**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Term 1 2015**


**February**
- 23rd February- Australian Folklore Incursion- 9.30 School Library- $5 per child
- 24th February- Parent Information Night- All families welcome to attend

**March**
- 7th March- Chappy Challenge
- 11th/ 12th March – Life Education Van visit. All students to attend. $9 per student. More information next year.
- 19th March- Colour Fun Run- Fundraiser- More information to follow-
  *SAVE THE DATE.*
- 19th March- School Disco- 5.30 Sausage Sizzle- 6pm- 8pm Disco. $5 per child.

**APRIL**
- 2nd April- Easter Bonnet Parade-whole school- all welcome to attend.
  More information to follow.

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**News from the Principal**

Welcome back everybody! It has been a busy few weeks with our students settling in nicely to school routines. Welcome to our new families. We had 20 new enrolments to start 2015! Our numbers for Day 8 have been solid this year with 83 effectively enrolled students in 2015. This allocation means that we can safely maintain 4 class groups.

The beginning of the school year was a little crazy with our painters just finishing off our classrooms the day before school was to resume. We certainly did cut it fine... but the rooms look fresh and new!

Thank you again to our dedicated staff at ensuring classrooms were up and running for the start of the school year. We are all looking forward to a great year of learning.

It is that time of the year again where our classroom teachers review our School Responsible Behaviour Plan and school rules. All areas of Harrisville State School are learning and teaching environments. We consider behaviour management to be an opportunity for valuable social learning as well as a means of maximising the success of academic education programs.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting Harrisville State School to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and teaching environment, where ALL school community members have clear and consistent expectations and understandings of their role in the educational process.

Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

- **Be safe**
- **Be responsible**
- **Be respectful.**

**To Learn!**

I would encourage families to talk about our school rules and to review our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan. It is available on our school website. It is with your support that we can maintain a high level of behaviour and work ethics within our classrooms. Our staff are looking forward to a busy year of learning!

Yours in Education

*Christie Minns*
STAFFING UPDATE
Our staffing for 2015
- Admin Officer- Tammy Lutter (Mon/Tue/Wed)
- Teacher Aides- Tracey McLaren, Di Charlick, Jenny Hall.
- Grounds care- Roger Gray
- Cleaners- Robyn Griffiths, Nicole Griffiths, Karen Gunston
- Classroom Teachers
  P/1  Michelle White
  2/3  Louise Page
  4/5  Debbie-Lee Ibbertson/ Lauren Wright
  6   Christie Minns/ Lauren Wright
- Guidance Officer- Rod Matheson (Wed-Fortnightly)
- Speech Language-Samantha Dassanayake (various days throughout term).
- Chaplain- Irene Hurren – Tuesday
- Specialists
  LOTE-German- Sandra Noller (Tues)
  Physical Education- Janet McKenna (Wed)
  Music- Suzanne Bauer (Mon)
  History- Le-Anne Whittred (Wed)
  Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy-Le-Anne Whittred (Tue/Wed/Thur)
  Inclusivity/ Special Needs- Debbie-Lee Ibbertson (Tues/Fri)

Please stay tuned over the coming weeks as we include staff profiles and information!

OFFICE DAYS- PAYMENTS ON MONDAY / TUESDAY/ WEDNESDAY
Our office days are Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday. Please ensure any school payments are made to Mrs Lutter in the office on these days. All other payments for tuckshop or P&C can be deposited in the P&C box at any time.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Coming up on Tuesday 24th February we will be hosting classroom information sessions. Teachers will be providing information about classroom expectations for behaviour and work ethics, homework, curriculum overviews for each subject areas and answer any questions that parents would like to know. Come along!

QSCHOOLS APP
Use the QSCHOOLS app to hear our news! With the free QSCHOOLS app you can find out the latest news from our school instantly. No more missing newsletters or hearing about school events at the last minute. We also use the app to issue notifications such as emergency announcements to you. You can ‘favourite’ more than one school on the app if your family has children attending another state school. QSCHOOLS is available for Android, Apple and Windows devices.


