News from the Principal

Yesterday we were able to walk down to the Harrisville War Memorial and participate in a Remembrance Day Ceremony. Our students represented our school with pride and showed respect throughout the entire ceremony. I was so proud of our students as each child had a role to play in the ceremony. Our choir students sang “Lest we Forget” which was a respectful piece. Our Year 6/7 leaders recited “The Ode” as a group, while each of our students were able to make a special poppy to lay at the memorial. Thank you again to Mr Flemming for organising such a lovely school ceremony. Our school motto is “Pride To Achieve”. Yesterday we saw each of our students demonstrating pride in their nation by being part of such a significant event.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4
November
5th November: Surf Safety presentation 11am-12pm.

December
ART AUCTION: DATE CHANGE: NOW AT SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK 9 1st–7th December
4th December: Boonah SHS Year 7/8 Orientation Day.

YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION!

Thank you again to all our families and staff for their contribution on the night!
Junior Secondary News
Preparing for high school
The move from primary to high school is a significant event in the lives of students and their families. Despite students being excited about being in high school one of the things they typically struggle with in Term 1 is organisation of the school day. Parents can assist their child to be organised and independent by establishing a routine where students have to pack and unpack their own bag each school day. The average Junior Secondary timetable will show that a student will have some classes three times a week and other classes twice a week. This means that they will require different learning materials on different days. One of our expectations is that students come to school prepared to learn. That is, they need to have with them the necessary materials to allow them the best opportunity to participate in learning activities for the subjects they have on each day. Most of the time, this is a simple case of making sure they have packed what they need for the day.

Class formation
All schools undertake forward planning to ensure that the needs of future students are accommodated in the best way possible. Having met parents and students at Days of Excellence, Information Evenings and Enrolment meeting, and having received transitional academic information from our partner primary schools, our Junior Support Team are now in the process of forming classes for Year 7 and 8 students of 2015. If you know that your child is destined to become a student at Boonah High and you have not yet completed the enrolment process you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Kind regards
Sandra Malmstedt
Deputy Principal Junior Secondary

Despite the heat, our recent camp was very successful and much was gained by the children both personally, in being independent and resilient, as well as in terms of academic learning. As a collective staff, we are all so justifiably proud of each and every child who participated in the camp. Your children were well-behaved, courteous, encouraging of others, patient in the heat and keen to try something new. Of course, we could not have had such a great time without the many parents who helped and supported us. Mrs Hurren is a catering maestro and we were SO very blessed to have her on board. Thank you everyone.

This week we are commemorating Remembrance Day and we will undertake some activities to support this. The children are also completing a few more tests and beginning their geography projects. In Science, we are watching the way in which the water cycle occurs within a ziplock bag taped to a sunny window and relating this to weather in a larger sense. This should help the students grasp key concepts in our Geography unit on Climatic Zones and Landforms.

Kira was last week’s Student of the Week because she happily gives her very best each and every day. This week, it’s Brock’s turn; Brock is very interested to learn and has great contributions to make to our discussions. Well done Kira and Brock.

Off To State For Little Athletics
On Sunday Brock, Zach and I participated in the Regional Relay Championships at St Lucia University for Little Athletics. We competed against all the other teams from the Met West area. Our goal was to qualify for States so we had to come 1st 2nd or 3rd in our events. After a great race I placed 2nd in my relay and I also placed 2nd in Long Jump with a personal best jump of 3.62m. Brock was very successful as well and he qualified for his relay events and for Discus. Zach’s team placed 5th overall for the under 12 boys and he also did a PB in shot put which is excellent. I was so excited to qualify to compete at the State Relays at QE2 on the 13th December where we will compete against teams from all over Queensland.

By Dominic
COMPREHENSION STRATEGY INFERRING

Our comprehension focus for the last 2 weeks has been inferring. When you infer you figure out what the author really means from clues in the text and your own prior knowledge.

We sometimes refer to this process “as reading between the lines.” The author often implies something without actually saying it. But, by using the text and their own prior knowledge readers are able to interpret what they think the author is really trying to say. Inferring is closely related to predicting.

Inferences are not necessarily right or wrong but rather likely or unlikely. Good readers will be able to find supporting evidence within the text and use their own prior knowledge to confirm their inference. Students develop deeper understandings of the text when they “read between the lines.” They are able to draw their own conclusions and create their own unique meaning of the text.

Good readers will be thinking these things when inferring:

- I already know that … so I think …
- In my experience …
- I think the author is really saying …
- My conclusion is … because the text says …
- The author’s clues were …
- I think what’s really going on is …
- I wonder why …
- I wonder if …

PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS

Harrisville State School will be providing a transition program in conjunction with our local kindergartens to assist with a smooth transition to school.

Thursday 13th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 20th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 27th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 4th December 8.30– 2.30

MOVE UP DAY AND PREP ORIENTATION

For all new enrolments – Prep to Year 6
Thursday 4th of December - 8.30am- 2.30pm
Come along and experience life at our wonderful school for a day!
To book your place phone or email.
PH 5467 1288
Email:- the.principal@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au
www.harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS @9.30 am
Bring a gold coin donation! $2.00
Playgroup is held on the Harrisville School Grounds. Everyone is welcome!
Koala Joey Program supports early literacy and numeracy development.
Come along and have some fun!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Daniel, Brock and Chelsea!
ART AUCTION
Harrisville SS Library

Monday 1\textsuperscript{st} Dec through to Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} Dec
8am- 5pm each day.

Come along to our library and make an offer on some of our student artwork.

Featuring local artists-
Mr Mark Paddick – Street Artist
Dr John Jackson – Geological Artist

Sunday 7\textsuperscript{th} December- 4pm - 5pm
Final Bids close @ 4.30pm. We will be auctioning off our group pieces of work created by our students with the help of our visiting artists- Mr Mark Paddick and Dr John Jackson.

P&C NEWS
Next P&C Meeting- Break Up- Bottom Pub – Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} November 6pm!

ART AUCTION – In the school library- 1\textsuperscript{st} December through to the 5\textsuperscript{th} December! Come along from 8am-5pm each day to have a look at the artwork that our students have produced over the semester and make a bid! All funds raised will go to the P&C will directly benefit all students at our great school! We will also be open on Sunday 7\textsuperscript{th} December from 4pm for a final viewing. (This is before our concert). Grandparents/ friends are welcome to make a bid! On the 7\textsuperscript{th} of December we will also be holding a live auction of our group pieces of artwork that were created with the help of our visiting artists- Mr Mark Paddick and Dr John Jackson.

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