



Harrison School Newsletter 3 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely walking back into the school after a term and a half of leave and reconnecting with students, staff and parents. When I started leave, we were only just transitioning back to face to face teaching from the online home learning due to COVID. It is fabulous to visit classes and walk through the school with so settled and focussed students in class, learning, exploring and creating. This one has been a big and uniquely unprecedented year of school for our whole community and whilst I think we are still seeing the effects and impacts it is also lovely to see the resilience, new learnings, new appreciations and strong relationships that have been highlighted in our community.

Last week, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the presentation of nine new 13,000 wheelchairs to the ACT Power Soccer team. It was a complete surprise to the team members and the look on their faces when nine brand new power chairs were driven into the stadium was priceless.

This journey started with our very own Michael Foster, a member of the team, approaching the school for assistance in securing powerchairs so his team could train and compete. The school arranged for Michael and his brother Aaron to speak to the local Rotary club. The rotary club then proceed to raise an enormous \$120,000 and purchased 9 powerchairs for the team. This amazing effort means this team can now train and compete and enrich their lives in a sport they love. It was an amazing moment of community inclusion and spirit to witness. Congratulations and enormous thanks goes to the Gungahlin Rotary club from making these boys dreams come true.



Term 4 Week 4

A reminder that all assemblies and camps have been cancelled for 2020.

Tuesday 3 November

- 2021 Kindergarten Interviews with Prospective Families
- Harrison School Board Meeting

Wednesday 4 November

- Yr. 9/10 Volleyball Competition
- Online Information Session for 2021 Preschool Families – 9:30am-11:30am
- Online Information Session for 2021 Kindergarten Families – 4:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday 5 November

- Orientation Day for New Students to Harrison School in 2021 (Yrs. 1-10)

Friday 6 November

- Chess Club – 1:10pm-1:50pm

Monday 9 November

- Yr. 7/8 Girls Touch Football Competition
- Zoo Excursion for 3/4DF, 3/4HB and 3/4KW

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office
hours are:

**Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm**

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



Transitions

Over the next couple of weeks, we will show new families who are joining our Harrison community for 2021 around the school. Several transition activities have been organised and run to assist prospective students get a feel for the school environment and start to build relationships with some friendly faces. It is always lovely to meet our new students, entering Harrison at almost every year cohort and welcome their families. I know students will definitely make the most of the opportunity and leave transition activities with smiles on their faces.

Book Week

We had a fabulous book week celebration across the school in Week 2. Our students and staff outdid themselves with some fabulous costumes and dress ups. Students had the opportunity to parade in front of their peers. Throughout the week, students participated in a number of integrated activities to celebrate the joy of books. A lot of preparation has gone into this day by a number of staff and I'd like to recognise their efforts in this space. I realise the tradition of parents coming in to watch the parades was absent this year, but I sincerely hope that this can return next year.

Bubblers and Water Bottles

As the weather warms up, it is becoming increasingly more important for all students to have a water bottle with them every day. COVID-19 restrictions still mean that our bubblers are turned off so every student must have their water bottle at school with them every day. With a school our size, it is very important that you label your child's bottle, and indeed other property, to ensure for a quick return should it be left out on the playground.

World Teachers Day

Last Friday was International World Teachers Day. As a staff we were incredibly surprised, grateful and humbled by the PandC gesture of a coffee van for recess. It was an amazing gesture and greatly appreciated by the staff. We were also visited by David Mathews, Deputy Director General who celebrated with and thanked our staff for their

ongoing commitment and dedication to the field of education. It was also lovely to receive a number of emails of thanks from individual families across our school community. Teachers Make a Difference was a clear message of the day.

Jacqui

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Principals Award

Recipients:

Melody H,	Jayden I x2,	Ayaan K,
Lily P,	Makayla B x2,	Kara H,
Ethan S,	Marilia M,	Leanna T,
Kayla J,	Amelia W,	Dakoda G,
Phoebe G,	Edward L,	Rushaan P,
Aayra S,	Connor T,	Ethan C,
Chloe C,	Yazmin B,	Ethan H,
Noah K-H,	Elizabeth W,	Arya J

Congratulations to our **Special Principal Award**

Recipient: Ethan S

2021 STATIONERY LISTS

The Harrison School stationery lists for 2021 are now available on the COS website for ordering. The lists are also available on the school website, please see the links below.

[2021 Stationery Lists](#) A hard copy of the lists will be sent home shortly.