Prep/ 1 NEWS
Welcome back everyone! Our new students in P/1 have settled in beautifully! Please make the time to come and see me anytime about your child, and their learning. We have been very busy the last couple of weeks learning about school routines and classroom rules. All of our new students have been very determined to do their best. It has been a great opportunity also for our Year 1 students to be positive role models for our new students. We are looking forward to a great year of learning!
Mrs White

2/3 NEWS
Welcome! I just wanted a brief letter to say hello and welcome you to our class and the beginning of a new school year. Our 2/3 class consists of 25 delightful and eager students. Please feel welcome to come and discuss any issue regarding your child. I am willing to assist most afternoons for a brief chat. I am enjoying learning the ropes at wonderful Harrisville State School. It is great to be a part of a committed staff who the best intentions for our students. I look forward to professional learning and achieving our school goals for 2015. I wish your child a happy and successful year at school.
Regards
Louise Page

THE FANTASTIC 4/5’s
What an honour to be teaching such an incredible group of students this year! Our class has so many exciting and engaging learning activities planned for Term 1 and strategically embedded in the greater context of the learning year 2015. I will be team teaching the class this year with my wonderful...
teaching partner Miss Wright – I will teach Monday to Thursday and Miss Wright will teach every Friday and Tuesday afternoon.

Our classroom is a safe and supporting environment which celebrates the diversity of each student and embraces the Harrisville State School motto ‘Pride to Achieve’. ALL students will be supported to strive to reach their full potential as individuals, as part of their class group, school and the greater community.

Homework: students will have between 15-20 mins homework EVERY day :) They are VERY excited about this ..... All homework will be a consolidation activity of the learning which has happened throughout that day. Spelling will be required to be practised every day and extra reading for enjoyment is always encouraged. Please ensure that your child brings back their homework/spelling everyday so that we can follow up and assist as required. Also feel free to see either Miss Wright or myself if you have any questions or comments :) Email is an effective way to do this and my email address is dibbe2@eq.edu.au and Miss Wright’s is lwrig156@eq.edu.au.

Overview of Topics this term:
• English: Persuasive writing across all Key Learning Areas
• Math: All strand areas with focus on Place Value and operations
• Science: Life and Living strand focussed on plant and animal adaptations for survival' across the globe
• Geography: Map reading and our place in the community of the world
• Technology: Design and Create a moving toy
• Civics: Government in Australia and around the world

The Fantastic 4/5s’ will be held to the highest standards in all areas of schooling in being safe, responsible and respectful to learn. We look forward to working alongside your child and your family to create optimal learning outcomes for your students. Yours in learning,
Debbie-Lee Ibbertson and Lauren Wright

This year our Year 6 students have the opportunity to attend a cluster camp on the 16-19th November at MOEC. This camp is designed as a part of a transition program to ensure the students are ready for high school. I am not sure about costings yet but I will let families know ASAP.

Our class have been focused on their new studies for 2015. In English we are doing a novel study of Red Dog. Children have been reading the book in class and completing comprehension activities to build their understanding of the text. In maths we are trying to build our speed and accuracy at all of our multiplication facts. Please ensure your child works on these at home. If you would like to borrow an ipad to take home for multiplication practise please see me. We will be starting our unit on number with a focus on multiplying 2 digit and 3 digit numbers using a range of strategies. We have also looked at factors, prime and composite numbers. Please come along to our Parent Teacher Information Night. We will be sharing our curriculum overviews and classroom organisation with all families.

NEWs FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

During 2015 I will be involved in some fun activities. I have the library with games, open on a Tuesday for 2nd break.

