**From the Principal’s desk**

Thank you all for the kind wishes around my permanent appointment. I am very happy to know I get to continue as the Principal of Harristown State School. I have been very thankful to have a wonderful staff, leadership team and especially a Deputy to support me through the application process etc. It was very nice to hear one student say last week that I am the real Principal now!

**Cross Country**

Cross country was a great deal of fun last week and huge thanks to Mrs Williams and Mrs Little for their amazing organisation and work leading up to and on the day. It was great to see so many parents and family members come along to cheer on the students. I was also very impressed with amount of participation and effort from all students. Congratulations to the winners, runners up and especially those who have made it into the Harristown SS cross country team that will represent our school at the next level.

**Parent Teacher Interviews and Expo**

The parent teacher interviews were well attended last week and I’m sure parents enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with teachers and learn about their child/rens progress so far this term. The community expo was well received with many families attending and enjoying chatting with the presenters. A big thanks to the stall holders and we look forward to working with you all again in Term 3.

**Holidays**

I would like to wish all families the very best for the holidays and hope that you all get some much deserved rest and enjoy the break with family and friends. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all again next term starting back on **Monday 11th April**!

Jonathan Druce

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**P & C Association**

Meets  9.15am 3rd Tuesday each month

All parents welcome

**Harristown Heroes School Values**

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Learning
- Safety

**From the Deputy Principal**

**Week 9**

**Value - Safety**

**Expectation - Use equipment as intended**

**Behaviour Summary Term 1 2016**

There have been **306 positive behaviours recorded**, 97 major referrals this term and 318 minor behaviours referrals recorded.

93.23% of our students have not received a referral for minor or major behaviour. 18% of our students require some intervention and 2.55% require intensive support with their behaviour.
Attendance Summary Term 1 2016
Our attendance goal is 93% this term. This term our attendance rate is 91.6%. If we can have a wonderful end to the term, this may increase. So please send your students every day.

45% of our students have attended school for 95-100% this term.
24.5% of our students have attended for 90-95% this term.
14% of our students have attended for 85-90% this term.
16.4% of our students are attended less than 85% of this term.

Our attendance rate has improved from 87.7% in Term 1, 2015 to our 91.6% this year. What a wonderful improvement!!!

Bullying No Way Day
The National Day of Action was held on Friday the 18th of March. Our school chose to be a part of the growing movement to Take a Stand Together against bullying and violence. Classes made posters, played No Bully Bingo and listened to the school leaders as they performed skits on ways to deal with bullying. All students received a wrist band.

Family Appeal
Our thoughts are with the McGowan family who recently had some unfortunate family circumstances. Further information about a support fundraiser for the family will be out next term. Please keep them in your thoughts.

From Chappy Josh

Please join together with me as part of our school community in supporting one of our very own R.I. teachers in her amazing effort to raise money for the chaplaincy program here in our school. Every cent counts!

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Music Notes - Ms Muller

HUGE Congratulations to the School Choir on their first public performance for 2016. The students were well-received by those who came to listen at the Parent-Teacher and Community Expo afternoon. Now that we have had our first performance we are really going to be “on a roll” with our next performance hopefully being at the school’s Anzac Service. More exciting news on public performances to come next term!
A REMINDER for students and parents involved with the Instrumental Program, that as most instruments are now handed out there needs to be appropriate times and places set aside at home for daily practice. If there are any ways we can help with this please contact the school music teacher Ms M.

Parents and Citizens Association News

Tuckshop Roster

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- Tuckshop opening hours: 8.15am - 1.45pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- All orders must be in by 8.50am

Uniform Shop
Unclaimed lost property items have been donated to charity.
PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED WITH BOTH YOUR CHILD’S FIRST AND LAST NAMES.
Jackets, Jumpers and Trackpants are now in stock!!
We are open 8:30 - 9:30 EVERY SCHOOL MORNING
(other times arranged by appointment)

Mothers’ Day Stall
Preparations are well underway for this year's stall.
Donations of gifts, handicrafts, or craft items are very welcome.
Prices range from 20 cents to $10.00
More information next newsletter.

Next Meeting: 19th April, 2016 at 9:15am in the Student Support Centre

Have a happy, safe Easter Break!
(Wishing you lots of chocolate and NO tummy ache!)
Your P&C Representatives

Sports Update - Mrs Williams

Fun Run/Cross Country
Our Fun Run/Cross Country was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the day. All students that participated put in a fantastic effort and showed great Harristown Hero sportsmanship. The staff looked fantastic and the Year 6 girls took out the “best looking” in the Fun Run. It is wonderful to see all of our school community not only enjoy but support our sports day.
The following students need to be congratulated for their outstanding running on the day:

Born 2006: Callum B, Darnell B, Riccardo B, Tia Dyball, Sarah H, Kiarna Mc
Best Harristown Spirit Award: Vincent T
Fastest senior run: Isaiah B & Kiara T
Overall House Points: Goolagong House

Our school team will participate in the Toowoomba Central Zone Cross Country next term at Kearney Springs on the 28th April. We wish all the team the best of luck.

Next term we look forward to our athletics carnival.

Outstanding Sports Achievements

Congratulations to Sean LH for being selected in the Darling Downs Basketball and Orienteering Teams. He will travel away with the teams later on this year. We also acknowledge Kiara G and Kiarna Mc for making the Toowoomba Netball Rep Team. Both will girls will compete in games on the 18th April. We wish all our sports people the best for all their games.

Sporting Schools

This term saw over 70 students enjoy basketball coaching and games after school. Next term we will be offering soccer. Notes of expression of interest have gone home and your children will be notified if they have been successful in gaining a position in this program. We always have such a huge number of students who want to participate, but unfortunately we cannot pick every student to be part of this program.

**** PLEASE RETURN ALL OUTSTANDING FORMS AND MONEY FOR THE FUN RUN

Community Notices

SALE BY TENDER

The school is selling its old 2nd hand flat plate BBQ. If you are interested in it please submit your Expression of Interest along with the price you are willing to pay to the Office by Friday 15th April 2016. BBQ will be sold to the interested party that has put in the highest price. If you have any queries please phone the school office.

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Services

Twilight Talks

Wednesday 13 April 2016

Your child with fever:

when to call the doctor and how to manage

Presented by Paediatrician Dr Jeff Prebble.

- 6pm to 7pm
- Light supper provided
- Complimentary parking

Unara Conference Centre, Toowoomba Hospital, Pechey St

No bookings required - for more information call

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Toowoomba Holiday Clinic

MARCH 31, 9:00AM AT VALLEYS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

COME AND ENJOY & LEARNING OF RUGBY LEAGUE SKILLS & GAMES INCLUDING PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS RUN BY NRL STAFF

AGES: 5-12

COST: $45 INCLUDES HOLIDAY PACK

REGISTER NOW ONLINE AT:

PLAYNRL.COM

2016 School Term Dates:

- Term 2: 11 April - 24 June (11 weeks)
- Term 3: 11 July - 16 Sept (10 weeks)
- Term 4: 04 October - 09 Dec (10 weeks)
We would like to introduce our 2016 School Leaders

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Toowoomba Regional Mayor, Mr Paul Antonio and Councilman Mr Gouldson were most impressed of the way our leaders conducted themselves at their induction.
A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.