



Harrison School Newsletter 2 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone back to school for the resumption of face to face teaching. It has been wonderful to see our students returning to a sense of normality and reconnecting with their peers and teachers. The past term has definitely been different in many ways and I would like to acknowledge the incredible resilience and flexibility shown by students and their families during this time.

An important part of the return to school for face to face teaching is around social distancing protocols for adults. We do ask that parents and carers only come on to the school site if it is absolutely necessary and while they are on site, to be responsible for maintaining appropriate distancing from other adults. We also ask that parents do not enter classroom buildings during this time. We have established some entry and exit points at school gates which are clearly sign posted, and we request that parents and carers follow the instructions. I would like to thank everyone for their continued cooperation in maintaining a safe school environment.

As you are probably aware, Reconciliation Day was on Monday this week in the ACT. National Reconciliation week for 2020 began last Wednesday and is due to finish this Wednesday the 3 of June. The theme for this year is, *In This Together* (#InThisTogether2020) and although we have not been able to mark the occasion with an assembly as we normally would have, we have some activities planned in the days and weeks ahead. Stay posted for further information on how we plan to properly mark this important occasion.

For those families in our community who have just finished Ramadan and celebrated Eid al-Fitr, I would like to wish you all a belated blessed Eid.

For those students who borrowed a device from the school during remote learning, we ask that these are now returned to the school. We request that students bring them to school and return them to classroom teachers who will then send them on to the library.

Term 2 Week 6

A reminder that all excursions and sporting events have been cancelled for Term 2.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING TERM 2

- Monday 8 June 2020 – Week 7

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**



Kind Regards,
Dan Breen

2021 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for ACT Public Schools opened on 28 April and by all accounts are tracking well, with numbers being similar to those experienced last year. If you have a child starting preschool next year, please remember to get your enrolment in. Online enrolments can be accessed [here](#).



The banner features a photograph of two young children in a kitchen setting, smiling and holding bowls. To the right of the photo is a blue box with white text. The text includes the ACT Government Education logo and two numbered steps: 1. Go to education.act.gov.au for information and to enrol online. 2. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Below the photo, the text reads '2021 school enrolments now open'.

GUNG AHLIN COLLEGE ENROLMENTS



Online enrolments for the 2021 school year are now open. Enrolment applications made between 28 April and 5 June will receive an offer from 27 July 2020.

Here is a brief [overview of Gungahlin College](#) and for more information or to enrol, visit the [website](#) or the [ACT Education Website](#).

SCHOOL PHOTOS



School Photos have arrived and will be distributed to students via the black bags by the end of this week, Week 6. If you have any questions or concerns about your order, please phone MSP directly on **6255 9208**.

MISSING RINGS

Two adult rings have been handed into the main Front Office, that were believed to be left in the Blue Building the night of ACE Awards in 2019. If you are missing two rings and believe they are yours, please phone the office on 6142 2200. Please note, you will be required to give a description of what the rings look like.

MESSAGE FROM OSHCLUB

Welcome back to all of our wonderful families!

The past couple of months have definitely been a challenging time for everyone. Some of you may not be aware that OSHClub was still operating with before and after school care as normal. With a big reduction in numbers, our amazing educators used this as a great opportunity to further develop their relationships with the children we had in our care. Even though it has been a difficult time, the situation has brought the OSHClub team and families even closer which has been heartwarming to see. We are so very excited to have lots of our children returning in the next week or two as well as some new faces.

Drop off and collection of children update:

Please be aware that we are preventing all parents/carers from entering our rooms. Our lovely educators are greeting parents/carers at the door and then signing in/out the children. A massive thank you to everyone for making this a seamless process.

Notification about absences:

It is still very important that we are notified if your child/ren will be absent. This can be done via call or text to 0418 223 198 or email harrison@oshclub.com.au. Alternatively, you can do this yourself through the iParent Portal.



The banner features the OSH Club logo on the left and a photograph of a smiling child on the right. The text in the center reads: 'JOIN US FOR SOME FUN BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL AND DURING THE HOLIDAYS! Exciting new adventures every day. Book online: oshclub.com.au'.

PARENTING IDEAS

Attached is a [parenting ideas short read](#), giving insight to a successful transition for students returning to face-to-face learning. We encourage you to read over this article and remember some key points: Go slowly, focus on reconnection, stay calm and look after yourself.

STUDENT RETURN

Ms Malik, a senior teacher in our high school area welcomed her Year 10 Homeroom students back to face-to-face learning last week with a traditional Indian welcoming called 'Aarti'. Aarti is performed in India to celebrate new beginnings and the music used

in [this video](#) means, “my blessings are with you and no evil power will touch you”. This was a beautiful celebration for her Year 10 Homeroom students and the celebration highlights the diverse culture we have here at Harrison School.

