



HARRISTOWN STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Towards Excellence Together"

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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 Principal's Desk

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S VISIT

Last week the ARD Debbie Hails visited and brought along the Regional Director Leanne Wright, for a look at our great school. Leanne was very impressed with the successes we are having here and thanked the staff and school community for the great work we do around supporting our students and families as well as ensuring all students experience success.

WEEK 3

The first three weeks of school have flown by and we have welcomed a number of new students to our great school. It's been a great start back for all classes and so exciting to see students turning up to school every day and especially wearing their uniforms. As the colder weather kicks in, can I please encourage families to purchase school jumpers or jackets where possible and name them clearly.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

A big thank you to Kerry Baron and her helpers for once again organising a respectful ANZAC Day service last Monday. I was also very proud to stand alongside the school captains on Tuesday as they laid a wreath on behalf of our school at the Citizens Wreath Laying Ceremony.



BLUE DAY

Thank you to all the students who on very short notice, wore blue on Friday to show our support for Dalby State School, who unfortunately had a large fire destroy a number of classrooms last Tuesday. We raised around \$400 that will go directly to the school!



NAPLAN

The Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN tests will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The appropriate classes have been preparing for the tests and teachers are reassuring students that there is no need to stress and that they only need to do their best. If you have a child/ren in Years 3 or 5 please ensure they attend school on the test days as they will be required to make up the test when they return to school. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests please call the office for more information.

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 Overview and Date Claimers

May 8 th - 12 th	Mothers Day Stall
May 9 th -11 th	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
May 16 th	P & C Meeting 9.15am SSC
May 17 th	NRL Development Cup Gala Day
May 26 th	Under 8's Day 9 - 11am
June 14 th	Athletic Field Carnival
June 20 th	Athletic Sprint Carnival
June 23 rd	Hero Day

2017 School Term Dates:

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



From the Deputy Principal



PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This week all classes will be learning about RESPECT - Wait and Take Turns in their PBL lesson. This is an important social skill for everyone to learn. Sometimes you just have to be patient. Students will practice this in the classroom and the playground.



We are introducing some new and exciting PBL strategies in the coming weeks. Students will begin to see a VIP area on Parade each week. We

will continue to have our DOUBLE stamp days and are also looking at introducing CAPE DAYS. Stay tuned for the excitement. For the term so far we have had 75 positive behaviour referrals.

Every day counts.



Attendance

Our attendance goal is 93% this term. Attendance is currently sitting at 91.9%. It is getting cooler. Students need to rug up and continue to come to school each day. We will be making phone calls this week for any students who have not returned or have been absent for the past few weeks. Please contact Stephen Robinson or myself if you require any support around attendance.

Bus Duty

Staff are now walking the students who catch the bus over to the bus stop and waiting with them for the allocated 45mins after school. Staff will leave the area at 3:45pm. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Under 8's Day- SAVE THE DATE!

Our Under 8's Day will be held on the 26th 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 16th May at 9.15am in the SSC

SAVE THE DATES

Look out for more information on these fabulous fundraisers:

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

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day Stall will be operating from Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May.

Opening hours:

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th 9am to 2pm

Friday 12th 9am - 11am

** Students will attend as per class roster. Teachers will advise times.

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 10 th May	Thurs 11 th May	Fri 12 th April	Wed 17 th May	Thurs 18 th May	Fri 19 th May
Meryl Ballinger Jenny Siedel Gail Collie	Jenny Siedel Gail Collie	Sarah Patterson Jenny Siedel Gail Collie Meryl Ballinger Belinda Nicholson	Meryl Ballinger Jenny Siedel Gail Collie	Jenny Siedel Gail Collie	Sarah Patterson Meryl Ballinger Jenny Siedel Gail Collie Belinda Nicholson

Parents: We are in the need of clean plastic shopping bags for the Uniform Shop.

