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This week our Harristown Hero value is Respect and the behaviour expectation is ‘KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF.’ On Parade the year 2 students demonstrated through role play and performed a skit for all of the school to see. Staff have been reinforcing the desired behaviour by giving out double HERO cards to students.

Attendance
Our attendance this term is currently sitting at 91.2%. Our goal is 93% by the end of this term. Please ensure your children are coming to school every day. We will be following up with students who have less than 80% attendance with phone calls and letters. Please ensure you contact the school if your child requires support to come to school every day. Establishing routines at home will assist with a happy and stress free morning for you and your child. So now it is getting lighter in the mornings, set that alarm clock and help your child to be up and ready for school.

Harristown SS Playgroup
Our group has had a wonderfully successful start and we have continued to increase in numbers. Thank you to the parents for your support with our new group. Mrs Kerridge is doing a fabulous job each week. Please remember that it will be every Wednesday from 9-10am for children who are 0-5 years of age.
SILVER COIN CHALLENGE
Which class will win the prize for collecting the most 5-cent coins?

Tuckshop Roster

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- **Parents:** We have Yoplait yoghurt tubs now available for $1 each in vanilla, banana and strawberry
- Help is needed on Thursdays. 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

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE McCarthy FAMILY FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF GOODS FOR THE FATHER’S DAY STALL**

Sports Update - Mrs Williams

Sean recently competed as part of the Darling Downs team at the State titles for orienteering held at Kingaroy.

Sean placed first for his age group (11yrs) in a 2.6km event and received a medallion. He then went on to compete in State club titles last weekend where he again placed 3rd and received a bronze medallion.

Sean’s interest and skill in orienteering came whilst participating in Sporting Schools orienteering held after school here at Harristown in Term 3 last year over 6 weeks. With his natural ability in reading maps, coupled with his speed and agility, Sean will certainly go places as he pursues this sport. Well done Sean on your achievements!
Interschool Sports Report by Vincent T

On Friday the 29th July the footy boys played East Toowoomba at Clive Berghofer stadium. The juniors lost the game and the seniors won the game. The netball girls went very well also. Man of the match is Callum for the juniors and Darnell for the seniors. Well done boys.

School Athletics Team

Next Wednesday a group of 37 Harristown athletes will compete in various events at O’Quinn Oval at the Central Zone Athletics Carnival. We wish them all the best of luck for their events. Please be reminded that it is parents’/carers’ responsibility to transport their children to and from the event. Students need to arrive by 8am.

Library News - Mrs Watters

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LIBRARY UP-DATE

Some of our fantastic students from Years five and six have done a book report on some the books from Book Fair which will be available for viewing/purchasing in the Library from the 15th to the 23rd August.

Try to find time to browse before and after school.

Remember all the proceeds from sales come back to the library.

The students will be making their wish lists again to take home.

I will also be sending home a brochure with every student with some of the books available pictured, also at the back of the brochure there is a Book Fair Wish List Payment form for you to pay Online, you will just need to return it to the library with your receipt number.

BOOK WEEK COLOURING-IN COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the three lucky winners who will receive a $20 gift voucher to spend at Book Fair:

Amilianna Tudorof - 6SR

Lilly Foulds - 3JM

Aurora Di Patria - PCG

WELL DONE!!

Don’t forget Book Fair is running in the Library from the 15th Aug. through to the 23rd Aug. Students should have their wish lists filled out, the Library will be opened for business from 8:30am - 9:00am & from 3:00pm - 3:30pm: hope to see you here.
Review on ‘The Bad Guys’  

By Brianna Riley

I enjoyed the book very much. My favourite part would have to be the start, I have read the book twice and I still enjoy it. Even though it’s a comic it is still enjoyable. I would recommend this book to everyone because it’s a funny book. Before I got to the end of the book I was so excited to read what was going to be Doctor Marmalade’s secret weapon. I had gotten to the end and wanted to read more so I went on the internet and searched up ‘The Bad Guys episode 4’ and it wasn’t out yet. So I said to mum ‘can I please have Episode 1 and 3.’ In my opinion this is the best book I’ve ever read and I would give it a five star rating.

The Big WeirDo is a fantastic book. I especially liked the part where Bella sees Weir with lots of toilet paper and thinks the toilet paper is her birthday present. Anh Do is a great author and writer. I think Anh Do’s books are made more for junior readers.
Tracy Lacy is completely

Coo-Coo Bananas

By Kaitlyn Talbot

I thought that the book was exciting. I liked it when at the start of the book she told us how every grade she did there was one big thing that happened that she didn’t like. I think that she is very creative how she turned a random book into a diary.

