



## Harrison School Newsletter 10 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Year is such a busy time! It is also a lovely time as students share the culmination of all their efforts throughout the year, reflect on their progress against their learning goals and join in celebratory events.

### Colour Run

A very dedicated group of 9/10 students organised and ran a colour run for students in years 7-10. This was a student designed and led project from their Learn RITE class. These students liaised with council, organised all communication, resources, safety procedures, promotion, and associated BBQ etc. They did a Brilliant job and demonstrated excellent learning and development in their project management and trouble shooting skills. Thank you to their teachers, Marcus Berryman and Zac Noble for their tireless support and advice. It was such a fun and positive community event. The Junior colour run that was scheduled for today has been postponed to Friday 13 December during last lesson.



### Farewell year 10

Last week was the last week of Harrison for our Year 10 cohort. We celebrated their efforts on Friday last week with a Year 10 Breakfast, followed by a farewell assembly and Year 10 excursion. We will complete the celebration on Wednesday this week with their Graduation and Formal. Year 10 leaving is always a bitter sweet occasion. We are extremely proud of their contributions to the Harrison Community, their learning growth and achievements and the young adults they have

### Term 4 Week 9

#### **Tuesday 10**

- Yr. 1-6 Colour Run – **POSTPONED**

#### **Wednesday 11**

- Yr. 7 Immunisations
- Yr. 3/4 Aqua Fun Day – Dickson Aquatic Centre – 9:30am-2:30pm
- Preschool End of Year Celebration – PMT-CD, PMT-ER, PMT-BD – 10:00am-1:00pm
- Yr. 10 Graduation and Formal – AIS – 5:30pm

#### **Thursday 12**

- Harrison School Junior ACE Awards Ceremony – 5:15pm-6:30pm – Gym
- Harrison School Senior ACE Awards Ceremony – 6:15pm-7:30pm – Gym

#### **Friday 13**

- Yr. 1 – Yr. 6 Colour Run
- Yr. 6 Graduation – Gym – 9:15am-10:50am
- Preschool End of Year Celebration – PTF-CD, PTF-BZ, PTF-JC – 10:00am-1:00pm
- Mulligans Flat Incursion – 3/4 DW, HB, RP & JD – 10:00am-12:30pm

### Term 4 Week 10

#### **Tuesday 17**

- Deadly Mob Excursion to Birrigai – 9:15am-2:50pm
- End of Year Fun Day – Yr. 1/2 DN, SP, SK, NH, JH, EL, JHA & HC – 10:00am-12:00pm
- End of Year Fun Day – Yr. 1/2 NE, KW, KS, LD, JC, OP, RT & JM – 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Preschool Graduation – PMT-CD, PMT-BD, PMT-ER – 2:30pm

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



become. We look forward to hearing about their future milestones. Congratulations and best of luck Year 10.

### **School Concert**

The students and staff alike were excited by the school concerts occurring last week. Collectively, they all put in the hard yards to entertain you and showcase our learning. I hope you enjoyed the demonstration of the culmination of their efforts and I thank you for being great audience members and the support you showed to all our performers. Thanks and congratulations go to all of the staff who worked with students to create and deliver their performances and a big thanks goes to the organising committee led by Heather Hill and Michelle O'Brien.

### **Year 8 Mentors**

I wish to announce and congratulate our incoming Year 8 Mentors for 2020:

- Ellie S
- Shahar B-T
- Sameeha A
- Elise K

These students represent the best of the Harrison School Community values and we are very excited with the potential these students have demonstrated as leaders.

### **Integrity Shield**

Last week we held the annual Integrity Shield. This is an event where students verse staff, cheered on by the school community. I was really proud of the students in their coordination and leadership of their team and happy to say that both sides exhibited fair play, great sportsmanship and the utmost of integrity in their endeavours. Congratulations go to the staff who took out the game for this year and thanks goes to Farrah Atallah for her continued organisation of this cherished Harrison School event.