Saturday 7th March is the annual Chappy Challenge. This is our major fund raiser for the year. All the information is on the web www.chappychallenge.com.au . I have registered as a participant and you can sponsor me on line, (I am listed as Irene the Chaplain). I do have two other listings for my other school, and the other chaplains are registered too. If you want to make a general donation to chaplaincy, the Boonah district that is also there. Donations are tax deductible. We would love to see you participate individually, as a family, or with a group of friends. It starts early and is all completed during the morning so you can still be involved in your regular Saturday activities. I look forward to having a great year again with everyone.

Irene Hurren
School Chaplain

YEAR 6 NEWS

Our Year 6 leaders have been outstanding this year so far. I am looking forward to our induction ceremony for our new leaders. Please stay tuned for a date/time. We are just awaiting confirmation for when our shirts will be ready.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP IN 2015

START SAVING!! This term we are investigating some new options for camp. We are looking to take the whole school on camp in term 3. Camp costing will be between $200 and $300 per student/ adult. We wanted to give families plenty
of time to save and plan for this event. We currently don’t have a date or a firm booking for location. We will have details confirmed ASAP this term. Our school camp is a great opportunity for personal development, leadership and team building. If you have any questions please come make a time to talk about our camping program.

**P&C NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM and General meeting last week. We have a great group of dedicated workers, ready to act in the best interests of our children.

I would like to thank our outgoing Treasurers- Jenny Miles and Linda Roderick for their work over many years as our school P&C treasurers. Thank you for your time and dedication!

Welcome back to P&C executive who are continuing roles and welcome to new Executives.

President- Susan Land  
Vice President/ Grants- Sharon Stenzel  
Treasurer – Carly Milnthorpe  
Secretary- Taneale McLeary  
Tuckshop- Natalie Ward  
Uniforms- Melinda Merlehan  
Playgroup- Lauren Gunstone & Sarah Robertson

If you would like to join the P&C please come along to our next meeting.

**Bookclub:-**
Due – 19th February. Spare copies are in the office.

**Tuckshop-**
Please note a copy of the menu has been uploaded to our school website. Or follow the link below.


**Colour Fun Run- Save the Date- Sunday 15th March. More information to follow.**

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

**LIFE EDUCATION VISIT**

Coming up on the 11th and 12th March all students will be participating in a Life Education Visit. The cost to families is $9 per student. This includes a visit to the onsite van under the guidance of Life Education Staff. An overview of the program and permission slip will be sent home this week. This supports our Health Units and learning in 2915.

**AUSTRALIAN FOLKLORE INCURSION**

Don’t forget to send back your permission form and $5 for our Australian Folklore incursion! This is going to be a great opportunity for our students to engage in the History Curriculum.

**$5 CIRCUIT CLASS**


**PEAK CROSSING KINDY INFORMATION**

Welcome to Kindy 2015, we have certainly hit the ground running as the children discover and engage within their Kindy environment.

This term we will be working towards creating our own personalised book about ourselves. The creation of these books address skills and concepts that are important in growing up such as: recognizing and learning our names, learning about emotions, personal hygiene, kindy expectations and most of all knowing that everyone is unique and special. Our books will be on display within the classroom when completed and will be revisited at the end of the year so the children can reflect on what they have learnt and see how they have grown. An essential part of these books are some photos from home, we ask that you please send in photos of:

- Your child as a baby  
- Your family  
- On holidays  
- Your house  
- Your pet

An overview of our day can be found on the easel just inside the front door. We welcome any parent input to the curriculum please feel free to add your comments.

We welcome all family involvement within our learning environment. Should you wish to assist us throughout the day please let us know.

We currently have a few vacancies for this year and 2016. If you wish to enrol your child please visit the centre between 9:30am- 11am or 3:30pm – 5pm  
Or call us on 5467 2471
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has resumed for 2015!
Come along and have some fun at our Koala Joey Program and Playgroup

Thursday 9.30- 11.00
All welcome to attend!
Please talk to Lauren Gunstone & Sarah Robertson-
Playgroup Co-Ordinators for the P&C for further information!

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Phone

0407 021 480

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COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!