Gungahlin
- ANZAC Day Service – Tuesday 7 April 9:15am in the gym.

Sarah and Zoe

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au



DEFENCE KIDS

Please remind your children that 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

It is lovely to see some new and familiar faces at Harrison Hearts this year. If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the library on Monday mornings between 9am and 11am. 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.

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More information available [here](#).

P&C NEWS

Facebook Pages

A reminder that the Harrison School P&C has a Facebook page you can follow to keep up to date with all school news - <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonSchoolPandC/>

In addition, the school has year level Facebook pages you can follow to keep up to date with information specific to each year level:

- [Preschool](#)
- [Years 1/2](#)
- [Years 5/6](#)
- [Years 9/10](#)

- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Years 3/4](#)
- [Years 7/8](#)

Please send a request to join each relevant year level Facebook group. You will be asked to complete a couple of questions to verify your eligibility to join.

Community Morning Tea

The P&C hosts a morning tea for all parents and carers on Tuesdays from 9-11am each week in the Multipurpose Room within the Junior School Hall. All parents & carers, new and returning, are welcome. We would love to see you there.

CANTEEN NEWS

ORDERS

Cut off time for Flexischools **online** orders is strictly **9:00am**.

Cut off time for **over the counter** orders is strictly **10:00am**.

Please note that once an order has been placed either through Flexischools or over the counter, the order is processed and is non-refundable or transferrable. Unfortunately, we cannot offer refunds for uncollected lunch orders.

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 2020 Canteen Menu.

[2020 CANTEEN MENU](#)

[FLEXI -SCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING](#)

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C operates a second-hand uniform shop each Friday from 8.30-9.30am in the Multipurpose Room within the Junior School Hall.

We rely on volunteers to help keep the shop operating. If you have a spare hour each week or just once a term and can help either in the shop or with laundry, please consider volunteering your time so

that we can keep providing this valuable service to the school community.

You can register to volunteer via our Sign Up page <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E48A4AD22ABF58-2ndhand>

SCHOOL BANKING



School Banking is on every **WEDNESDAY**.

We're excited to share that the new School Banking theme for 2020 is Treetop Savers.

We've developed a new range of rewards designed to appeal to all ages.

In response to your feedback in the Customer Experience Surveys, we've made this year's rewards Eco-friendlier and more sustainable.

All rewards are reusable and packaged using sustainably sourced paper.

- Terry Denton's Activity Book – Term 1
- Mini Soccer Ball – Term 1
- Treetop Stationery Set – Term 2
- Treetop Handball – Term 2
- Tomato Seed Kit – Term 3
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle – Term 3
- Emoji Wallet – Term 4
- Snakes & Ladders Game – Term 4

We are looking for volunteers to help with processing the bank books. If you are interested in helping out, please email kalpana0708@gmail.com

Kalpana Pothuraju
School Banking Coordinator