SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1
March
14th March- SCHOOL DISCO! 6.30- 8.00- All welcome! $5!
29th March DATE CLAIMER- Seafood Night!

April
2nd April- P&C meeting 7pm School Library- All welcome.
4th April- Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade – All families welcome!
8.30- 10.30 am

Term 2
Date Change Monday 28th April- Harrisville SS Cross Country –8.30- 10.30- All welcome! THANKS MRS MCKENNA!

News from the Principal

Early Literacy and Numeracy at Harrisville State School.
Each Thursday our school runs the Koala Joey program as a part of our school playgroup. We have a dedicated group of about 10 mums and bubs that come along to our early literacy and numeracy program. During the Koala Joey Program we sing songs and talk about key messages to support your child in the early years. Lauren Gunstone is our P&C playgroup representative who attends weekly. Please come and see myself or Lauren about joining our program. We have a great time learning new songs, rhymes and stories. We do playgroup each Thursday between 9.30 and 11.00.

The early years are so important for developing essential literacy and numeracy skills. Please come along for some fun and learning! The skills and concepts that we cover are so important for your child’s readiness for school! It is also a lot of fun! I look forward to seeing you Thursday’s.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

SCHOOL DISCO

Coming up Friday the school will host a school disco!

Friday 14th March
6.30- 8.00pm
School Library

WEAR SOMETHING GREEN TO CELEBRATE ST PATRICKS DAY!

$5 All funds raised will go towards the Student Project Club!
We will provide a snack and a drink!
Come along and have some fun!
If you don’t have green….. just wear your dance gear!

5/6/7 NEWS

Last week our senior students reflected on how they were feeling during the leadership ceremony. For our Year 6/7 students this was a very exciting time. Our Year 5 students were able to project forward to next year when they step up as school leaders. I have included some of our students writing today!

Leadership day Reflection- By Charlee
It was Wednesday the 5th of March. I was sitting at the front with all the other 6/7s. We were just about to start our speeches. But first we had to sing. After we had sung the song called this day, sat back down and began the speeches. Soon enough it was my turn to present my speech. I stood in front of the microphone and began. I was nervous but excited at the same time. My legs were shaking like mad. When I was finished I gave a smile to Mum, Nanna, Mama and Nanny. When I got my shirt, badge, and certificate I was so excited. When we were finished we had morning tea and Mum made me get in heaps of photos with her, Nanna, Mama and Nanny. The food was delicious. My family was very proud of me. I love my position of school captain.
Leadership Day By Zach
I enjoy when I got my Hounds captain badge and senior shirt. I got to shake hand with the PNC leader and Mr Rick and a lot of the teachers when I did my speech and the morning tea food was great. I felt happy and excited when I got my badge. My auntie was happy and proud and my grandparents said they felt proud and that if you great aunty was here she would be so proud.

My Excitement for Being A Year 6 Role Model by Hayden
I observed that I can’t wait to feel so excited to do my speech like the year 6/7 did. I will be so nervous like they were and I look up to them literally so I will use everything great that they did when it’s my turn.

I felt so happy for them when the day they got their shirts and badges they have been looking forward to this since they arrived here at this wonderful school even though not everyone got a position, doesn’t matter you can still be a great leader. If you don’t get a position it is all right.

I am looking forward to going for an opportunity to go for Hounds captain I want to help kids to become healthy athletic kids. That’s why I am looking forward to leadership roles.

Leaders of Harrisville by Britney
On Wednesday the 5th of March the 6/7’s had their badge and shirt ceremony. I was very excited and happy for all the year 6/7’s. They looked proud to get their badges and shirts and they also looked scared and excited to present their speech in front of the staff, family members and friends. As well as Mr Rick Stanfield the councillor who came to watch the 6/7’s get their badges and shirts.

When I make my speech I will be nervous and I will be shaking. I will go for the position of Hounds Vice and School Captain or School Vice Captain. I’ll be ready to take on the responsibility of a leader just like the year 6/7’s.

My Future Role as a School Leader By Lara
I felt excited for the 6/7’s when they got their shirts and badges. After they did their speeches they sat down in relief and pat each other on the back and said well done. When that’s me it will be exciting but I will be a bit nervous at the same time. Once again I can’t wait to be a School Leader!

My future role as a leader By Emily
Hi my name is Emily and I am going to talk about what I observed on Wednesday. I think you have to show that you want to become a leader by helping the younger kids, making sure everyone has applied sunscreen, everyone is following the three school rules be safe, be responsible and be respectful.

I felt very happy for the 6/7 because they did what they could to get their badge, shirt and their certificate and become a school captain, school vice-captain, hounds captain, hounds vice-captain, hornets captain, hornets vice-captain and student leader. I also felt they were nervous when they did their speech.

