SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1
February
16th February - Bowling Meet and Greet 1pm!
20th February- Parent Information Night- 5.30 classrooms.

March
23rd March DATE CLAIMER- Seafood Night! More information to follow!

STAFF PROFILES

Over the coming weeks we will be including staff profiles each week. Enjoy! This week we have started with our classroom teachers and some of our specialist teaching staff.

P/1/2 Teacher  Michelle White

Diploma of Teaching
Bachelor of Education Primary

Michelle has over 25 years teaching experience in Early Childhood. She is committed to improving children’s reading and understanding of English and Mathematics. She believes in explicit teaching and structuring the learning for all children to be able to show improvement and gain a sense of achievement. She feels a strong sense of responsibility towards the parents of her students and values their involvement in their child’s learning.

5/6/7 Classroom Teacher  Debbie-Lee Ibbertson (Tues/Wed)

Bachelor of Education (Majoring in Inclusive Education – II/ASD),
Bachelor of Fine Arts

News from the Principal

Great Results Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/ resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch. I am looking forward to working with students, staff and parents to come up with the best plan possible.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal
Debbie-Lee has been teaching for 13 years across a variety of educational settings, most recently for 5 years as the Head of Department for Inclusive Education at Boonah SHS. With her husband, she has moved to Harrisville recently and is a mother to three beautiful boys. Debbie-Lee is widely travelled and has participated in teaching middle school students while living in Denmark. Debbie-Lee believes that all students are unique and as such her core goal is differentiating instruction to ensure that all students succeed in an education which sets them up for a productive future of lifelong learning. Her purpose in the profession of teaching is to ignite within each and every student, every day, a passion for growth and the skills and knowledge to follow their dreams.

**STLaN Teacher**  Le-Anne Whittred  
*(Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy)*

Le-Anne has 34 years teaching experience in multi-age primary classes. Currently she is the STLaN at Harrisville, Warrill View and Mutdapilly schools. She works alongside teachers and students to improve learning outcomes, especially in Literacy and Numeracy. Le-Anne believes that a wide and varied exposure to learning both at home and at school will provide the best outcomes for our children. Le-Anne has just been offered permanency in her circuit in 2013!

**PE Teacher**  Janet McKenna

Janet has been teaching since 1990. She has taught Physical Education on the Sunshine Coast and in Mt Isa. Janet has taught Outdoor Education at Lake Julius S.L.C. and Maroon O.E.C. As a primary classroom teacher Janet has taught in the Fassifern area since 2002. Janet has returned to her true calling - Health and Physical Education, and is now teaching across the Fassifern.

Janet is passionate about teaching swimming and survival skills. She believes that learning about different water and what our bodies can do in it, is a life-long journey. 'I get a real buzz out of helping the students explore their capabilities', explains Janet. You will see her about the area, on the road training for triathlons and coaching the Under 10’s at Fassifern Netball Association.

**5/6/7 & Principal**  Christie Minns

Christie has been teaching since 1999 and has been a principal since 2007. She has worked in a range of schools around the Fassifern region. Christie worked as principal of Grantham State School prior to being appointed the principal of Harrisville State School. She has worked in rural and metropolitan schools but enjoys the challenges of being a small school principal. Christie believes in making strong community connections and has lived and worked within all the communities that she has taught. She believes that working with parents to improve the learning outcomes for all students in her care is of paramount importance.
Sandra Stenzel
Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood)

Sandra has 27 years teaching experience in both Preschool and Primary settings and has taught at Harrisville since 2003. Professionally Sandra is passionate about the growth and development of the whole child and believes that positive relationships are integral for our students wellbeing.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Coming up on Thursday 20th February we will be hosting a classroom information session in each of our classrooms.

P12- 5.30- 6.00
2/3/4  6.00- 6.30
5/6/7  6.30- 7.00

This will be a great chance to find out what is happening in our classrooms this year. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions at the end of each presentation. We look forward to seeing you there.

P/1/2 NEWS
Homework has started for all children in the P/1/2 classroom. Everyone was very excited to take home sight words to learn and a book to read. A class newsletter went home that included the class rules. Children are acknowledged with stickers, certificates and personal praise for their great work in the room. We have had many children improving in their counting.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS!
Hello and welcome to a new year of learning. I am extremely happy to be teaching your children Physical Education again. I visit many schools in the Fassifern area; my base school is Roadvale S.S. and I also teach at Maroon S.S., Mutdapilly S.S., Harrisville S.S. and Warrill View S.S. I would like to keep you informed of the units of work occurring in Term One.

