SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4

October

20th October – Pupil Free Day
SWIMMING TERM 4- TUESDAYS- 10.30, 11.00- WHOLE SCHOOL- Return Permission ASAP.
Prep Transition Sessions- Thursday 9.30- 11.30 - 16th October, 23rd October, 30th October.
23rd October- 6/7 Public Speaking Competition
27th – 31st October - Book Week-
30/31 October- Camp- Prep to Year 7! All Welcome 5pm! $25

November

1st November - TRIVIA NIGHT
5th November- Surf Safety presentation 11am- 12pm.
11th November - ART AUCTION- 6pm-

December

4th December MOVE UP DAY & PREP ORIENTATION- All new enrolments welcome- 8.30- 2.30.
4th December- Boonah SHS Year 7/8 Orientation Day.

News from the Principal

Pupil Free Day- Monday 20th

Don’t forget that this Monday 20th October is a pupil free day. Our staff will be participating in a range of professional learning programs to support our students at our school. One of our focus sessions on Monday will be how do we plan and cater for the diverse range of learners in our class? What ways can we differentiate learning?

We are so proud of the work of our students and staff! Here at Harrisville we are focused on learning and providing the best opportunities for our students. Monday will be a time for staff to learn and develop our professional skills.

Yours in Education

Christie Minns
Principal

READING COMPREHENSION-SKIMMING AND SCANNING

Our comprehension focus for the last 2 weeks has been Skimming & Scanning. These are fast reading techniques.

Skimming helps you to get the big picture of what a book or text is about. It is not necessary to read every word. Reading the first and last sentence of a paragraph can be helpful. You can use skimming to decide whether a book is useful or if you think a book interests you.

When you scan you are looking for specific information in a text. When you scan you read quickly over some parts of the text. Looking for key words help you find the information you want. When you find the part you want, you slow down and read more carefully.

Good readers will be thinking these things while they are skimming and scanning.

• I am looking for information about ............................................
• I am trying to find out ............................................................
• I want to know ........................................................................
• This book looks too difficult/easy for me.
• This book looks interesting.
• I wonder if I should get this book out of the library.

YEAR 4/5/6/7 NEWS

Year 4/5/6/7 are very excited to be engaged in a science/geology program this term which explores the geological make up of our local area and of the earth as a whole. Students have created their own class rock display and are investigating ‘the story of the earth’ which each rock tells through its properties. We are extremely fortunate to have engaged the services of internationally renowned geologist and artist Dr John Jacks (known as The Rock Doctor). Students will have a chance to
discuss their knowledge of the earth’s formation, the different rocks and how they were formed and the way they were formed – please ask your students about the three main types of rocks (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic). We have also been demonstrating our knowledge of the layers of the earth through creating incredible art works which will be presented at the Harrisville Art Auction. Exciting times for all!! Debbie-Lee Ibbertson

SCHOOL CAMP 2014  30th & 31st October

PREP TO YEAR 7

This term our camp will be held on Thursday/ Friday 30th & 31st of October. My apologies to our families who are unable to attend this date due to other commitments. We have tried our best to accommodate all families. In choosing the date we needed to ensure that staff and parent volunteers could also attend to ensure we had sufficient supervision.

We will be expecting all children to bring in their tents and gear in the morning of Thursday 30th October. During the day the children will be erecting their tents on the oval as a part of their team building and leadership development. If you have indicated that you have a tent we would appreciate support in bringing it in on the Thursday morning. Prep children will have the option of sleeping in the library as this is closer to the toilets.

Camp will cost $25 per child. This will cover the costs of all meals (dinner, breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). Students will be required to bring their own lunch on Thursday as per normal. The cost of camp will also cover our activities for our excursion component of the camp. This will be a worthwhile curriculum based excursion. The school makes no profit from school based activities.

On Thursday 30th children will go home in the afternoon at 2.30 as per our normal school routine. Children are encouraged to shower and return to school at 5.00 to prepare for dinner and our night time activities.

Staff and students are looking forward to this event.

