FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ABOUT HARMONY DAY

21 March is Harmony Day.
The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs.
It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day
of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional
owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world
or those who are just visiting us while working or studying.
Participation in Harmony Day activities can help us learn and understand how all
Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a
better place.
Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the
Since 1999, Harmony Day has been widely celebrated across schools, childcare
centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local gov-
ernment agencies.

Facts and figures
There are some fascinating stats about Australia’s diversity that can be good con-
versation-starters. Did you know…

- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one par-
  ent who was born overseas.
- People from over 200 countries make up the Australian community.
- More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes.
- Apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Man-
  darin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish
  and Hindi.

More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.
These facts are taken from ABS 2011 Census Data. Check out the Australian Bu-
reau of Statistics website for more interesting facts and figures.
Darling Heights hosts our Harmony Day Celebrations this Wednesday, 19th of
March, 2:00pm in our hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Please come along and join OUR celebration of the special mix of cul-
tures here at our great school.

- When: Wednesday 19th March—Assembly: 2pm to 2:45 —Please be
  seated by 2pm
- Where: Darling Heights State School Hall
- What To bring: Yourself in National / Regional /Cultural dress, and if you
can, a plate of food from your culture that can be eaten with fingers for after-
noon tea. Any delicacies can be placed on the tables at the back of the Hall.
  If you don’t cook, just bring yourselves and join in.

Until Next Week

Mark
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
Welcome to Week 8, Term 1 and the Value for this week is "I respect cultural differences". (This coincides with the celebration of Harmony Day which will be celebrated at our Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.05pm tomorrow Wednesday 19/03/14). In discussions, Teachers talk about:

- Be tolerant and fair, and
- Accept and acknowledge differences in others.

As has been stated numerous times, there is no other school in Toowoomba like Darling Heights State School. We are unique and extremely proud of all the students and their families. Join with us every day in celebrating the many wonderful things that occur in YOUR SCHOOL. By working together and accepting everybody for who they are and what they are able to offer, we will make a difference.

On Thursday, 3rd April, 2014, we will be acknowledging those Students who throughout the course of the Term, have incorporated the School’s STAR Values in their everyday dealings with whom they have come in contact. The celebration will involve having some play time in the park behind the Japanese Gardens as well as having an icy stick and chocolate. Children will walk to and from the school under the supervision of School Staff. Students who have had three (3) or more Time Out Room or RTR Referrals will not be eligible to attend and participate. As has been previously stated, our ultimate aim is 100% attendance/participation. If your child, is not eligible to participate, take the time to talk to them and explain that there are consequences for our actions. If we choose to do something that we know that we shouldn’t do, and we get caught out, then instead of complaining, accept the fact and learn from it and make sure that it doesn’t happen again.

If there are any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333.

Continuing on with the Theme from the previous weeks, this week we will focus on what the expectations are of us, the School Administration Team:

“It is our pledge as the School Administration Team of Darling Heights State School to ensure a nurturing, positive and productive school community and to enable all within to reach their potential for learning academically and socially through encouragement, guidance and respect. Our pledge includes our dream that all children acquire the love of learning and are inspired to be lifelong learners”.

TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT
As has been mentioned in detail over the past couple of weeks, a number of initiatives designed to improve students’ Literacy and Numeracy standards will be implemented. These initiatives are all part of our “GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE: programme. These programmes will really assist the children, and what we ask of the children, is that they work to the best of their ability. This ties in with our Week 3 focus which was “I think about doing my best”. During discussions, the following was pointed out: (a) Do my best and (b) Think about my best work and my best attitude. Whilst attending School, we expect the children to work to the best of their ability at all times. Habits that they learn and implement now will assist them in their later lives. It is our role as a School to assist them to become “Active, Informed and Involved Citizens”.

The following quotation is very appropriate and even though they may not be able to see it now, later on in life when they reflect, they may appreciate that what they learnt at school was appropriate and applicable. Thanks for discussing this with your children.

“Things that were hard to bear are sweet to remember”.