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

The items listed on the following page have been selected as being required for 2021. To ensure delivery prior to Term 1, 2021, please place your order by **11 January 2021.**

Instructions:

For a fast, simple and secure way to place your order visit www.cos.net.au and follow these steps:

1. Click on **School Packs** in menu task bar
Enter the Username: **harrison@cos.net.au**
Password: **Parents-21**
2. Select the year level required for 2021

3. Review product selection based on your requirements
 - Please note, items may have been marked as either mandatory or optional by your school, select your required items
4. Add your Pack to the Cart
5. If you need, additional items are available for you to top up from our Back to School range.
6. Enter your Child's Details & Delivery Details
7. Enter in your credit card details and submit

You will receive an order confirmation via email and can request to have your order tracking sent to you via mobile.

Please note: If you have more than one child at the same school, repeat the above steps.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER YOUR HOME ADDRESS. DO NOT SEND YOUR STATIONERY PACKS TO HARRISON SCHOOL.

DEADLINES, DELIVERY AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ORDER

COVID-19 has had a large impact on the transport industry and Australia Post has advised delays are possible over January due to an expected surge in demand. Sending your order early as you can, and by the dates advised below, means your School Packs will have the best chance of arriving in time for the start of school. We'll still deliver items sent after these dates as quickly as possible, but it will be difficult to get them to you in time for start of school.

Delivery Service – All orders will be sent out via Australia Post. A specific time of delivery cannot be requested. In the event that nobody is available to receive the delivery, the goods will be taken to the nearest post office for collection. A card will be left in your mailbox confirming this.

Delivery Guarantee – Orders placed before 7 December, will be delivered to your home by 21 December. Orders placed before 11 January, will be delivered to your home prior to Term 1, 2021 commencing. Orders placed after this date cannot be guaranteed to arrive on time.

Delivery Charges – All orders will incur a \$10.95 including GST delivery charge.

BE COVID SAFE WHEN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

As students return to school from school holidays, it is as important as ever to be COVID-safe, especially if you have travelled interstate.

If students begin to feel unwell, they should stay home from school and if they have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms, they should get tested just in case and self-isolate until they receive their results.

If you travelled interstate over the school holidays, monitor the COVID-19 website of the state or territory you visited for two weeks after returning to see if there are any new cases where you visited. Keep up to date and follow the website's advice about testing and self-isolation, if required.

If you had interstate friends and family visit, ensure they keep you up to date if they are feeling unwell or if there are any new positive COVID cases reported in their area.

If we keep being diligent and follow the public health advice, we can continue to keep our schools, students and staff safe.

For more information about interstate areas that have had recent COVID-19 cases and what symptoms to monitor, visit www.covid19.act.gov.au



SNAKE SIGHTING

It's that time of the year again where you might sight a snake around the school area. Please remind your child/ren to be aware if/when they're walking to and from school and to keep themselves safe by staying away.

If you see a snake around school grounds please phone TAMS (through Access Canberra) on 13 22 81.

UPDATE FROM OSHCLUB



Welcome to Term 4!

We are very excited to have the opportunity to continue our incursions this term. This term we will be having FitKids running Pro Basketball Skill sessions. These sessions will commence on Tuesday 3 November for our juniors (K-3) and Thursday 5 November for our seniors (4-6) and will continue for 3 weeks. The sessions run from 3:30-4:30. These sessions are at no extra cost. Participants just need to be booked in to after school care for that afternoon.

With the new year around the corner, we are getting lots of questions about enrolments and bookings for 2021. To make an enrolment, please visit our website www.oshclub.com.au. Here you will see a link that says REGISTER. Click on this and it will lead you to the enrolment form. Please note that bookings cannot be made for 2021 yet. An email will be sent to all families with an enrolment when the bookings open for 2021. At this stage we don't know when this will be.

The same process occurs with our Vacation Care. An email will be sent to families when these bookings open as well. Another FAQ is, '*Are children who are entering Kindergarten in 2021 allowed to attend Vacation Care?*' The answer is yes! And we also encourage it. We find that those children who do attend our Summer Vacation Care transition to before and after school care with more ease than those who don't, as they're used to the environment and educators.

SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2021

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply online](#). A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry

notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or [update their details](#).

More information can be found [here](#).



STUDENT INJURY

INSURANCE and AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The ACT Education 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/excursions, 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**.

REMINDERS

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2021

If your child is not returning to Harrison School in 2021 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 2021.

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 2021 (Tuesday 2 February 2021), please complete the form on this link; [Holiday Leave Form](#) and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION and 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. We are aware that student information or contact numbers and email addresses etc. often change. If there are changes to your child(rens') information or contact details during the year you, please contact the school or email info@harrison.act.edu.au and inform of your new contact details to enable us to update our records.

Alternatively, you can complete a change of contact details form which can be found on the school website: [Change of Contact Details](#) and return it to the front office.

