I hope everybody enjoyed their last long weekend for the term and it may be a bit of a shock next week when we go back to a 5 day week! Next week is Week 5 which means most classes will be assessing the English, Mathematics and Science units of work. I visited each class this week and reminded students that now is the time they can change their Effort grade on the Semester 1 report card. As a parent, I look to see the effort my child has put into each learning area more so than the academic achievement. Students are reminded of our School Value – Learning - and asked to give 100% to all lessons and activities in the school. They might not be the best writer, brightest mathematician, quickest runner or sweetest singer in the class, but if they give 100% and do their very best always striving towards excellence, then they are a winner!

**NAPLAN**

Next week the Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests where all students in these year levels across the country complete three days of testing covering Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Mathematics. I remind students and parents that this is a point in time test that provides the school and parents with a snapshot of how individual students and classes are travelling academically compared with other schools across the state and country. As a school we use a variety of different data to analyse students’ progress and areas of need and NAPLAN is only one of these data sets. Please do not put any extra pressure on the students leading up to the tests and I will be reminding students to read questions carefully and do their best.

**Cross Country**

A big thanks to Mrs Williams and Mrs Little who took the Cross Country Team to Kearney Springs last week! Congratulations to the team who represented our school with pride!!

Jonathan Druce
Term Overview and Date Claimers

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From the Deputy Principal

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This week our Harristown Hero value is **Responsibility**

The Harristown Hero expectation is to **Follow Adult Direction**

Attendance

HSS’s attendance last week was 90.29%. Our goal for the term is 93%. Attendance at HSS has **decreased** over the last 2 weeks. Teachers have been discussing the importance of attending every day. It is vitally important. The students watched a new clip from Jonathan Thurston encouraging students to come to school every day. The clip shows a boy called Jimmy. Jimmy’s favourite football player needs to show up for every game or he will sit on the sideline. This is just like school. Students need to come every day so they learn and are not sitting on the ‘sideline’ in their education. As parents, it is your job to send them to school. Please see the link below for a cool clip for all to watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=libK7b-IDgA&feature=youtu.be

If you have concerns about your child attending school, please contact the office and we will happily meet with you.

Mother’s Day Pamper/ Craft Session

This session was held today from 2-3pm. Mother’s/ carers were invited into the classrooms to enjoy time with their children. Classes in lower primary were painting nails, giving hand massages to their carer and completing craft activities. What a wonderful way to spend a Friday!

Playgroup

Playgroup is coming to Harristown SS!!! Playgroup is play-based learning for children aged 0-five years. It is also where many children begin their lifelong learning journey. Playgroup provides a rich learning environment where developmental opportunities are abundant and foundations are built for:

- literacy and numeracy
- socialisation
- emotional behaviour
- physical development.

Further information will be coming out in the next newsletter.

Under 8’s Day

Under 8’s day is fast approaching and we have lots of wonderful activities planned. We are in need of boxes for a construction activity. Please bring in any boxes that you might have spare.

Music Notes - Ms Muller

It was a wonderful opportunity for the Choir to be asked to sing at the school’s Anzac Day Service. Although it was a sad song the students did a great job of conveying the message to the assembled students and teachers. They are now extremely busy preparing for the SING OUT Festival to be held in June. This will be the first time that Harristown has had a Choir perform at this amazing local event so the Choir members are feeling both excited and anxious about this opportunity.

The instrumental students are settling into their lessons and practice routines for this term and hopefully a school ensemble will be formed in Term 3.

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)
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

Mothers’ Day Stall
Thank you to everyone who supported the Mothers’ Day Stall. We had some very excited customers who carefully chose their special gift for their mums/ grandmas! We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mums a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday.

Sports Update - Mrs Williams

Cross Country
WOW! What a great afternoon our squad had at the Cross Country Carnival. All our runners improved greatly on their placings from last year, so many new personal bests were made on the day. An enormous congratulations to all our runners, you should be very proud with how you ran on the day. In each age group there are always approx 50 runners, so our placings were impressive for our 16 students squad.
These students were placed amongst the first 12 runners home:

Sean LH - 9th, Kate S - 9th, Sarah H - 12th, Kiara T - 11th and Isaiah B - 3rd who has now been selected to compete in the Darling Downs Trials. Good Luck Isaiah!

Sporting School - After School.
SOCCER: On Thursday, Mr Magic is running soccer clinics, these are running well and the students are learning new skills and how to play in match games.

Athletics: Starting TUESDAY afternoon, athletics for Year 3 to 6 will be offered after school. This will run from 3.15 to 4pm on the top oval. Discus, shot put, high and long jump will be offered over the next four weeks, May 10th - May 31st each Tuesday afternoon. Your child can walk home or be picked up from the top oval at 4pm. Please encourage your child to attend as the more practice they can get the more confident an athlete they will become.

Some of our very own Harristown Sporting Heroes
Homework Club

I am happy to announce that starting Term Two, I will be running Triple H Club (Harristown Hero’s Homework). If you would like to complete your homework at school then Ms. Robarts room will be open from 3.00pm – 3.30pm every Wednesday, (the green room under the office). Parents will need to collect children from outside classroom. Hope to see you there!

Ms Robarts