### **Staff movements**

At this time of year, we farewell a number of staff who are moving on to other schools, promotions and retirement. These staff have made an impact on the students they have taught and contributed greatly to the Harrison School community. We can't thank them

enough for their efforts, commitment and dedication to our school.

Staff Leaving the Harrison Community:

Kate Bradley	Emma Leahy
Dan Ewin	Natalie Edwards
Andrea Kemp	Kelly Dunstan
Tom Alexander	Sophie Dash
Jennifer Jenkins	Eve Canonigo
Farhat Azad	Steve Adams
Mary Pezzella	Kathryn Shaw
Talitha Wilson	Cathy Duke
Kieryn Khan	Matthew Veitch

### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to our Special Principals' Award Recipients:

Aayra S, Molly M, Josie M

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Connor G, Ruby A, Ava H,  
Elena N, Owen B, Kimaya Y,  
Ella G, Molly M, Maddison-Grace R,  
Juan G, Kaushal G, Amelia P,  
Baasil A, Amelia W, William C,  
Amily W, Kirat N x2

### **STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2020**

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2020 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 2020.

### **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 2020 (Tuesday 4 February 2020), please complete the form on this link; [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

### **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.

### **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.

### **IMPORTANT - STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child/ren are absent for any reason from school 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.

### **KATOOMBA STREET CROSSING**

Work will commence soon to improve the site lines to the children's crossing located on Katoomba Street. Drivers will need to take extra care around this area.

### **OSHCLUB INFORMATION**

- Enrolments/bookings are now open for the upcoming January holidays. If your child/ren isn't currently enrolled for OSHClub this can be completed via our website [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au). Here, you will also find our brochure which includes all our exciting themes as well as incursions and excursions. If your child/ren is already enrolled in OSHClub, you can add bookings via your iParent Portal. Alternatively you can contact us directly on 0418223198 or [harrison@oshclub.com.au](mailto:harrison@oshclub.com.au) if you are having any problems. Please note that if your child/ren is starting Kindergarten in 2020 we do accept them for Vacation Care.
- Enrolments/bookings are also open for the 2020 school year (excluding holidays). Please follow steps above to make an enrolment or booking for next year.
- As Thursday 19th December is the last day of school, we will be running a pupil free day on December 20. This means that we will essentially be running a Vacation Care Day from 7am-6pm.
- We are still looking for donations for Adopt a Ward. All of the ACT OSHClub services have been asking for their school communities to donate items to the Canberra Hospital for those who will be in hospital over the Christmas period. Some things we are looking for include: activity books, toiletries for males & females, stationary, personal care items, deck of cards and board games. Donations will be collected next Tuesday morning so if you are planning to donate please do so before then. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### **2020 STATIONERY LISTS**

The Harrison School 2020 stationery lists are now available on the OfficeMax and WINC website for ordering. The lists are also available on the school website, please see the links below.

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

#### **Instructions:**

Simply visit [officemaxschools.com.au](http://officemaxschools.com.au) and follow these four easy steps.

1. Search for your school, Harrison School, Harrison, ACT and enter your school access key 7VX5S if required
2. Complete the student's details and select the year level required
3. Review your requirements list and make changes (if required). Please note: some list items have been denoted by your school as a requisite for the subject or year
4. If you need additional items, top up from our Back to School special range, and checkout.

**Please note:** If you have more than one child at the same school, repeat the above steps. Once completed, an order confirmation will be sent to your email address. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER YOUR HOME ADDRESS. DO NOT SEND YOUR STATIONERY PACKS TO HARRISON SCHOOL.**

#### **Deadlines and delivery information.**

##### **Delivery Fees:**

Free Delivery: for orders placed on or before 20th December 2019;

\$12.95 delivery: for orders placed after 20th December 2019.

