FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WALK TOGETHER
Congratulations to our children and staff who assisted in the organisation and participation in Saturday’s Walk Together program in Toowoomba City. It was amazing to see upwards of two thousand people participate in the display of welcome to the many different cultural groups who call Australia home. It was also fantastic to see the 12 schools in the Toowoomba Area who had participated in the program by writing a song about either their schools or aspects of understanding diversity and tolerance.

It was most pleasing to see that our students and our new school song stood out, especially for its importance to our school and community.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
This Friday, October 28, World Teachers’ Day is celebrated throughout Australia. This represents a great opportunity to say, “Thank You” to all the teachers and teacher aides who work tirelessly for improved educational outcomes for your children. You might see them wearing the above badge which celebrates the good work that they do.

This week, it’s worth reflecting on the characteristics of, “A Great School”. There are obviously many. Recently, we received the 2016 School Opinion Surveys completed by STAFF, STUDENTS and PARENTS. Overwhelmingly, these surveys showed 100% support in many questions and testify that DHSS is a GREAT school.

The following are worth mentioning as questions where in 100% of those who responded, “STRONGLY AGREE” with:

- My child likes being at this school.
- My child feels safe at this school.
- My child’s learning need are being met.
- My child is making good progress.
- Teachers expect my child to do his/her best.
- Teachers provide my child with useful feedback.
- Teachers motivate my child to learn.
- I can talk to my child’s teacher about my concerns.
- This school works with me to support my child’s learning.
- The school looks for ways to improve.
- The school is well maintained.
- The school gives my child opportunities to do interesting things.
- My child’s English/Maths skills are being developed.
- Teachers at this school are interested in my child’s well-being.
- The school keeps me well informed.
- The school encourages me to take an active role in my child’s education.
- The school encourages me to participate in school activities.
- The school provides me with useful feedback about my child’s progress.
- The school is well organised.
- The school celebrates student achievements.
- I would recommend this school to others.

Within all of these questions, there is one common element – teachers. Thank you to the teachers at DHSS who do a fantastic job!!

Until Next Week

Mark Creedon
(Principal)
RULE OF THE WEEK
The following extract shows the Rule of the Week and the particular focusses for this week.

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|      |        |                  | 4.4 Use kind words and actions            |
|      |        |                  | 4.4 Listen to the speaker                  |
|      |        |                  | 4.4 Use manners                           |
|      |        |                  | 4.4 Be courteous, offer to help            |

It is important to note that DHSS is a Uniform School – as supported by the P&C Association. A full Uniform Policy is available on the school website. Largely, our policy is consistent with state wide expectations and aligns with requirements at Harristown High, where the largest percentage of our children go in Year 7. In addition to uniforms, there are expectations concerning jewellery. Feel free to consult the website for more details.

Other focusses this week relate to using kind words, listening to the speaker, using manners, being courteous and offering to help. At school, these focusses are universally explored through class discussions, class activities and assembly skits etc. Please take the time to reinforce these focusses at home.

FRONT ENTRY
Work continues on renovations to the front entry. Even though there is much to be done, current indications are, that it will be a very spacious and attractive revision to the former bottleneck, with poor drainage and many trip hazards. Additional seating will make this area a very practical one while students await collection.

WUTH STREET ROAD REVISIONS
Following a number of representations, Toowoomba Regional Council has drawn plans to improve parking, arrival / departure and congestion at peak times along Wuth Street. Basically, the double lines will be extended along the full length of angled parking zones to stop cars travelling west from holding up traffic while they wait to cross Wuth Street and park in front of the school. Work will most likely occur in the vacation for the start of 2017.

YEAR 3 / 4 PLAYGROUND
A contract has been given for the provision of a double gable cover to the Year 3 and Year 4 playground. Work is expected to be completed by mid December.

Kean Thompson

MAYORAL AWARD
Congratulations to Kainat Rezaie who is one of our Year 6 students who this year received the Toowoomba Mayoral Achievement Award. Kainat received her medal at a special awards ceremony held on Thursday, 20th October at Toowoomba Grammar School.
TERM 4 SPORT

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Senior News

CAMP PAYMENTS DUE BY FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER
Final camp payments are due Friday October 28th. If you have any concerns about meeting this deadline please contact the office staff to discuss alternative arrangements.