FRI-YAY FUN DAY

On Friday 22 May, Yr. 5/6 students participated in an online fun day, Fri-Yay Fun Day. They were encouraged to attend their morning Meet dressed in house colours to earn points for their house and participate in the first quiz of the day with questions like, “How many hole in ones has Mr Mac scored at golf?” The teachers were supporters, wearing their house colours too!!! Students then rotated around four activities: Minute to Win It – spoon flipping and pencil catching; Scavenger Hunt and present your findings in an photographic arrangement for extra points; Jump & Throw – make a paper plane and complete a vertical jump, add the distances for your point score and; Geoquests – students did a virtual tour of venues and had to answer questions. This included: National Museum, Machu Picchu, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Paris, Hiroshima, Thames River and Egypt.

Thanks to all the students and teachers for their enthusiasm, it was a great way to finish Week 4.



HARRISON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

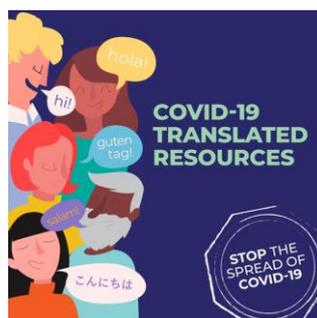
The Harrison School Board met via teleconference on 19 May 2020 and welcomed the new parent representative, Joshua Smith, as well as new student representatives, John Elphick and Talon Cass-Dunbar, and a new staff representative, Karen Longmuir. Mike Burns was elected Chair, and Jenny Byron as Deputy Chair, of the new Board.

Harrison School Principal, Jason Holmes, provided a report to members that focused on the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on school operations, and the current process to return children to their classrooms. Members also received reports from the staff and student representatives that reflected on the challenges of home-based learning, as well as what worked well during this time. The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) Vice President reported on the return of canteen operations and the success of the new on-line uniform shop and provided informal feedback from parents on home learning experiences.

The Board also discussed future preparedness in case of further impact, and next steps in reviewing school policies and procedures during 2020. The next Board meeting has been scheduled for August 11, 2020.

For any questions about the Harrison School Board please contact: info@harrison.act.edu.au

COVID-19 TRANSLATED RESOURCES



It's important for everyone to be able to understand the most up to date information and advice relating to COVID-19.

If you have a friend, family, neighbour or someone you know that doesn't speak English as their first language, let them know there are translated resources available on COVID-19 at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/translated>

If they require translating or interpreting services, they can call the national Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.

Change to Primary Schools Central Placement Panel date for small group programs (LSU, LSU-A, LSC) and specialist school placement

The 2020 school year has started unlike any other, and this has caused significant disruption to usual routines for students, families, and schools. As we welcome students back into our schools, planning is underway to minimise long term impacts of these unprecedented times on our students and their ongoing schooling. In line with this, the date for Primary Schools Central Placement Panel (where small group program placements for LSU, LSU-A, LSC and Specialist Schools are determined) has been changed, with applications now due in Week 6, Term 3 and letters of offer sent to parents in time for schools and parents to develop a transition plan together in Term 4.

The Secondary Central Placement Panel will proceed as anticipated with outcome letters for Year 6 student applications for high school placements in 2021, sent to parents early in Term 3.

If you would like to access more information regarding the Disability Education Central Placement Panel and process, please see the [Students with Disability](#) webpage on the Education Directorate website or speak to school staff. If you need further information, you can email your query to DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will be published as a [digital version](#) this term with all content available online.

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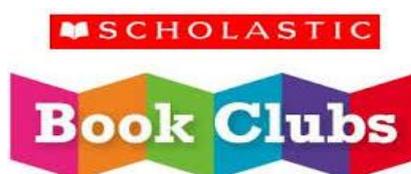
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AUTUMN EDITION 2020
School Holiday Activities Directory



LIBRARY NEWS



Scholastic Book Club

A reminder that Book Club Issue 4 orders are due back Friday 19 June. To access and purchase from the latest issue, please go to <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>.

Library Trust Fund

Our school has a Library fund that enables families to donate a small gift towards purchasing resources for the library.

Donations to the Library Fund can be made online via the link below.

[Payment](#)

Loan Devices

If your child is returning a loan device, please return them to the classroom teacher.

Please check that the devices are returned with the charger and any other attachments.



DEFENCE NEWS

This week, we are pleased to be able to welcome back to school most of our Defence Students! We don't have lunchtime groups up and running at this stage due to the restrictions and the library being closed. We will let you know loud and clear when they are back! Please keep an eye on your emails and if you aren't receiving emails, please drop us an email so that we can add you to our mailing list.

DCO Support for ADF Families:

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

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CANTEEN NEWS

The Junior and Senior Canteens will be fully operational as of **Tuesday 2 June 2020**. The P&C strongly suggest that wherever possible lunch orders are processed online through Flexischools <https://flexischools.com.au>.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is closed until further notice.

SCHOOL BANKING



Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

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.