##### **Orders Placed:**

On or before 1st December 2019 will be delivered prior to the end of December 2019;

On or before 31st December 2019 will be delivered before the start of Term 1 2020;

**Please Note:** For orders placed after 31st December 2019, we cannot guarantee delivery prior to Term 1.

Australia Post Orders are delivered via Australia Post's eParcel service. As soon as your order is dispatched, an email will be sent to let you know the Australia Post tracking ID Number. Your order can be tracked at [auspost.com.au](http://auspost.com.au).

For assistance with your order, returns and refunds and delivery information, or for a general enquiry, please visit [OfficeMaxSchools.com.au/help](http://OfficeMaxSchools.com.au/help)

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#### **Harrison School website 2020 Stationery Lists**

#### **HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD 2020**

We have two parent and two staff positions that will be vacant on the Harrison School Board from March 2020. We also have two student positions that will be vacant from March 2020 as a casual vacancy for one year.

Nominations for the Harrison School Board open at 11:00am on **Monday 3 February 2020** and close at 11:00am on **Monday 17 February 2020**.

If you wish to nominate for the school board and would like to know what the position entails, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Holmes.

#### **HARRISON SCHOOL ACE AWARDS CEREMONY**

The Achievement, Citizenship and Endeavour (ACE) Awards ceremony will occur on Thursday 12 December 2019 in the school gymnasium.

The Junior ceremony (Years P-6) will commence at 5:30pm until approximately 6:30pm.

The Senior ceremony (Years 7-9) will commence at 6:30pm and extend until approximately 7:30pm.

We ask that children involved in the junior ceremony arrive at 5:15pm and assemble in the blue building adjacent to the school gymnasium.

Senior students are asked to assemble in the junior school hall at 6:15pm.

At the end of each ceremony, children may be collected from these respective areas. We are requesting that families stay for the duration of each awards ceremony.

ACE recognises Achievement, Citizenship and Endeavour, and are awarded by teachers and



support staff to students in recognition of their commitment to learning.

Special award categories exist to recognise sporting excellence, community contribution, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contribution to academic and community projects, and commitment to the performing arts.

We look forward to presenting awards and congratulating students on their collective achievements at both ceremonies this Thursday, 12 December in the school gymnasium. Full school uniform is essential.

Year 10 students will be receiving their ACE Awards at their Graduation Ceremony this year HOWEVER recipients of special awards are required to attend the senior ACE ceremony to be presented with their certificates and/or award. These students have been individually notified.

We look forward to celebrating student achievement at Harrison School with you at these ceremonies.

With thanks,

Nada Zarac and Kate Cunningham

## LIBRARY NEWS



All lost property items have now been sorted and items that are labelled will be returned to the students' teacher. Any remaining unnamed items will be sent to the uniform shop before the end of term.



## DEFENCE NEWS

At this time, we would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our Yr. 10 Defence Students on their Graduations and wish them all the very best for bright and happy futures.

**Postings:** If you are posting out anytime in the next few weeks, please let us know and ensure that you have completed a school leavers form for your

child/ren. These are available from the main office. Please remember if your situation changes, (e.g. MWDU/Deployments) to let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

**DCO Support for ADF Families:**  
[defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.

Sarah and Zoe

[sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au)

[zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:zoe.rossiter@ed.act.edu.au)



## DEFENCE KIDS

All activity groups and hang outs have now finished for the year. We look forward to having you back in 2020, hopefully with some more exciting ideas/opportunities!



## HARRISON HEARTS

Has finished for 2019, we hope to see you again from Week 2 of school in 2020.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The canteen will be closed on Thursday 19 December 2019 and will reopen on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

### 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](#)

## 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.

We are changing the banking day next year (2020) from **TUESDAY** to **WEDNESDAY**.



### 2019 Rewards

#### Term 4

- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencil & Pencil Toppers

We also have a number of reward items from previous years that are still available for students.

The program has been run by two volunteer mothers 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](mailto:Kalpana0708@gmail.com)

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**School Banking Coordinator**