



# HARRISTOWN STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

"Towards Excellence Together"

06/17

## SCHOOL CONTACTS

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### P & C Association

Meets 9.15am 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month

All parents welcome

### Harristown Heroes School Values

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Learning
- Safety

## From the Principal's Desk

Firstly a warm welcome back to all students and families and especially the new families that have started with us this week! We have enrolled about ten students across all year levels and I'm sure they would have all received a Hero welcome from our staff, students and families. Seven of our students have moved on to new schools over the holidays and we wish them all the best in their new settings.

We had a fun and busy finish to the end of Term 1 with the Fun Run, Hero Day and 'tape the Principal to the wall'. Thank you to everyone who purchased tape for a \$1 a metre and in turn donated funds to assist the juniors in attending the 'We are going on a Bear Hunt' show at the Empire Theatre. We raised over \$140 and I was well and truly stuck to the wall and it took quite a bit of wiggling and squirming to get out of the tape! Thank you also to the P&C who have committed to financially supporting the juniors in this and other excursions this year.

Term 2 is always a busy term with many events happening from three public holidays, NAPLAN, Athletics Carnivals and Semester 1 reporting. In consultation with staff and the P&C, we have decided to modify our reporting policy to better suit our students and families. You will notice differences when you receive your child/ren's report card on Thursday of the last week of term. The major difference will be that comments will be condensed and easier to read. We are keeping with the department's reporting policy, while providing families with a streamlined report that uses common sense language and clearly explains how individual students can progress in English and Mathematics.

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April we will be holding an ANZAC Day service here in the new hall from 2pm. All families are welcome and please extend this invite to any other community members who would like to attend. The school captains and I will also be representing the school at the ANZAC Day Service held at the Mothers Memorial on ANZAC day at 8.30am.

### TERM 2 CALENDAR

The Term 2 Calendar is included in this newsletter and will be updated as future events and dates are confirmed.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

The 2017 school photos will be taken tomorrow Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April in the new hall. If you have not returned your order forms please do so ASAP. More order forms are available in the office. Can I please encourage all students to wear the correct uniform on the day, as it's a great chance to show pride in our uniform and school, and capture memories of 2017 in a photograph that will last for a very long time.

### **Registering your Email to receive the Newsletter every fortnight**

Don't forget that you can register with our school office to receive the School Newsletter by email - all you need is an email address. Drop by the school Admin Office counter and one of our admin staff will gladly provide you with a simple registration form.



# Term 2 Calendar



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	W/E
1 Apr	17 <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	18 P&C Meeting Teacher Meeting	19	20	21 Year 6 planning day	22 23
2 Apr	24 ANZAC Day service P&C Jellybean fundraiser	25 <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	26	27 Cluster Meeting	28 Zone Cross Country	29 30
3 May	1 <b>LABOUR DAY</b>	2 After school sport Tennis/ Basketball	3 Principals Business Meeting	4	5 Zones of Regulation PD	6 7
4 May	8 P&C Mother's Day Stall	9 NAPLAN P&C Mother's Day Stall After school sport Tennis /Basketball	10 NAPLAN P&C Mother's Day Stall	11 NAPLAN P&C Mother's Day Stall	12 P&C Mother's Day Stall	13 14
5 May	15	16 P&C Meeting Garden Committee Meeting 3.15pm After school sport Tennis/Basketball	17 NRL Development Day	18 Positive Schools PD	19 Positive Schools PD	20 21
6 May	22	23 After school sport Tennis/Basketball	24	25	26 Under 8s Day	27 28
7 May/Jun	29	30 After school sport Tennis/ Basketball	31	1 Cluster Meeting	2	3 4
8 Jun	5 P&C pie drive orders due	6 After school sport Tennis/Basketball	7	8 Year 2 planning day	9 Year 1 planning day	10 11
9 Jun	12	13 Year 4 planning day Garden Committee Meeting 3.15pm After school sport Tennis/Basketball	14 Athletics Field Events	15 Year 3 planning day	16 Year 6 planning day	17 18
10 Jun	19	20 P&C Meeting Year 5 planning day Athletics Sprint Carnival After school sport Tennis/Basketball	21 Prep planning day	22 Report Cards go home	23 Hero Day	24 25

## Term Overview and Date Claimers

April 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Photos
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Service 2pm
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Central Zone Cross Country @ Kearney Springs
May 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Day Stall
May 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting 9.15am SSC
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Under 8's Day 9 - 11am
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Athletic Field Carnival
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Athletic Sprint Carnival
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hero Day

### 2017 School Term Dates:

- Term 2: 18<sup>th</sup> April - 23<sup>rd</sup> June (10 weeks)
- Term 3: 10<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> Sep (10 weeks)
- Term 4: 4<sup>th</sup> October - 8<sup>th</sup> Dec (10 weeks)



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are taking place tomorrow.  
Full school uniform required.

