SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016

School Calendar for 2016-

TERM 1
February
16th February- P&C meeting and AGM 6.30pm school library. All welcome to attend.

March
1st March- Possible Date for Year 6 Induction Ceremony. Awaiting confirmation of shirts/ badges/ special guests.
3rd March- School Performance Tour- Then & Now. $4.95 per child.
4th March- Fire Ant Presentation
4th March- School Disco - $5 all funds raised go towards student project club. 5.30- 8pm.
5th March- Chappy Challenge- Come along and have some fun!
9th March- Jump Rope for Heart- Jumping Demonstration- More information to follow
15th & 16th March- Life Education Van Visit- $9 per student. More information to follow.
18th March- Say no to bullying day! Wear Orange!
24th March- Easter Hat Parade 8.30 (making) 9.30- Parade. Date to be confirmed- Gymnastics Demonstration for Parents-

News from the Principal

Thank you to all our families for joining us last night for our parent information night. If you were unable to attend please see your child’s classroom teacher to clarify any questions you may have about classroom curriculum or organisation. Our school staff are looking forward to a great year of learning.

Our classroom teachers are all approachable and happy to discuss any concerns that may arise throughout the year. Please ensure you make an appointment with classroom teachers if there are issues or concerns that require more time to work through. Teachers are available before and after school.

Before school our teachers are usually getting ready for learning programs during the day. Our school provides a before school physical activity program for all students from 8.00- 8.25. Mrs Debbie-Lee Ibbertson is the teacher in charge before school and she is responsible for supervising the program before school. Mrs Di Charlick is rostered on duty before school every day to support Mrs Ibbertson. This allows our classroom teachers time in the morning to prepare for the day. When children arrive at school we expect them to put their bags away, place a hat on their head and move to the playground area where they will be supervised. This is a great time for students to catch with friends in a range of physical activities.

Please ensure that children don’t arrive before 8am as staff supervision does not begin until 8am. Our school prides itself on providing a range of opportunities for students and before school physical activity is enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Ibbertson and Mrs Charlick for ensuring all students transition from home to school with a positive start to the day!

Gymnastics!

Today I had the pleasure to work with students in the library while our Gymnastics teachers instructed each of our groups! Thank you to our P&C for their efforts in writing grants for the benefit of all our students. I captured some lovely moments of our students in action!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
STAFFING UPDATE!

Teacher Aide  Tracey McLaren
Tracey has worked at Harrisville since 2002. She floats between all classes working with students in all areas of learning. Tracey enjoys working with children with learning difficulties and implementing support programs. She also prepares the whole school reading program. She lives locally and loves working with the students and staff at Harrisville State School. We have a great team who are dedicated to supporting your children in their education. We will start the year off with some of our new staff.

Teacher Aide  Dianne Charlick
Qualification – School Dental Therapist
Dianne has been a teacher aide at Harrisville for many years and worked previously in the private sector. She thoroughly enjoys working with children and watching them grow. Dianne currently works in our Prep/1 classroom assisting with the Prep year programme. She has assisted the playgroup children for several years with the Koala Joey Programme.

Jamie-Lee Cook- Educational Support Trainee
Cert 3 – Educational Support
Jamie Lee has worked at Harrisville State School since 2014 completing her traineeship. She has now finished Year 12 and continues to study her Certificate in Educational Support and support the Early Years class at Harrisville State School. Jamie will work with students across the school to support our literacy and numeracy programs.

MUSIC NEWS- MISS BAUER

Mrs White’s Prep/1 Class
Students will work through several music topics this term 1) Getting to Know You, 2) Sing the chorus of Aussie Songs 3) Percussion instrument playing and 4) Easter/Anzac Day songs at the end of term one.
Assessment Tasks term 1: Match the teachers singing voice, perform a nursery rhyme with good actions, keep a steady beat and play safely on a percussion instrument to the beat or rhythm.

Year 2/3 Class – Mrs Tilney
Students will work through several music topics this term 1) Getting to Know You, 2) Singing Aussie Songs 3) Percussion instrument playing and 4) Easter/Anzac Day songs at the end of term one.
Assessment Tasks term 1: Sing a classic Aussie song with enthusiasm and correct words, play safely on a percussion instrument to the beat or rhythm and Participation/Effort will be tracked most lessons, is your child always, mostly, usually, sometimes or rarely having a go, following directions and trying their best for the full music lesson?

3/4 Class- Miss Wright
In music specialist lessons with Miss B, students will work through four topics 1) Aussie Songs 2) Recorder Skills/reading & playing treble clef music 3) Ongoing skills and 4) Easter/Anzac Day songs. Students will continue to work on learning to read music and play their recorder softly and accurately. Students in year 4 will start with songs such as Hot Cross Buns, Mary Had a Little Lamb and Good Night, students in year 5 will start with Rain is Falling Down, Old Mother Witch, Old Macdonald and Au Claire De La Lune.