Sports News - Mrs Williams

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday 19 students ran at Kearney Springs at the Central Zone Cross Country. It was a grueling course scattered with hills, but our students showed true Harristown Spirit and never gave up. Every student gave their best, with many bettering their places from last year. Darnell finished a credible eighth in his 11 year old boy's race and is first reserve for the Zone team. Congratulations Darnell. For our 10 year olds, Kale, Barach, Jordan, Anakin, Clayton, Magenta, Caitlyn and Ayla, this was their first introduction to representative cross country and they did us proud. The rest of the team Candice, Mercedes, Kiara, Lilly, Anton, Callum, Jayhel, Luke, Jacob and Sean cheered each team member on with enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to take this team away and witness their sportsmanship in representing their school.

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 for this carnival, please return them to school. Your child will be notified if selected to play in a team.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

We had a very successful start to Sporting Schools on Tuesday afternoon, with many children attending tennis and basketball skills lessons. This will continue every Tuesday for the rest of the term.

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 open to any 9 - 12 year 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.



HARRISTOWN



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Curriculum News - Mrs Schmidt

Reading - a muscle which needs daily exercise!

Reading is an important literacy skill which everyone requires to interact in society. To help your child build the necessary skills they need to be a successful and lifelong learner you can ...

* Read together every day.

* Say how much you enjoy reading. Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her.

* Discuss what you read. An important skill in reading is comprehension (understanding the text). You can also discuss the television shows and movies that you watch together to help support your child's comprehension. Discuss how the character feels and why he/she feels that way.

* Be your child's Number 1 Fan! Ask your child to read aloud and be an enthusiastic listener. Praise your child for their fantastic effort.

* Re-read your child's favourite books and stories.

* Most importantly, HAVE FUN. Reading is fun and we want the children to LOVE reading! If your child is getting upset or frustrated, put the book away and come back to it later.

Literary Competition - Year 5 and 6 only

Are you interested in writing poetry or a short story? The English Teachers Association of Queensland holds a Literary Competition each year. This competition gives students in Years 5 and 6 an opportunity to practise their skills and be recognised and rewarded for their talents. Students in Years 5 or 6 can write a poem or short story (400-800 word limit). The closing date for entries is Friday, 21 July 2017. If your child is interested, please see Mrs Schmidt.

NAPLAN - May 9th, 10th and 11th

A reminder that next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. We look forward to seeing each of our students achieve their personal best. Some NAPLAN tips for parents of 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
- * most importantly, make sure your child arrives at school on time.

Tania Schmidt
Head of Curriculum

School Leaders 2017 - Admin Support Leaders

Tayla & Kiara are our *Admin Support Leaders* for 2017.

The Admin Support Leaders' job is to assist the Principal and Deputy Principal with school events. They welcome guests to the school, check in with the Principal and Deputy Principal regularly, as well as assist Office ladies getting necessary forms out to classes.

ALL ABOUT TAYLA & KIARA



Tayla loves helping out in her new role as a school leader. She is responsible along with Kiara to put the school flags up and down each day. In her spare time Tayla likes to ride bikes around the park, hang with her dog called "Pebbles" and play netball. She is part of a family of 8 and has been at Harristown for 7 years.

Kiara is very busy outside of school with her netball commitments. She plays twice a week as well as her representative responsibilities. Kiara has 5 people in her family as well as 3 dogs and 3 cats. She enjoys reading books about netball so she can be a better player. The part of her role she enjoys the most is the putting up and taking down of the school flags each day with Tayla.



ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Our school commemorated ANZAC Day on Monday the 24th of April this year and we were very fortunate to have a number of special guests. This included RNA Mr Bernie Martin from the RSL, Base Warrant Officer Michael Wardill from the Oakey Army who spoke about Battle for Milne Bay and its connection to Toowoomba, and a past student, Airforce Cadet Erin Emes. Mr David Janetzki, our local representative for South Toowoomba was also present.

Our school leaders spoke with dignity and did our school proud on how well they conducted themselves throughout the ceremony.



ANZAC DAY By Brianna & Hannah

On ANZAC day the School and Vice Captains attended a very emotional commemoration for the Anzacs who sacrificed their lives for us. Each school and group laid a wreath at the Mothers Memorial. We paid our respects and listened to those who explained what happened in the 1st World War. On this day we remember those Anzacs who made our country what is today, on the 25th of April 1915 where it all started at Gallipoli.

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!

