



Harrison School Newsletter 5 November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 4. Last week was a busy one filled with celebrations. We started the week with Diwali and I would like to belatedly wish all of our families in the community who celebrate the day a happy Diwali. Later in the week, the school P&C ran a Halloween disco for students in Preschool to Year 6. It was great seeing so many people enjoying the evening and the range of costumes was amazing. I would like to thank the members of the P&C who worked so hard to make the evening such a fun, successful and spooky one.

This week, we will be welcoming new students to Harrison for their orientation days. The 2020 Kindergarten orientation day was Monday, while on Thursday, we have new students from year 1 to year 10 spending some time getting to know Harrison School and its surrounds.

Students from Harrison attended the annual Dream Cricket Gala Day at Radford College today. This is a wonderful initiative where students from all over Canberra get the opportunity to develop their cricket skills, build friendships and spend a great day out playing cricket in a non-competitive environment. I would like to thank the staff involved for giving our students the opportunity to participate.

A reminder that the Book Fair is open and that it provides a great opportunity to purchase some quality literature while at the same time support our school. Recent research into reading to your children has found that the frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.

- Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life.
- Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.

Term 4 Week 4

Tuesday 5

- Harrison School Board Meeting – 5:30pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 6

- 2020 Preschool Information Sessions – 9:00am-11:30am – Hall
- Yr. 3-6 Assembly – 9:15am – Gym
- Preschool – Yr. 2 Assembly – 2:00pm – Hall

Thursday 7

- PTFCD – Canberra Museum and Gallery Excursion – 9:00am-12:30pm
- 2020 Yr. 1 – Yr. 10 Orientation Day (New students only) 9:00am – 11:00am
- 2020 Yr. 7 Orientation Day (New students only) – 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Session Group 1 (New students only) 1:45pm-3:00pm
- House Spirit Day – Yr. 7-Yr. 10

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 11

- Remembrance Day Service – 9:15am – Gym
- 2020 Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Session

Tuesday 12

- 2020 Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day
- Deadly Mob Excursion to Birrigai
- Kindergarten Fire Education Incursion – Hall – 11:20am
- PMTER - Canberra Museum and Gallery Excursion – 9:00am-12:30pm

Wednesday 13

- Whole School Assembly – Hall – 9:15am

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



- Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.

Positive Behaviours for Learning

Many parents and carers will have heard about a program called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and wondered what it involves. PBL is a framework that schools use to get everyone – students, staff, families and the school community - on the same page to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. As part of the Program, schools create clear expectations and rules using positive language, for example "walk" instead of "don't run". This is done for all areas across the school and everyone involved in the school community. Students and families are involved in this decision-making process. Schools are supported in implementing PBL by an external PBL Coach and Senior Psychologist from the Education Directorate. To find out more, visit the [Positive Behaviours for Learning section of the Education Directorate website](#).

Have a great week.

HARRISON SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT CHANGES

Harrison School is moving to a new report template this semester to contribute to greater consistency of reporting across all ACT Public schools. The new report format uses the Achievement Standards directly from the Australian Curriculum, as opposed to the school generated outcomes based on these.

We will be utilising the new report template and the new School Administration System to distribute all Semester 2 reports this term.

One of the major changes of this system is that all reports for this semester will be emailed home. It is therefore important that the school has a current email address.

For families who require a second report, these reports will be printed and sent home with students unless we receive an email with confirmation of an email address for these reports.

If you would like this copy emailed, please send an email to info@harrison.act.edu.au with "Copy of report

for [Student Name]" in the subject line from the account to send reports to.

We will be sending a test email to all parents in Week 5 to ensure we have on record your preferred email address. If you do not receive the email or you wish to change your preferred email address, please email info@harrison.act.edu.au

House Spirit Day

This Thursday, 7 November is House Spirit Day. Students in years 7-10 are encouraged to wear house colours. One point will be given for each student in house colours.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

ALL students arriving late to school **MUST** sign in at either the main front office or the Senior Office.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Harrison School Front Office hours are:

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

For all enquiries and calls

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HARRISON SCHOOL IN 2019

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.

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

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.

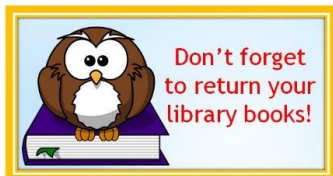
Years 7 – 10 students **MUST** be signed in and out by a parent or carer from the senior office.

HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Michael Burns has been appointed to the Harrison School Board as a parent representative effective from 30/10/19.

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books



Overdue notices will be sent out on Wednesday this week. Please remind your child to return their overdue books this week. Children can come to the library at any time to renew books if needed. Thank you for your support.

Lost Property.

A reminder to parents that we have a large amount of lost property in the library and we will be sending any unclaimed and unnamed items to the uniform shop and to St. Vinnies.

Please feel free to come and look through the collection if your child has lost any items. We would like to also remind parents to label clothing. This helps us return any items to students via their teacher's pigeon holes.



We are very excited to organise our second Scholastic Book Fair for 2019. The fair will run from Week 3, Tuesday 29 October until Friday 8 November, Week 4.

Come along and browse the wonderful selection of books available and by purchasing a book for your child to read and enjoy, you will also help support our school library.

Books are a wonderful idea for gifts and the Book Fair is also a great opportunity to purchase something for Christmas!

Thank you for your support Nola and Michelle ☺

BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS

Before school	8.30 – 9 am
First Lunch	1.10 – 1.30pm
After School	3.10 – 4.00pm



DEFENCE NEWS

Remembrance Day

In the lead up to our Remembrance Day service on Monday 11th November, we are selling poppies and poppy badges before school in the central courtyard for the remainder of this week.

Poppies are \$1 each and badges \$2. All proceeds go directly to the Gungahlin RSL.

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. Please remember if

your situation changes, (eg.MWDU/Deployments) could you please 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 Service – Monday 11 November – 9:15am – Gym
- Christmas Care Parcel Packaging – Wed 13 November
- Defence Students' Farewells – Tuesday 19 and Wed 20 November
- Defence Family Christmas Pizza Party – Friday 22 November

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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.

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

If you would like to be part of the School Banking program, you simply need to open a Youth saver Account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Our School Banking program has been very successful at Harrison School with both the students and school benefiting from the rewards.

Many of you already have enough tokens to redeem and are eligible to claim the rewards. If you would like to claim rewards just send your collected silver token with your bank deposit books and give it to your class teacher.

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

The last date for rewards ordering is 05/12/2019.

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, no experience is needed, and 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 several reward items from previous years that are still available for students.

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