

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have not had a newsletter this year and we have replaced it instead with our video of the student's 'Harrisdale Headlines' publication on our Facebook page, however at the moment we are still tweaking the frequency and quality of this production, so I thought it best to just send out an end of term newsletter to cap off the term and communicate some information to our community. This is not a newsletter by the usual standards but more of a communication newsletter around some school operational actions or issues.

Start of Term 4- School Development Day



Monday the 14th October, 2019 is a gazetted School Development Day so students will not commence the term until Tuesday, 15th October. The office will be closed on Monday 14th October also.

School Development Day- Kindy 2020 Orientation Morning

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in 2020, you would already have been contacted by our Early Childhood team regarding the arrangements for the Kindy Orientation morning on Monday, 14th October, 2019. We ask you to be at the school by 8.50 am and make your way to the Early Childhood area via the gate near the administration office. (All other gates on Fairhaven Ave will be closed). Class lists will be displayed and you will be assisted to find your child's class for the morning. Please understand, that this morning is a 'taster' and your child will not necessarily be placed with the same group of children and with the same teacher for 2020. **We request one adult per child and no siblings** please as there is simply not enough room. Teachers will open the doors and commence the orientation at 9.00am. The orientation will conclude at 10.30am.



Staff Changes

We would like to thank Mrs Rhiannon Mortimer for her hard work and commitment to the students in LA11, as she leaves at the end of the term on maternity leave. We all wish her the very best for the upcoming birth of her baby.

Taking over the reigns in LA11 will be one of our DOTT teachers, Miss Emily Kayser. Miss Kayser is a graduate teacher who has been working in the school all year, teaching in the junior years. She is very excited to have her first opportunity as a classroom teacher. She has been meeting with Mrs Mortimer and the students of LA11 to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs Leshae Davies and Mrs Kerry Tonkin will be taking over Miss Kayser's teaching role in the junior part of the school.

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Mrs Michelle Turner will join the Harrisdale teaching team for one day as Mrs McMillan reduces her hours in fourth term. Mrs Turner does quite a bit of relief in the school and is familiar with the routines and students in LA4.

Dogs on School Grounds



Please be reminded, that it is Education Department policy that dogs are not permitted on the school site (unless they are an approved reading or therapy dog, or an assistive dog for a person who is sight impaired).

Please do not bring your dogs onto the school grounds as you are dropping off or picking up your child/children from school. Thanks for your support with this.

School Uniform

A reminder as the new term approaches, to please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform. Please note that all uniform items must be logoed with the Harrisdale Logo and purchased through Uniform Concepts in Jandakot. <https://www.nellgray.com.au/Schools/Harrisdale-Primary-School>

Please do not buy generic navy blue, pants or skirts.

Shoes should be black, or predominantly black. Socks should be white.

Leggings and tracksuit pants are not part of the uniform. If culturally, legs must be covered, then there are long trousers and tights that can be worn.



End of School Day

We respectfully request that you leave the school site at the end of the school day by 3.00pm.

If you hear a siren at this time, it is a reminder to please leave the grounds. We will begin to start closing school access gates at this time.

We appreciate it's a good time for parents and children to catch up for a quick play but can this please be done at the oval or one of the local parks.

We are experiencing quite a bit of damage to playground equipment at the end of the day as students forget the rules that they play by during school hours.

Our cleaners also have a job to do which is proving difficult when there are so many people still on site.



Before the School Day

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Students should not be arriving at school before 8.00am. If students arrive between 8.00-8.10am, they are to sit on the benches outside the library or with a parent.

Students can begin playing on the equipment when a duty teacher (wearing a duty vest) is present.

Students should then prepare for the day at 8.20am as teachers begin opening the doors to their classrooms.

Traffic Flow and Parking

Firstly, we are extremely grateful to those parents and carers that demonstrate patience and abide by both the school recommendations around parking and traffic flow, and local and state laws. Thank you.

To clarify some misconceptions:

- There are NO right hand turns into the Kiss 'n' Drive. There is a loop of traffic that goes around the roundabout on Gracefield Blvd and Skeet Rd. If you try to turn right the traffic banks up behind you, stopping all traffic.
- There is no direct access from the side street. You need to turn left and go up to the roundabout on Skeet Rd and join the queue.
- Please **DO NOT PARK** on the road as this causes cars to have to wait to try and get around you and is a huge safety issue.
- Please do not drop your child off in any other area other than the Kiss 'n' Drive, especially roadside. We supervise the Kiss 'n' Drive for safety reasons and by dropping your child/children on the road, you are exposing them to a dangerous road crossing.
- The Early Childhood carpark is **not** a drop off and pick up area nor is Gracefield Boulevard carpark.
- If in the afternoon, your child is not there when you have reached the front of the queue, there is no parking up to the side. Just like at Perth airport, you must continue out of the carpark and turn left onto Fairhaven and go around the roundabout and back up to the other roundabout on Skeet Road and join the queue again. It does take more time, we know, but you can't make up your own rules.
- Drop only at the red drop-off zone as by stopping down by the Early Childhood gate stops the traffic coming into the Kiss 'n' Drive. It's okay for your children to walk 50 metres. It won't hurt them.



BETTER TO BE LATE THAN DEAD ON TIME!

If you follow these tips below, it may help you to become less frustrated and help the traffic to flow. I can assure you, we have no joy in being growled at by frustrated drivers on a constant basis and we have no joy equally in having to 'police' these issues because people continue to make their own rules to suit themselves. It is frustrating for all concerned but if we work together we can make the system work.

TIPS:

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In the morning:

- Approach from the Skeet Road end as the queue is shorter and lessens the wait time,
- Arrive between 8.00-8.10 as it is much quieter.
- Make sure your child/children have their school bags ready to go so they can jump straight out.
- Driver should remain in the car.

In the afternoon:

- Arrive after 2.50pm as it allows your child/children time to get to the Kiss 'n' Drive area.
- Display your laminated number on the visor or dashboard of your car. It makes it so much easier to call out a number than a make of car. If you don't have one, please ask your child to ask for one at the office.
- By 3.00pm the congestion is totally cleared so aim to arrive between 2.50-3.00pm.



What I continue to love about Harrisdale Primary is the great support and community spirit that exists in our school. Sadly, this is not evident during peak traffic and parking times at school. Please let's just band together as a community. Understand that the parking issue is one that we cannot control but we can control how we treat one another. Let's treat one another with respect and kindness. Be the role models our children/students would expect us to be.

Have a great holiday break. We hope to see you return safely to our school in Term 4.

Happy School Holidays!

Kind regards,

Karen Duncan

Principal

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