Illustrated by: Danielle McDonald

Written by: Tania Lacy
Book Week
Dress Up Day
Monday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} August

As part of Book Week, Harristown State School are asking students to come dressed up as their favourite book character.

**Theme this year is:**

**Australia! Story Country**

*Prices for the best, book character costume in each class.*

Parade of costumes will be 2.15pm in the New Hall.*
School Theme - Drones, Droids and Robots

Suggested activities for students to enjoy:

- Go to the following link and download – A resource book of ideas for National Science Week 2016
  
  http://www.scienceweek.net.au/schools/

- Science Spectacular
  
  The experiments demonstrated that science is fun and applicable to many areas of everyday life.
  
  Experiments included:
  
  - Smartie Party – discover how Smartie colours spread but don’t mix straight away, in water.
  - Milky Rainbow – surface tension discoveries with milk, food colouring and detergent.
  - Mini volcano – vinegar, bicarb soda, detergent and food colour creates lots of fun!
  - A Chilly Recipe – a great endothermic reaction with bicarb soda and citric acid.
  - Lava Lamp – oil, water, food dye and salt...oil and water don’t mix!
  - Soap Boats – water tension with water, detergent and mini ‘boats’.
  - Humpty Dumpty – discovering the structural strength of eggshells.

- Other great websites


  ABC Splash http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/stem

  Surfing Scientist http://www.abc.net.au/science/surfingscientist/

  Science Kids http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html


  Hour of Code https://code.org/learn
On parade

NAIDOC WEEK 2016

Hall activities

Cobb and Co
Community Notices

Little Heroes Playgroup

- Last week our activities at Little Heroes Playgroup included making necklaces, cotton bud animal painting, music, dolls prams and doll house, car racing, books and puzzles.
- Next week we will be playing with animal puppets, making jelly fish, playing with a new dolls tea set, cash register and toy groceries, along with toy insects, animals and music.

Come and join our playgroup – every Wednesday from 9 – 10 in the Student Support Centre 0 – 5 years.
Community Health & Wellbeing Invitation

Parent Teacher Interviews
Community Health & Wellbeing Expo

Harristown State School Expo
Monday 12th September, 2016
2.45pm – 5.00pm

Remember to book your interview
@ the school office

The afternoon allows parents the opportunity to connect with local service providers to improve your families health & wellbeing.

Included are images from the last Expo.

RSVP:
Sharyn Rumell
srumm1@pa.qld.edu.au
Head of Special Educational Services
Harristown SS & Newtown SS

FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY...

HEROES AND VILLAINS RUN/WALK

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST

Raising funds for the Toowoomba Hospital Orthopedic Department.
towoombahospitalfoundation.org.au

Some of our Harristown Sports Heroes
Celebrating 11 Years!

TOOWOOMBA
Languages & Cultures
FESTIVAL 2016
One World - Many Faces
Sunday 14 August 10am - 4pm Queen’s Park

welcomes
Pasifika
Toowoomba

Featuring:

- International Food & Market Stalls
- Music & Dance Performances
- Health & Wellness Expo
- Arts & Crafts
- Languages, Schools, Communities Displays
- USQ Volleyball

Entry:
Kids Free
Adults $5

All Day Inflatable Rides
$2 for Kids

For inquiries, contact Frances Holmes 0408 070 300 • TLCFestival.com.au
Play NRL MOD CAMP [Age: 9-11 yr old boys] **Cost: $295**
Date: Starts 9am Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th September 2016
Junior NRL Mod camp will be held at USQ Gatton Campus. Over 2 nights and 3 days
Price includes: Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

PlayNRL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMP [Age: 12-15 yr old boys] **Cost: $295**
Date: Starts 2pm Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th September 2016
PlayNRL International Camp will be held at USQ Gatton Campus. Over 2 nights and 3 days
Price includes: Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

PlayNRL GIRLS ONLY DEVELOPMENT CAMP [Age: 10-16 year old girls] **Cost: $200**
Date: Starts 9am Friday 30th September - Saturday 1st October 2016
PlayNRL Girls camp will be held at USQ Gatton Campus. Held over 1 nights and 2 days
Price includes: Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
School Students with Disability

Information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?
The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?
All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When undertaking the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and submit data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to improve target support and resources to benefit students with disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?
All students are entitled to quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?
A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
Every year your child’s school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student’s level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and
programme improvement for students with disability.

**WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

**WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

Teachers and school staff will count the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgments
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

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**NO HAT NO PLAY**

At Harristown we support the Sun Safe policy

“No hat No play”

Please encourage your child to wear a **broad brimmed** hat while out in the sun. Note that our Uniform Shop also sells **second hand** hats which only cost $5. New hats cost $14.

**HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?**

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.


**IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?**

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.