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

The *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* (the Act) commenced on 7 November 2012. The Act aims to reduce the risk of harm or neglect to vulnerable people in the ACT. The Act requires people working or volunteering in 'Activities or Services for Children' or have contact with vulnerable people while engaging in regulated activities and services, to register with the Office of Regulatory Services.

Parents and community members make a valuable contribution to schools through a diversity of roles as volunteers or visitors to schools. Not all volunteers and visitors are required to be registered. The *Working with Vulnerable People - Information for Volunteers and Visitors* guide provides more information including a range of examples to demonstrate where volunteers and visitors are required to be registered. It also includes examples to demonstrate the type of work that does not require registration.

Volunteer and Visitor Nomination Forms

- Volunteers and visitors must provide a completed [Volunteer](#) and [Visitor](#) Nomination Form to the school before commencement of activities.
- Schools will provide assistance to complete this form where it is necessary. Assistance is also provided in the [Volunteer](#) and [Visitor](#) Nomination Form information sheets.
- These forms are completed **annually** and should be updated if personal details change
- Schools will arrange the secure storage of all Volunteer and Visitor Nomination forms in accordance with the Directorate's record keeping policy and provisions of the *Information Privacy Act 2014*.

SPARE CLOTHES LOANED TO STUDENTS

If your child has been given a change of clothing by the school, please wash and return them to the Front Office as soon as possible, as we are running extremely low. Thank you for your cooperation.



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 2020

Book Week was a very exciting time at Harrison School. It is a special time of the year where we celebrate the magic of books, reading and the love of literature. It was wonderful to see so many book characters and curious creatures come to life. Thank

you to all the students and staff who dressed up and made the Dress Up Day a success. A big thank you to the amazing staff who gave their time to help organise this event.

The students enjoyed many activities throughout the week including: Storytime and craft activities in the library, buddy class reading time, bookmark design contest, parades, an author visit, a pet photo competition and family survey competition. Thanks to all the businesses who generously donated Book Week prizes. The National Dinosaur Museum, Dee's Comics, Impact Comics, Book Passion, Book Face, Lamont Books and Scholastic Australia.



AUTHOR VISIT

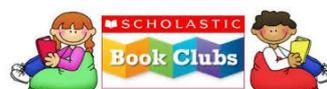
Another highlight of Book Week was a visit by local author **Nicole Godwin**. Thank you to Nicole for visiting our school and presenting to the 3 / 4 classes who are learning about Sustainability.

The children enjoyed the discussions about animals, environmental issues relating to plastic, your books including **Jelly Boy** and the successful steps of the writing process.

The students were very excited and will continue to enjoy your books that we have in our library.



BOOK CLUB



Book Club Issue 8 will be sent out soon and orders will be due back **Friday 20 November**.

This issue has many titles on sale just in time for Christmas.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment book is a great way to support our library. The book contains many vouchers that give great discounts on dining, entertainment, travel and more! Just in time for Christmas and the school holidays.

Thank you for your support.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2d6190>



OVERDUE NOTICES

Overdue notices will be sent home soon. Please remind your children to return any overdue books and outstanding devices to the library as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.



DEFENCE NEWS

Remembrance Day: Due to COVID restrictions, we are commemorating Remembrance Day a little differently this year. There will be NO selling of poppies in the lead up and Remembrance Day will be commemorated in each class for the first lesson on Wednesday 11th November. Across the school, the students will be learning about Remembrance Day and its significance and doing some poppy craft or learning about the poem, In Flanders Fields. We thank Kate Broadhurst for her significant contribution to the lessons. At approximately 9.40, Mr Holmes will read the Ode and we will play the Last Post and Observe a minute's silence in our classrooms.

Postings: As posting orders are out, please advise us of new movement for the future so that we may be able to help with the transition. Remember if your situation changes, (eg. MWDU/Deployments) to let us know, as it is important we have accurate information.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or 1800 624 608.

Coming Up:

- Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11 November
- Defence Students' Farewells (Junior School) – Wednesday 18 November
- Defence Family Christmas Music & Pizza Party – Friday 20 November

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. For students in 5/6, the Defence Hang out is Wednesday lunchtimes and students in Years 7 to 10 is Thursday and Friday lunchtimes.

CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen is 100% operational again and back to normal trading hours. The 2020 canteen menu can be found [here](#).

To place an online order with *FexliSchools*, please click [here](#).

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop is closed and will remain closed for the rest of the year due to COVID-19. We have however created a Facebook Buy, Swap and Sell page to assist the community with obtaining second-hand uniforms during this time.

SCHOOL BANKING



The School Banking program will remain on hold. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for when the School Banking program may resume.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills and are aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.