

Harrison School Newsletter 11 February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It brings me a sense of pride to be able to report that our first week back ran smoothly with students focussing on getting to know new classmates and making a start on their learning for this year. This ability to get straight back into the swing of things is a testament to the students, teachers and staff we have here at Harrison. We are very lucky to have such a great community.

During the week, I took time to visit classes and catch up with students in their new surroundings. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and experience the sense of excitement that a new school year brings. It was particularly nice to see this year's year seven students working together to navigate themselves between different classrooms, a situation that would have been much different to their classrooms from last year.

Information Sessions

Information sessions have begun and will be conducted for different areas of the school over the coming weeks please keep an eye on notes home and the P&C Facebook page for details about the sessions for your child. For those who made it to last week's kindergarten information session, thank you for your attendance. For those families who were not or are not able to attend any information sessions please contact your child's classroom teacher in regard to any important information that may have been missed.

Swimming carnival

This Thursday, the annual Harrison School Swimming Carnival is going to be held at the Gungahlin Leisure Centre. We wish all our students competing the best of luck and know they will be demonstrating endeavour as they strive to produce their best performance on the day.

Bushfires

Unfortunately, our community has had to endure several environmental effects from the recent bushfires. Please be reassured that we monitor air

Term 1 Week 2 2020

Tuesday 11 February

- Astin Darcy Visit – Yr. 3-6 and 9/10 PE classes – Gym – 9:15-10:50am
- Year 1/2 Information Session – Hall – 5:30pm

Wednesday 12

- 7-10 Assembly – Gym – 9:15am

Thursday 13 February

- Swimming Trials (8-16 year-old competitive swimmers) – Gungahlin Leisure Centre

Term 1 Week 3 2020

Monday 17– Friday 28 February

- Kindergarten BASE Testing

Monday 17 February

- Allan Tongue Visit – Yr. 3-6 classes – Gym – 9:15am
- P&C Meeting – Library – 7:00pm

Tuesday 18 February

- 7-10 Parent Information Evening – 5:30pm – Senior PATS Building

Wednesday 19 February

- P-2 Assembly – Hall – 9:15am
- 3-6 Assembly – Gym – 9:15am

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



quality and the associated conditions daily to ensure that students are not exposed to unnecessary harm. With the recent rains, we are hoping that this is something that we will need to do less of in the coming days and weeks. We do acknowledge that, although the fires are becoming less of an immediate threat, students may be affected from their experiences. We encourage anyone who feels that their child has been impacted and requires additional support to contact the school.

Uniforms

We have been informed by the suppliers of the Harrison School uniforms that there is a hold up on some parts of the year 5-6 uniform. We are in contact with the suppliers and will let families know when there are more available.

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.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations are sought for two parent representatives, two staff representatives and two student representatives. The School Board is tasked with providing strategic leadership and more information about the functions of a School Board can be found [here](#). Terms for Board membership are generally two years and the Board normally meets four times per year. Nominations close on Monday 17 February 2020 with voting (if needed) from 24 February to 2 March. New Board appointments begin on 1 April. Nomination forms are available from the Front Office. For more information or to nominate, please contact the front office on 6142 2200.

ACE AWARD PHOTOS

If your child received an ACE Award in 2019 and you have requested to have your child's photo sent via email, these photos will be sent out by the end of next week, **21 February 2020**.

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.

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 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.

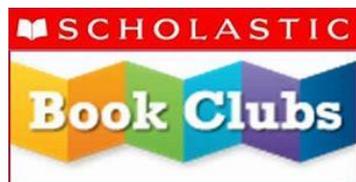
Years 7 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office.

LIBRARY NEWS



We would like to welcome Mrs Kathleen Kinsella to the library. Kath will be teaching in the library every Monday.

Book Club



Issue 1 Book Club orders are due this Friday 14 February.

Parents can order online using the link below:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents>

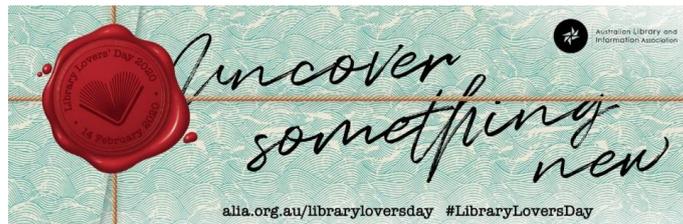
Family Reading Time

We would like to invite family members to come to the library before school at 8.30am to read with their children, select books to borrow and spend time together. Parents are invited to borrow with a family account that allows you to borrow more books to enjoy together. We also have a community collection for parents that includes topics on Parenting, Health, Mindfulness, Nutrition and Child Development.

Library Lovers Day 2020

We will be celebrating Library Lover's Day on Friday 14 February.

Come to the library and fall in love with a new book.



DEFENCE NEWS

Well week 1 just flew by, we hope that all children are settling in well. We hope that we have now met all new defence student. If we have inadvertently missed your child, please let us know so that we can ensure their name is on our list. If you have any concerns about your child/ren settling in, let us know so that we can prioritise extra visits if required.

Integrated Combat Club Australia – Chaplain Mick George is running a kids anti-bullying Martial Arts program at ADFA Indoor Sports Centre on a Saturday morning commencing 15 February. This is open to all children of a defence member from the age of 6. Please contact Mick George on 0447 247 398 or Michael.george2@defence.gov.au for further information.

DCO Support for ADF Families:
defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Sarah and Zoe

sarah.mcgavin@ed.act.edu.au

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DEFENCE KIDS

K-4 Activity groups have recommenced this week. Please remind your children that K-2 Activity Group is Monday lunchtimes and 3-4 Activity Group is Tuesday lunchtimes. 5/6 Hang Out will recommence tomorrow (Wed lunch) and 7-10 will be (Thurs lunch) All groups are held in the Defence Room in the library.



HARRISON HEARTS

Come to the Defence Room in the library on Monday mornings between 9am and 11am. We would love to have you join us for a cuppa, a chat and to create some resources for the classrooms. Please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the front office.

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More information available [here](#).

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 second-hand uniform shop will be open **every Friday morning** from 8:30am-9:30am in the Multipurpose room located in the Junior Hall.

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