

Harrison School Newsletter 15 October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning as the Focus

Welcome to Term 4! This is traditionally one of the busier terms of the school year with our annual events such as the concert, ACE awards ceremony and Year 10 Graduation and Formal taking considerable time and effort to 'get right on the night'. While these things are in our minds, a strong focus on learning is where our energies are being directed. Class teachers continue to work with students to develop key skills, understand learning intentions, make sense of success criteria and develop knowledge of themselves as learners. This is done through a range of carefully planned class activities, home learning/assignment tasks and is often enriched through excursions or camps. Term overviews will come home shortly (unless a full semester one was sent home last term). If you have questions about the learning your child (or children) is undertaking during this term, please feel free to contact their class teacher for details or check their Google Classroom.

Each year the school develops an action plan to break down the priorities in the five year strategic plan into targeted, achievable actions and goals. You can access an impact report on our school website that will give you a picture of the achievements we've made towards our strategic priorities and annual plan goals. You can access the report [here](#).

Events

In week 10 of last term we saw our 5/6 students attend a camp at Broken Bay. The camp provided students with an opportunity to develop their personal and group responsibility skills through fun group challenges and activities that promoted key learning through:

- Relationships - developing skills in communication, problem solving, cooperation, negotiation, respect and care
- being Outdoors – nurturing an appreciation of the natural environment and sustainability
- Action – reinforcing the importance of physical activity for wellbeing

Term 4 Week 1

Tuesday 15

- Yr. 7-10 Student Led Conferences
4:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 16

- AIME Program Day 9:00am-2:30pm

Friday 18

- Kindergarten 2020 Information Session
9:00am-10:00am

Term 4 Week 2

Monday 21

- Yr. 7/8 ACT Badminton Competition - ANU 8:30am-3:00pm
- Yr. 10 Surf Camp – Gerroa NSW – Return back to school approx. 4:00pm

Tuesday 22

- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Group 1 (new students only) 9:00am-11:20am
- Junior LSU Dream Cricket Clinic – Harrison Ovals – 11:00am-1:10pm

Wednesday 23

- Preschool-Yr. 2 Assembly – 9:15am Hall
- Yr. 3- 6 Assembly – 9:15 am Gym

Thursday 24

- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Group 2 (new students only) 9:00am-11:20am
- Nara university High School Visit – 9:00am-10:00am

Friday 25

- Yr. 9/10 ACT Badminton Competition - ANU 8:30am-3:00pm

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



- Resilience – collaborating, negotiating and reflecting on difficult challenges to build courage and strength.

Many thanks go to the terrific Harrison staff who took time away from their own lives and families to provide this opportunity for students.

A very big thank you also goes to the three dedicated staff who spent the term break touring parts of France and Italy with a group of Harrison students. This was the first Europe Trip offered by the school and from all accounts it sounds like the group have had a great time experiencing French and Italian culture and practicing their language skills.

During week 10 we also had our Year 10 students undertake Road Ready training. Whether a driver's licence is the outcome for all students or not, the road/traffic safety learning that occurred through the program will be of great benefit to all students involved.

This week we have our Years 7-10 Student Led Conferences happening on Tuesday afternoon/evening. To date there are 346 bookings and I'm very happy to see that so many parents taking advantage of this opportunity to learn more about their child's learning. Please remember - you don't need to wait for events like this - as a general rule across the school, parents are encouraged to touch base with teachers if you'd like any information about your child's learning.

A very big thank you also goes out to one of our parents, Olivia Wenholz, who organised a Floriade bulb dig yesterday. I'm not sure how many volunteers Olivia managed to get in the end, but we are grateful to anyone who was able to give some time to help out.

Attendance

For known absences we ask that you let our admin team know (Harrison.Absence@ed.act.edu.au) as well as your child's Homeroom teacher. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are using a refined version of the unknown/unplanned absence reporting system to inform parents/carers if their

child is away from school. With the system, parents/carers will still receive an SMS message for each child absent, generally by 10:30a.m. We ask that you now reply directly to the SMS when providing a reason for the absence (although you are more than welcome to call to check on any absence/late notification you have questions about). When replying, please provide:

- a reason for your child's absence/late arrival
- information about the expected length of absence
- whether the absence/late arrival is approved by you or not

To help us in maintaining accurate and efficient administration, we ask that you reply separately to each absence notification you receive (this allows us to make the most of automated features in the system). When replying, it's worth remembering that what you write is exactly what is saved in the school records, it isn't edited and reworded before being stored.

Parenting Ideas Webinar

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas and through this membership you can attend all of their webinars for parents in 2019 at no cost. The next webinar is on Wednesday 30 October 2019 8:00pm - 9:00pm AEDT and is: ***Step back so kids step up***

As young people spend increasing amounts of time online, their social lives, and in turn, their social and emotional wellbeing, they become increasingly entrenched in the digital world. As they journey through adolescence in this permanently public landscape, dealing with the effects on self-esteem, friendship issues, self-worth and wellbeing can be challenging to say the least. Join Martine Oglethorpe, a technology expert who is an accredited speaker with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, has a background in secondary education and a Masters in Counselling. This webinar will look at how we can best equip our young people to thrive both online and in real life as they grow up immersed in online spaces.

How you can register:

1. Click [this link:](https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-strengthening-kids-self-esteem-in-a-digital-world)
<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-strengthening-kids-self-esteem-in-a-digital-world>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the voucher code DIGITAL and click 'Apply'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 30 November 2019.
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your parenting material
7. Click 'Place Order'

Jason Holmes

IMPORTANT - 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.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

**Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm**

For all enquiries and calls

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.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

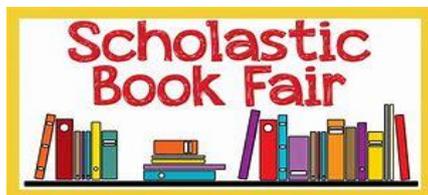
Congratulations to our L J Hooker Award

Recipients: Kyubin K, Juach A

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Issue 7 of Book Club will be sent out Week 1, Term 4, Monday 14 October and due back 18 October.



Book Fair

Book Fair will be from the 29 October to 8 November. This is a very exciting time in the library and a great opportunity to purchase some wonderful books for Christmas.

More information will be sent out soon.



DEFENCE NEWS

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or

1800 624 608.



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 Wednesday lunchtimes and students in Years 7 – 10 Thursday lunchtimes.



HARRISON HEARTS

If you would like to join us, come to the Defence Room in the school library on Monday mornings between 9:00am 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.

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 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 remember to bring your yellow School Banking wallets and give them to your teacher.

Banking for Pre-schoolers is processed every **THURSDAY** for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday classes.

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

- Artic Owl Fluffy Ring
- Scratch Art Cards

Term 4

- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencil & 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 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.

Our School Banking program has been very successful at Harrison School with both the students and school benefitting 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 Kalpana0708@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