MAYORAL MORNING TEA
Last Thursday, (13/03/14), our School Leaders attended a Morning Tea with the Mayor and Councillors of the Toowoomba Regional Council. This event was a great opportunity for our Leaders (Frances Wright, Malachi Hallas, Georgia Collins and Kade Fisher) to mix with Leaders from other primary schools in the Toowoomba Regional Council area. Observing our School Leaders and Leaders from other schools, rest assured that our future is in very capable hands. Well done to our Leaders and all the other Leaders in attendance at this event. PS: The School Leaders had a great time at the event and an even better time when they stopped for “a treat” on the way back to school after the conclusion of the Morning Tea.

GOLD COIN FUNDRAISER TO ASSIST DROUGHT AFFECTED FARMERS
I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your support of this fundraiser last Thursday, 13 March. Over $600.00 was raised and this will be forwarded to the relevant aid agency. Sincere thanks once again for your valued support. Your involvement will make a difference to some rural families that are in need. This is another example of why I am proud to be associated with this most wonderful school community.
BLUE CARDS FOR VOLUNTEER PARENTS
The following information come from an Information Sheet available at the Commission For Children And Young People And Child Guardian.
*People providing certain child-related services in the areas of work regulated by the Commission’s Act need a blue card, unless they are exempt.
Volunteer Parents may be exempt when providing child-related services in the following categories:
- Schools (other than Teachers)
- Child care
- Churches, clubs and associations involving children, and
- Sport and active recreation
When doesn’t a parent need a Blue Card?
- Volunteering at their child’s school
- Volunteering on a School Board at their child’s school
If you would like to receive a Blue Card Application Form, please contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333.
Contact details for the Commission For Children and Young People and Child Guardian are as follows:
Address: Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian
T&G Building 141 Queen St
Brisbane Qld Australia 4000
Postal: PO Box 12671
Brisbane George St
Qld Australia 4003
Office Hours: 8.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday
Telephone: (07)3247 5145
Freecall: 1800 113 611
Fax: (07) 3247 5200
Email: bluecard@ccypcg.qld.gov.au
Website: www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

PARENTING BLOG
Michael Grose’s Insight of the week
Teach children to persist:
Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty……..
Link to the website as follows: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home
We will share more of this with you from week to week.

Term 1 2014 Interschool Sport Draw Week 5

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DONATIONS NEEDED
Thank you for the donations we have so far received. We are still in need of glass baby food jars with lids and wrapped chocolates.
A special thank you to the ladies who donated the white towels and wool, they will be put to great use for the stall.

UNIFORM SHOP
Size 2 and 4 Polo Shirts are now available at the Uniform Shop.

WIN IPADS FOR OUR SCHOOL
A reminder to bring in your tokens from the Chronicle.
A token will be published in The Chronicle every day until Monday 31st March.
The school with the most tokens at the end of the 5 week promotion wins the 10 ipads.

SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS
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FUN RUN
Fun Run forms were sent home last week.
The Fun Run is a great event, with lots of great prizes to be won.
We are aiming to raise much needed funds for new playground equipment.
The Fun Run will be held on 31 March 2014.

Prep and Year 1 Star Students
Prep
PW Jasmin Lanzafame
PN Matthew Middleton
PT Abdurrahman Amar
Year 1
1B Hine Tutapu
1J Chindia Azemikah
1S Maddison Dorman
1M Ana Mikulic
Year 2 Stars of the Week
2D Anton Williams
2M Abot Deng
2LM Christina Giddy
2V Kamilia Zulzamri
Year 3
3S Most Improved Spellers
Olivia Cain, Kira Foxe
3S Bookwork Star

Jack Hayes
KYzer Kemp, Amni Mohamad
3H Star Box
Precious Dalayan
3H Star Student
Ala Fernana
3B Star Student
Jaide O’Sullivan
Year 4/5 Stars of the Week
Star Awards
4B Maddison Borey
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5S Fadi Gorges
5P Rayannah Yousif
5V Jackson Goulding
Student of the Week
4B Zoe Brown
4R Ancus Tay
4Y Savuli Kasongo
5S Matthew Boston
5P Timothy Wright
5V Hadeer Al-Rashid
6/7 Stars of the Week
Callum Cain, Charisma McDonald
SEP AWARDS
Merit Awards
William Thorley, Niaree Bloxom, Joshua Roberts, Sarah Hayes, Rifat Islam
Student of the Week
Jessica Bryde, Zulaikha Nowrozy