Year 6 Mrs Ibbertson/ Mrs Minns
In music specialist lessons with Miss B, students will continue to work on learning to play and practice their recorder skills as well as their singing skills. The year 6’s will be asked to play Old Macdonald, Au Claire De La Lune, Amazing Grace and Ode to Joy in groups and will be asked to work towards joining our assembly recorder group which currently plays "Advance Australia Fair" but will also work on other songs this year. Assessment tasks: singing in a class group (participation & effort) and recorder skills (again will be assessed in groups but marked individually).
Please check your child has their own recorder and music folder both clearly labelled with their name.

**Harrisville Recorder Group**
A huge thank-you from myself to Mrs White for continuing the little bit of extra practice as needed to get our fabulous little recorder assembly playing group up and running this year. I hear that our small group played on assembly already and I will have some lovely new music for these girls and boys to work on this term.

**Harrisville State School Choir 2016**
A new year, a new group of students take on the name "Harrisville school choir". Any child from year 2 to year 6 is welcome to join, and we are again rehearsing in second break playtime on a Monday. We are hoping to have our first song ready to perform at our leaders induction ceremony, and I have spoken to one of our other music teachers in the district & she has agreed to combine choirs for the Harrisville Anzac Day ceremony (as I will be conducting my Boonah choir at the Boonah ceremony at the same time). We are thinking this year of asking our parents/mums to learn the chorus to make it extra special "community choir" for ANZAC day. We also hope to again participate in the Boonah Show, the Sing Fest Excursion with the older children (massed choir event). There is also other opportunities such as Ipswich/Silkstone Eisteddfod's, Rural Schools Music Festival, District Choir Camps & IGA Boonah Music Festival etc that we may look into participating in.

Miss Bauer

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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS- MRS MCKENNA**

My name is Janet McKenna and I have lived in the Fassifern Area for 19 years. Besides being able to live near the beach, this is where I love to live. Instead of listing the schools in which I have taught, I’ll tell you a little about myself.

I started teaching Physical Education in 1990, surrounded by very experienced and helpful PE teachers. Their influence on my teaching is still evident today. I met my husband while teaching at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre and my adventures with him have made me the woman I am.

Over the years, after many schools, roles and locations, I’ve formed opinions that shape my teaching. The major thoughts being:
- That every student is unique.
- That every student can create and we must give them the time and opportunity to create.
- We live with people who have the oldest continuously maintained culture in the world.
- We must move, a lot.
I look forward to developing positive relationships with your children as they learn about themselves and how they move.

**Specialist PE Lessons**

To begin the year, all PE classes are focusing on cooperation skills. The content is from the ‘Movement and Physical Activity’ strand of the National HPE Curriculum, under the ‘Learning through Movement’ sub-strand.

Students in Years P-3 will be playing cooperation games that include fundamental movement skills, such as balance, walk, run, dodge, jump, hop, throw and catch. Assessment for P-3 will include observations throughout the unit on selected fundamental movement skills and participation in a partner activity to demonstrate the cooperation skills they have acquired during the unit.

Students in Years 4-6 will be cooperating while learning specialised jump rope skills, both single rope and long rope. Students will be guided through the learning of new skills and how to project plan a skipping performance. Respect, communication, cooperation and participation will be the four concepts that guide the students learning and reflections.

Assessment for Year 4 will include being part of a group skipping performance, which will be planned under my guidance. Years 5 and 6 will be assessed as they create and perform a small group skipping performance of one minute duration. Years 4-6 will also be assessed on single and long ropes skipping skills under the sub-strand ‘Moving Our Body’.

Parents are welcome to any lesson, please contact the school office to book a lesson-viewing time.

Janet McKenna

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**GERMAN LOTE NEWS- FRAU NOLLER**

Students in year 5-6 are participating in a program titled New Land New Language.
- Students learn how to introduce and describe themselves and their family members.
- Describe places, target counties and their own town.
- Speak about housing and neighbourhoods in the target country,
Share information about activities, purchase goods, issue, receive and reply to invitations.

Year 4 Lote program
• students will learn the greetings,
• numbers, colours, family and Easter in Germany.

PREP /1 NEWS – MRS WHITE

Prep and year 1 are looking at the sound 'a' this week and are busy working in their reading groups. We are learning the words, 'Mum', 'Dad', and 'is'. Home reading will start on Monday next week. A small amount of time each day will make an important contribution to the success of your child in class. Year 1's are busy learning to build the key numbers to 100 and practice counting in 2's to 50 and in 10's. They are focussing on the strategy of 'Flippy Dolphin' in their reading. Lots of stickers are being handed out to our hard working children. Well done, everyone.