For the first few weeks the younger students will be establishing routines and learning about The Healthy Food Guide. The Australian Government produce the guide, and over the years it has evolved to reflect new findings. The 2013 version represents food in a circle (or a plate if you like). The younger students will be identifying foods that belong in the circle of healthy food and foods that belong outside the circle. The lessons will still provide some physical activity as I will use relays and fundamental movement skills. The older students will revise the information in The Healthy Food Guide and ultimately be analysing the sugar content of muesli bars. This follows last year’s focus on ‘Choose Water’, where we looked at the sugar content of various drinks. Year 6 and 7 will be issued with some Health homework to go towards their Semester One report card result. This homework will be given to students in week three. During weeks 4-7 students will participate in a unit of Traditional Indigenous Games. Younger students will play different games to the older students. The games are taken from the Australian Sports Commission’s publication ‘Yulunga’. It will be a fantastic opportunity for me to see the students’ fundamental movement skills, foundation sport skills, how they get along with each other and follow instructions.

Cross Country season follows next and I incorporate cross country running in a Health Related Fitness Unit. Last year students in Year 4 and older were introduced to the five components of health related fitness. This year we will focus on improving Cardiovascular Fitness and Flexibility. Some of my schools will conducting a cross country carnival to conclude the unit.

In conclusion I will introduce three terms and my simple definitions. Physical Education, learning about moving in different ways for different activities in different environments; Physical Activity, moving and keeping on moving and Sport, skills in action, rules and scoring are involved, learning might happen, but not guaranteed. You will recognise that there are ways in which each of these three terms exist in each other.

I look forward to watching and guiding your children’s physical education skills and knowledge. If you are interested in what happens in a lesson,
please contact your school principal and we can arrange a class visit.

Janet McKenna

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SCHOOL WITH THE QSCHOOLS APP**

Harrisville State School is using the new Qschools App. This app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about our school. The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites which is what our school website has been built on. When we publish content to our website, the smartphone app is automatically updated, meaning our school community will remain up-to-date with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published via the app. The app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

Features of the app to benefit parents/caregivers:

- access the latest school news and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- follow multiple schools

Android and iOS versions of the app are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play. For more information please contact the office.

**Students of the Week**

**Congratulations to Levi, Makayla, Riley and Damon!**

**P&C NEWS**

**Harrisville State School- MEET AND GREET**

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon meeting new parents whilst playing a friendly game of barefoot bowls...

Where: Harrisville Bowls Club, Dunns Avenue  
Date: Sunday 16th February  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Cost: $5 adults, kids free  
Sausage Sizzle provided by the P & C  
Purchase drinks from the bar  
RSVP: Ricky 0418 756 836  
Or email– ricky.matt@bigpond.com  

Hope to see you all there!

**Tuckshop volunteers**-

If you could assist with tuckshop this year could you please return this slip/ send an email/ leave a message at the office.

☑ Yes I can help with tuckshop service on Fridays.

NAME________________
PHONE_______________

Alternatively call the office 5467 1288 or email- pandc@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

This year all orders for tuckshop must be in by Wednesday afternoon at the latest. Tuckshop volunteers cannot guarantee your child will get their choice of order if it comes in late. Thank you for your understanding.
Absence Note

“Every Day Counts”

Dear ___________________,

My child __________________ was away on __/__/2014, __/__/2014, 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 your absence note to admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

STARTS TOMORROW
Thursday 13th February @9.30 am

Harrisville School Playgroup will resume on Thursday 13 February, with a 9:30am starting time. This year our principal Mrs Minns will join us and lead us with the Koala Joey Program, which focuses on Parent/Child interaction through nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories.

Early years brain development, emotional and social development, child development, early literacy and early numeracy information is shared during the program.

Parents gain skills in a fun, interactive and supportive environment.

Playgroup is held on the Harrisville School Grounds.

AP’s Tennis Coaching

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will run before or after school (on alternate weeks) at a cost of $9.00 per child. Times will be given when you call to enroll ☺☺ ☺☺

GET IN QUICK! LESSONS HAVE ALREADY STARTED!
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS.

Please phone AP on 0437 657 220 to book your spot in the program!