Year 6 Families only - Reminder
Last week each Year 6 student should have received an order form for Graduation Bears or Balls. Please ensure you return your order form and monies no later than Monday 7th November 2016. If you haven't received one please see your home class teacher. Thank you!!

5/6 Gardening Club
Our gardens are starting to look even better than usual thanks to the continuing efforts of our 5/6 Gardening Club. They've been putting in lots of new plants, mulching, weeding, growing a great variety of vegetables, and making sure that our gardens remain litter-free.

Keep up the superb work, kids!

Walk Together
In other news, a great group of students gathered in front of the Toowoomba Library with students from 12 other schools to celebrate our diversity, and perform our school song with Josh Arnold. The rain held off, our kids sang beautifully, and everyone left with a tremendous feeling of shared joy and harmony.

GRADUATION BEAR OR BALL (YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY)
“Graduation……. a conclusion of one chapter, a beginning of another.”

Order mementos of your choice to treasure forever:

- Bear $14.50
- Soccer ball or football $13.50

Order forms have been distributed to the YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY

5/6 HIP HOP GROUP
The 5/6 Hip Hop group run by Chappy Bec performed on Saturday at the Mirambeena fete.

Thanks to the girls and Chappy Bec for a great performance!
STATE TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS (SWD)
Some great news from Day 1 and 2 of State Track & Field Championships. Representing Darling Downs, Madison Powell received 2 Bronze Medals (100m and 4 x 100m relay). She also received a silver for shot put!

Aleng Deng also participated and came 29th in Shot Put.

Congratulations on a great effort girls!

TUCKSHOP NEWS
On Thursday, the 27th, there will be three specials.

They are: chicken curry and rice, sausages and mashed potato and parmi chicken bites. All three are $4.00 each.

P&C FUNDRAISER
Hi all, we are extending the lunch box drive until the end of the week. Last orders must be placed with the school office. We are also running a multi-draw raffle I will be selling these outside the school office Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon 2:30pm to 3pm. Ticket prices are 3 for $5 or $2 each. Thanks for your support.

SEP AWARDS
SEPM STARS OF THE WEEK
Tiba Hazim, Zulaikha Nowrozy, Riley Barlow
Year 5/6 Awards
5/6A Zoe Brown
5/6B Katelyn Mbano
5/6C Ibrahim Salim
5/6D Agnes Mwamini
5/6E Marwa Alrashed
5/6F Baobin Hao

MUSIC AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who used their singing voice for the first time this week:
Alan Lama
Tasharni Turnbull
Mathew Gower

PREP and Year 1 Stars
PW Gracious Kasongo
PT Aluet Pach
PN Olive Ndagano
PM Grace Cummings
1B Lava Muhammad
1S Ali Muzaffari
1J Hadiseh Yousefi
1M Sara Abdilrahmin

Year 2 Stars
2B Blake Callaghan
2D Ali Kiream
2M Matthew Middleton
2C Cooper Brown

Star of the Week
3A Sascha Nicholls
3G Erin Hall

Merit Awards
3A Kaylee Benson
3G Mercy Fono

3B Stars
STAR Student
Ibrahim Maryol
100% Club
Joseph Boland, Frank Dufty, Areej Etriki, Lucas Harris,

Tansie Haywood,
Harrison Kelk, James McAvoy,
Samuel Steinhardt, Haozhen Tu.

MOST IMPROVED
Frank Dufty

QUALITY WORK AWARD
Maddison Dorman

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD;
Joseph Boland, Maddison Dorman, Frank Dufty

3H Stars
Star Box - Ahmed Fenmana

Star Student - Ruqayah Dhahir

100% Spelling - Ahmed, Brice, Cooper, Ken, Ruqayah, Wendy

Most Improved Speller - Eliza Ward

Star of the Week
4S Dyha Abdalhadi
Student of the Week
4S Tanahya Esler

Star of the Week
4S Esperance Mutamuliza