AUSLAN NEWS- MR MCNEILL

Auslan (Australian Sign Language) is used by Deaf Australians as their first or primary language. Here at Harrisville State School, we have 2 people (1 student and 1 staff member) that communicate via Auslan. How can you join in? Each week, we will introduce our community to a new sign and nothing could start us off better than a salutation.

Hello

How to sign it: Wave flat hand several times

Used Australia Wide.

SCHOOL DISCO

Coming up this term our school staff will be hosting a school disco for our children. Details below:-

Cost:- $5 per student
Date:- Friday 4th March
Time:- 5.30- 8pm
What to Wear:- Free Dress
A small snack and drink will be provided on the night. All funds raised will go towards student project club.

BULLYING NO WAY DAY

The National Day of Action will be held on Friday, 18 March 2016. Our school will be participating in a range of activities on the day. Please come along dressed in orange (red and yellow ok too!) to say no to Bullying!

For more information about the day and parent resources go to :-

CHAPLAINCY NEWS- MRS HURREN

"Chappy Challenge" is on Saturday March 5th, starting at 6a.m. and finishing around midday. It involves many events (bike rides of 95k, 60k, 35k, 10k, 5k, 1.5k , running 10k, 5k, 1.5k, and other events).

We would love for you and your family and your friends to come along, register, and participate physically or sponsor others who are participating. There are 3 chaplains in this area servicing our schools. We enjoy our work and we are passionate about the future of these children and our community. Please come and support us on this day with this great family activity. SATURDAY 5th MARCH.

UPDATE MOBILE PHONE DETAIL

Please ensure we have your latest mobile phone details. If you have not been receiving SMS reminders of school events please let us know and we can add the most current number to your child’s records. Please see your child’s classroom teacher or administration staff to view your emergency contact details and update if required.

PLEASE UPDATE MEDICAL RECORDS

If your child has asthma please ensure their asthma management plan is current and up to date. If you child requires a puffer at school please ensure that you have filled out the administration of medication form at the office.
All children taking medication are required to have a form signed by their doctor with instructions for administrating. Medication needs to be labelled with the child’s name with the instructions from the doctor. If you have any questions please come and see us in the office. Administration of Medication forms are available at the office.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOUR- $4.95 Each

This term we have School Performance Tours visiting our school on Thursday 3rd March- 1.30-2.30. Cost per student is $4.95. All children are invited to attend this special performance. Then and Now looks at the determination, courage and good humour of Australian women. It uses story telling techniques to explore the vast differences between then and now.

This incursion fits within our History curriculum studies. Please return your payment of $4.95 for your child to attend.

Absence Note
“Every Day Counts”

Dear ___________________,
My child ______________ was away on__/__/2016, due to:
☐ sickness
☐ holiday
☐ family reasons
☐ other (please explain) ______________

Parent Signature ___________________

Please return this note to your child’s classroom teacher. Please note all student absences must be explained. Alternatively please email/ SMS your absence note to admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

SMS 0476 837 329

P&C NEWS
Next P&C Meeting & AGM Tuesday 16th February-6.30 –School Library

Tuckshop resumes this week.

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE-LIKE US!!
Our school P&C has a face book page. Go to https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=694704363884694

HARRISVILLE STATE
SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Come along and have some fun at our Koala Joey Program and Playgroup
Resumes Tuesday 9th February 9am- 11.00
All welcome to attend!
Families please note change of date and time

Please talk to Lauren Gunstone & Sarah Robertson-Playgroup Co-Ordinators for the P&C for further information!
FASSIFERN NETBALL

Come and join a team for fun and fitness with friends in 2016

2016 Date Claimers

- Thursday Feb 11th - Rep Team Trials @ 4pm – all ages from 11-16 welcome
- Saturday Feb 13th: Sign On in the main street of Boonah.
- Monday Feb 22nd: Open Division starts and Intermediate Division Muster.
- Monday Feb 29th: Intermediate Division starts.
- March 14th & 21st: Net Set Go! (5-10 years) Have-A-Go Days and Sign On.
- April 11th: Net Set Go! starts.
- March 14th: FREE F.N.A. Umpiring Clinics.
- May 7th: N.Q. Foundation Coaching Course 9:00am – 1:00pm

Intermediate Division and Modified Game Training Sessions: day and time to be announced in 2016.
NetSetGo! 5-7 year olds is conducted in term 2 only.
NetSetGo! Modified Game 8-10 year olds continues until 22nd of August.

If you would like to join an amazing group of volunteers and help F.N.A. continue to provide local netball, please contact the 2016 President Sam Hegarty on 0418 711 638 or email sdheg@bigpond.net.au. See www.fassifern.qld.netball.com.au contact details. You can also like our Facebook Page “Fassifern Netball Association” to ensure you keep up to date with events.