## From the Deputy Principal



Please see below the WEEKLY BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS for Term 2:

- Week 1 Review classroom expectations
- Week 2 *Responsibility* - Take Care of Property
- Week 3 *Respect*- Wait and Take Turns
- Week 4 *Responsibility*- Follow Adult Instructions
- Week 5 Review week
- Week 6 *Safety*- Hats on Outside
- Week 7 *Learning*- Have a Go
- Week 8 *Responsibility* - Wear your Uniform Correctly
- Week 9 *Safety*- Stay in the School Grounds
- Week 10 *Learning* - Stop, Look and Listen

### Attendance

Our attendance goal is 93% this term. The next few weeks are shorter weeks with ANZAC Day and Labour Day holidays. Please send your children to school after the holidays. It is really important that all students attend every day!

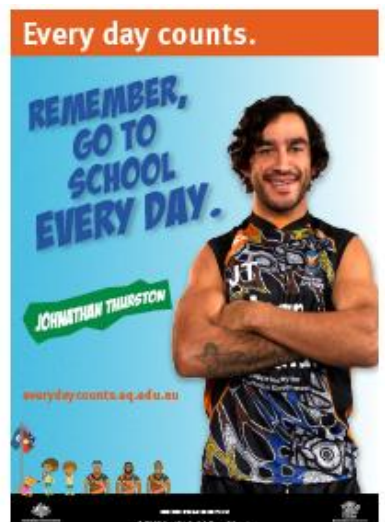


### Easter Hat Parade-

Thank you to the parents and friends who came to watch our Easter Hat parade. It was a wonderful afternoon and it was very kind of the EASTER BUNNY to come for the afternoon.

### Under 8's Day- SAVE THE DATE!

Our Under 8's Day will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May from 9-11am. Stay tuned for further information in coming newsletters. It will be a wonderful morning for our younger students and families.





## Parents and Citizens Association News

### P & C MEETING

Our next P & C meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am in the SSC

### SAVE THE DATES

Look out for more information on these fabulous fundraisers:

- Jelly Bean Guessing - competition starting 24<sup>th</sup> April for all term
- Mothers' Day Stall 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May
- Pie Drive commencing 15<sup>th</sup> May (orders due 5<sup>th</sup> June)

### TUCKSHOP

Please submit your orders prior to 8:50 am each day for 1st and 2nd break. Snacks, drinks and ice blocks may be purchased over the counter during Play Breaks.

### Tuckshop Roster

- Tuckshop opening hours: 8.15am - 1.45pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- All orders **must** be in by 8.50am.
- Sorry **no late orders** are accepted and **no phone orders**.

Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May
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**Parents:** We are in the need of clean plastic shopping bags for the Uniform Shop.

## Sports News - Mrs Williams

### ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Next Friday we have 20 students participating as a school team in our Zone Cross Country. We wish them all the best of luck. Those students need to return their permission form please and parents please be aware that you are required to transport them to and from the carnival. All students needs to be there by 12.15pm and picked up by 2.50pm please. Contact Mrs Williams if you have any questions.

### NRL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

On the 17th May, selected boys and girls will get the opportunity to participate in a day of rugby league skills and games. This is an annual event which we have enjoyed in the past. Notes have gone home today for this carnival.

### SPORTING SCHOOLS

This term we are offering Tennis for Yrs 3 & 4, Basketball for Yrs 5 & 6. Expression of interest notes have gone home for both sports, as we have many students interested, but limited spots. These are due back next Wednesday. If you child has been accepted into the sessions they will receive a note home with all the detailed information for each event.

### COLOUR FUN RUN

I am thrilled to announce that our School Colour Fun Run was a huge success! With your assistance we were able to raise \$3700 which will be used to purchase new equipment for students to use throughout the coming year.