Future role as a leader by Damian
I saw pride in Harrisville State School, mums and dads/family and friends, teachers and Mr Rick Stanfield was watching. I think our leaders might of felt happy, exited and nerves because the big day was happening and they were getting their badges and shirts.

I’m looking forward to confidence, happiness and being safe responsible and respectful and also pride.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Bree, Jessica, Melanie and Wyatt!
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

---

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 2nd April. We look forward to seeing you there.

Seafood Night-UPDATE!

Our seafood night is coming up on the 29th March. If you could assist or would like to book a table on the night please contact Ricky Quinn.

Yesterday a seafood order form was sent home. Please return it ASAP so we know what to order! THANKS!

DONATIONS PLEASE!

The P&C are also after donations to make up hampers to raffle on our Seafood Night. If you could bring along something to add to the collection that would be greatly appreciated. Please drop all items to the school office.

Easter Raffle- Donations!

We will be holding an Easter raffle again this year. If you could drop in some yummy Easter treats to raffle that would be appreciated.

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE- NEW!


Uniform News-

Hornets and Hounds sport shirts now available for $23 please contact Melinda on 0455836121. Payment to be made either by cash or cheque.

---

CRAZY HAIR DAY

On Thursday night 13th March our RE Teacher – Mrs Ball will be getting her head shaved to raise money for cancer sufferers “Shave for a Cure” at the Royal Hotel – Harrisville at 7.00p.m. – Meal bookings essential. You are welcome to go along and support her on the night if you wish.

We have decided to help her with her fundraising by having a day where the children come to school with crazy hair! Our staff have also decided to get involved as well. The more money we raise the more staff will get their hair coloured..... Any child/families donating $10 will go into a draw to be able to colour the teacher’s hair. So start saving and be a part of this wonderful cause.

TO BE HELD:

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday 4th April (last day of term). Bring along a donation.

---

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!

Our school participates in the Koala Joey Program. This year we will be placing some of our Key Messages in our newsletter for parents.


THE FIRST FEW YEARS LAST A LIFETIME

Brain development is strongly influenced by good and bad experiences. Experiences shape brain development by connecting neurons and forming neural pathways. The brain remains plastic throughout life, but the early years are particularly important for shaping the brain.

FORMING A SECURE ATTACHMENT WITH YOUR CHILD

Every child needs someone who thinks they are just wonderful! Having lots of fun, caring and interactive times with a child, leads to a healthy bonding between a carer and a child – this can lead to the child having a
positive self image. Using rhyme and song can help to develop a secure attachment with your child.

Try one of these rhymes.

**DANCE WITH ME**
Dance with me, dance with me
Dance with me too
It’s fun to be dancing
Cos I love you!
Source unknown

Hold your child tightly and dance around the room with them chanting this rhyme happily. Substitute other actions – rock with me, bounce with me, march with me, sway with me, spin with me, wriggle with me, shake with me so they learn and understand lots of new movement words increasing their vocabulary.

Why not finish the chant with this tickly last verse and give your child a great big hug at the end.

Tickle me, tickle me
Tickle me too
It’s fun to be tickled
Cos I LOVE YOU!

**YOU’RE MY STAR**
You’re my star
My moon, my sun
Mummy loves you very much
My special little one
Source unknown

Choose a special time to say this rhyme to your child each day. Substitute other family members – daddy, grandma, brother, sister, aunty, the dog, teddy bear. At bedtime, just before they go to sleep, would be a perfect time as they will fall asleep full of positive messages.

An attachment with your child is based on thousands of day to day experiences over weeks and months, not one dramatic event. Attachment theory, first pioneered by John Bowlby over 60 years ago, helps us to understand what it is about early experiences and early relationships that actually impacts so much on the child’s life and on the child’s future life experiences.

A secure attachment can only be established in the context of a loving relationship that includes:
Nurturing touch, Eye Contact, Smiling, Positive effect
Needs fulfilment.

**Remember to have fun and enjoy being with each other. Time is the greatest gift you can give a child.**

Ref: The neuroscience review from the first stage of the Engaging Families in the Early Childhood Development Story identified a number of child development statements – Key Messages - to share with parents and the community. The child development statements convey evidence about the importance of the early years Ref: A toolkit for working with families from pre-birth to 8 years ARACY
Ref: A toolkit for working with families - ARACY
www.aracy.org.au/documents/item/97

---

**Scentually Soy Aromas Candle Party**

*Friday 14th March at 6.30pm*
**31 North Street, Harrisville**

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with your friends, have a glass of wine and view our gorgeous range of soy candles and accessories. Canapés provided. Please BYO drinks. I look forward to meeting you all.

**RSVP:** 7th March
Taneale 0408210281
https://www.facebook.com/scentuallysoyaromas