HARRISTOWN STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th May 2016 “Towards Excellence Together” 08/16

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  Meets 9.15am 3rd Tuesday each month
  All parents welcome

Harristown Heroes School Values

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Learning
- Safety

From the Principal’s desk

Family Week
It was great to see so many families at school on Monday in classes and on Parade to see our students dressed in traditional dress. I was proud to see the large number of cultures represented which was reflective of the 20 plus national flags that were coloured in as part of harmony day earlier in the year. This week has been a great opportunity to share learning experiences with our families, as well as encouraging students to engage with their families and have fun at home! The Disco should be a great success and this is a last minute reminder that there will be a free sausage sizzle for parents outside the hall during the junior disco.

NAPLAN
Well done to our Year 3 and 5 Teachers and Students who handled the tests well. We look forward to receiving the results and seeing how our students went.

Staff Carpark
A reminder for parents that the staff carpark is strictly for staff parking only. We understand that there is limited parking outside of the school grounds however parents parking inside the school is causing a number of safety issues with students walking in front of vehicles.

Mayor Morning Tea
A couple of weeks ago I had the privilege of taking the school leaders to the Mayors Morning Tea at the Empire theatre. I was very proud of the way the girls handled themselves representing our great school with pride.

Behaviours
Half way through the term is always a good chance to remind students and families about behaviours. The majority of our students follow the school expectations and are rewarded through the school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning program. The school expectations are very clear and constantly covered by teachers of all classes; therefore there is no excuse for students choosing to display unacceptable behaviours. These behaviours can disrupt the learning of others and often make the playground or classroom unsafe. Students who display these behaviours and are unable to follow the schools expectations will have appropriate consequences including SSC referral or suspensions. I appreciate parents support in working with students and their behaviours as a collaborative approach is the most successful.
Term Overview and Date Claimers

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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)

From the Deputy Principal

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This week our Harristown Hero value is Safety

The Harristown Hero expectation is “Hats on outside”

Attendance

Our goal is 93%. Currently HSS is sitting at 91.5%  Our goal for the remainder of the term is to reach 93% or higher.

Sending your children to school gives them the best opportunity to learn and grow!

Mother’s Day Pamper/ Craft Session

Thank you to the wonderful parents, carers and family members who came to celebrate Mother’s Day with our Lower Primary. It was a wonderful afternoon with nails being painted, craft being made and cooking sessions. Thank you to all who joined in and the Lower Primary staff for making it such a successful afternoon. Enjoy the photos.

Playgroup

Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office by Friday.

Under 8’s Day- Princesses and Pirates 2016

When: Thursday May 26, 2016

Where: Harristown SS Oval - under the big tree (weather permitting- if it rains, students and parents will be in the hall for an hour at a time.)

Who: Students and parents from Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 (students who are 8 and under)

What: Join us for a morning of creativity, fun and learning. Parents are asked to join their child/children at Under 8’s morning and walk around with them to each activity. Then join us for a picnic morning tea where the students will be given fruit, vegetables and a special Under 8’s cupcake provided by our school P and C.

What to Bring: Please bring your morning tea, picnic rug and hats.

Please return the RSVP from your invitation to your child’s class teacher ASAP (these have been handed out in classes).
**Buddy Reading**

*HSS Buddy Reading* has been introduced to the whole school. It is a delightful part of our Fridays and all students have been engaged in the sessions. It is wonderful to walk around and see students reading and sitting with their buddies for the session. There have been many smiles, laughs and books being read. Enjoy the photos below and talk to your child about their time with their buddies each week.

![Images of students reading with buddies]

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**Parents and Citizens Association News**

**Tuckshop Roster**

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- Help is needed on Thursday. Please phone the school on 46875333 or Tuckshop on 46875309 or Beryl on 46354083
- Tuckshop opening hours: 8.15am - 1.45pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- All orders **must** be in by 8.50am

**Sports Update - Mrs Williams**

**Sporting Schools**

After school training is happening each Tuesday afternoon on the top oval from 3 - 4pm. We are concentrating on high jump, shot put and discus. This is for students aged between 9 - 12yrs.

**AWD Cross Country**

Last week Braiden G, Blake T, Luke M, Thomas Mc, Jesse Mc and Talarah B participated in orienteering events and the 2km Cross Country. Congratulations to Talarah and Luke who came 3rd in their races and to Jesse who came in 1st in her age group. All our students represented our school with great sportsmanship and super Harristown Hero spirit.

![Images of students participating in sporting activities]
Visiting Coaches
We are very lucky again to be visited by the NRL coaching team. They always teach our students new skills and we enjoy having them in our school. For the first time we have had the opportunity to have a sprint coach working with our senior students. He taught them some warm up skills and showed them some hints on how to run quicker. This will benefit all our athletes this year in the lead up to carnivals.

NRL Development Day
On Wednesday the 25th of May our students have been invited to participate in the NRL Football Development Cup. This gives our teams, both boys and girls, the chance to play against other schools, as well as gain knowledge and tips from experts on the game.
Along with the Australian students, Harristown State School now has thirty-nine students from thirteen other countries. Many of these students participate in English classes with an EAL/D teacher, Mrs Madonna Wills, who is also assisted by a Teacher Aide, Mrs Tanya Cawkwell.

On Monday a Multicultural Day was celebrated at our school and many of these international students proudly wore their National Dress. The array of colours from these clothes provided a great spectacle when they participated in a school Assembly in the Hall.

The students at Harristown are lucky to be able to have friends from so many countries throughout the world.
Fire Engine Visit - Year 1

The Year 1 classes recently enjoyed a visit from our local Fire Unit.

The children got to see firsthand, the equipment each truck carries and then they all had a chance to spray the hose around!
Don’t forget the School Disco tonight!
  Juniors: 5 - 6pm
  Seniors: 6:10 - 7:10pm
  $3 entry fee.
All proceeds go to supporting Chappy Josh

Come dressed in something that starts with the letter “C”

# Parent BBQ supplied by the P &C for junior disco

Ahoy me hearties listen in...

Under 8's Day - Thursday 26th May

- From 9am outside the old hall
- Join your little pirate or princess for a picnic at 11am after a fun filled morning
- Bring your own picnic goodies and enjoy the day
- Come dressed as a pirate or princess
Harristown State High School will hold their annual Open Afternoon on Tuesday 24th May. The program begins at 3:30pm and finishes at 6pm.

School leaders will make some comments before student ambassadors conduct tours around the site to see working displays. Come and check out what’s on offer at this very diverse and opportunity-rich school.

Enrolments for Year 7 for 2017 are now open!
How to be at your parenting best
by Michael Grose - Australia’s No 1 parenting educator

As parents we know how we want to respond and communicate with our kids when we’re calm but when we are under intense pressure not only can’t we find the words we need but we lose our cool as well! Here are 5 tips to be at your parenting best. Click on the link below to find out these tips

http://parentingideasschools.com.au/getattachment/3cc282fc-a305-4dd5-b2c7-775bece55c78

Please cut the following slip and return to school:

Playgroup-Do you have children 0 to 5 years of Age?

I__________________________, would be interested in my child and I attending the Harristown SS Playgroup in Semester 2, 2016. My preferred days are (please circle) Monday, Wednesday, Friday ____________________________

Child/ Children’s names