On behalf of Harristown I would like to thank the school community for your valuable time and effort given to ensure the success of this year's School Colour Fun Run. It was wonderful to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school, and of course the smiles on the students' faces!



### CARNIVAL DAYS

Our annual athletics field day will be held on the 14th June and the annual sprint carnival will be held on the 20th June. The Field Day is at our school and is opened to any 9 - 12year old students. Our sprint carnival is a whole school event held at Concordia on their bottom oval. Training days will be held for various events during this term and will be announced at school. Students are welcome to come and participate in these.

### CLASS LESSONS

This term we will be focusing on athletics and the different disciplines that are involved. This means more time on the oval in the sun. Please make sure your child has a hat for school.

## EAL/D News - Mrs Willis

The EAL/D Homework Club begins again on Wednesday, 26th April at 3:15 p.m. It will continue every Wednesday afternoon throughout the term.

All EAL/D students are welcome.

The EAL/D Choir will commence next Wednesday as well and students who have parental permission will be travelling to Darling Heights State School for the first session after Homework Club. We look forward to doing our combined schools choir presentation later in the term.



## Cirriculum News - Mrs Schmidt

At Harristown, our approach to NAPLAN preparation is simple. Each teacher from Prep to Year 6 is committed to preparing their students for success by carefully planning and delivering the curriculum for that year level, differentiation to meet the range of learning needs in their class and closely monitoring achievement. Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students (and their teachers) for their terrific preparation in the lead-up to these tests.

Some NAPLAN tips for parents of students in Years 3 and 5:

- \* keep things at home relaxed (NAPLAN is just another test that students do at school)
- \* try to make sure your child gets a good sleep the night before
- \* make sure your child eats a good breakfast
- \* if your child needs to wear glasses, make sure they have them packed and that they are cleaned
- \* celebrate your child's best efforts on the day
- \* most importantly, make sure your child is in their classroom at the first bell (8:45).

If you have any concerns regarding your child's participation in NAPLAN, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Tania Schmidt  
*Head of Curriculum*

## School Leaders 2017 - Sports Equipment Leaders

### ALL ABOUT MITCH & CONNOR

Mitch and Connor are our *Sports Equipment Leaders* for 2017.

Mitchell likes to play tennis in his spare time and he also enjoys reading and Visual Art. Outside of school he is actively involved in Scouts and is a Patrol Leader. Mitch likes to organize and help out. He has been at Harristown for 7 years. Mitch has 4 people in his family and a dog called "Rosie". His favourite part of being a leader is that he gets to meet lots of students and help out by making sure the sports equipment is being looked after and returned.



Connor enjoys all sports especially football. He lives with his dad and enjoys playing games with him on the PS4 as well as being outside on his scooter. Connor has been at Harristown since Prep. As a leader he likes encouraging other students to play sports and always do their best. His favourite footy team is the Broncos. In his role as Sports Equipment Leader Connor likes to make students aware of their need to look after our school's sporting gear.



## **Harristown Little Heroes Playgroup**

***Come and join us every Wednesday from 9.00 – 10.00 a.m. in the Student Support room.***

***For enquiries please call the office on 46875333, or just come along.***

***Some activities for the children include craft, train and car sets, playdough, books and puzzles, music, dolls and dress ups and much more – no cost and everyone is welcome.***

***See you there!***



# APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

join us in  
CELEBRATION



### **Toowoomba Autism Noticeboard**

Toowoomba Autism Noticeboard is a place where information and ideas are posted relating to Autism and local Autism support services in Toowoomba. Any information about workshops, support groups and products can be viewed and shared here. We also have local therapists and medical specialists who participate in the group regularly. This is a way for us all to be 'in the know' about the great things on offer in Toowoomba for families and individuals affected by Autism. It's also an opportunity to share and connect with others on a similar journey.

Find us on Facebook – Toowoomba Autism Noticeboard. Everyone is welcome.

For further information see: **Sharyn Rummell** - Head of Special Educational Services



# Futsal



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THURSDAY  
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COMING SOON  
TO  
HARRISTOWN  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CONTACT  
LEE MILLIS

**COME AND TRY  
FRIENDLIES  
THURSDAY  
4<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



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