What to bring:-
- Plastic cup, plate, bowl, cutlery, tea towel
- Tent, pillow, sleeping bag
- Torch
- Pyjamas, toothbrush, hair brush & other toiletries
- Jumper for night time in case
- Clothes for Friday
- Sneakers for walking
- Hat and water bottle
- Medication (you will need a request to administer medication form from the office)
- A CAN DO ATTITUDE!
- An ART SHIRT or something you don’t mind getting dirty.

YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION DINNER- DATE

Monday 3rd November is our new confirmed date. A formal invitation for parents will be sent home in the coming days.

Our students will be putting together an imotion movie of their life at primary school. When we return next term children will need copies of school photos/ any special work samples that could be scanned/photographed to be used in their personal presentation for parents and staff.

If there are any parents who would like to assist with decorating for the event please let us know. We have balloons, glitter and will make place settings for our tables.

We will also be asking parents to assist with making salads on the night to keep our costs down. The school will organise cold meat/ chicken at a minimal cost to families, plus the graduation cake/ coffee/ drinks and nibbles.

HEALTH NEWS FROM MRS MCKENNA

First in a series of nutrition tips from the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport)

The team of dieticians at the AIS are used to working with elite athletes to get them to the top of their game. Now they are sharing their secrets to show you how your family can benefit from the nutritional know-how that helps our sporting champions perform at their best.

Choosing the best food for your family can seem mind-boggling given all the conflicting messages available about food. It doesn’t have to be that hard. Here are 7 tips per week from the experts on the AIS Nutrition team to help you give your family the best options no matter what their energy and dietary needs.

1. Involve your family in cooking.
2. Share food together and role model a good relationship with food.
3. Eat wholefoods as much as possible. Wholefoods are foods such as vegetables, fruit, eggs, fish and meat that are eaten in as close to their natural state as possible.
4. Choose foods from all the main food groups (bread, cereals, rice, pasta, noodles; vegetables, legumes; fruit; milk, yoghurt, cheese; meat, fish, poultry eggs, nuts, legumes).
5. Eat widely within each of the food groups. Eating a selection of colours, textures and food types increases your exposure to the full mix of nutrients and health components.
6. Vegetable are important – adults should aim for five serves a day. Younger children need a little less.
7. Eat plenty of wholegrains (wholegrain wheat, oats, brown rice, rye, unpearled barley and whole popping corn). These provide fibre and are protective against health problems such as cancer and heart disease.

Reference:

YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS
We have hit the ground running this term and have begun most of our new units already. In Maths we will continue to look at fractions, multiplication and division, but will add measurement and probability to our investigations as well. We are revising the 5 x tables this week.

The children have been learning about and practicing, the correct use of quotation marks when writing and are VERY GOOD at it. I am really impressed as this is notoriously difficult to control and they are doing extremely well; even my little Year 2s are showing me a solid understanding of correct usage. Spelling focus this week is: rules for plurals.

WE LOVE SCIENCE and having completed our Unit on States of Matter/Kitchen Science, are exploring and investigating the Water Cycle and its use as a resource.

WE ALSO LOVE GEOGRAPHY and will this term be studying the world’s Climate Zones, how this affects human populations and applying this knowledge to a project about Australia and her neighbours.

It is with much pleasure I announce our Student of the Week: Congratulations Jace. Immediately upon arriving to Years 2/3/4, Jace has shown exemplary behaviour, a courteous attitude to others and a fabulous work-ethnic; he is the perfect addition to our class.

Finally, this is one of the many reasons I love teaching;
Did you know that the President of the US is... Berocca Bama?

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS SMOOTH THE WAY
It’s an exciting time for both our Year 6 and Year 7 students who will move to high school in 2015.

No matter where your child will attend high school, taking part in open events, information evenings and orientation or taster days is an important step toward a smooth transition between primary and secondary education.

Term 4 is normally the time that high schools open their classrooms to incoming students, so be sure to check with your chosen high school about upcoming opportunities for you and your child to tour the facilities and meet the teachers.

We will continue to work closely with our local high schools to support students to make a smooth transition.

Don’t forget that Boonah SHS will be having their orientation day on Thursday 4th December. Please contact the high school for further information.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to Jace, Jacinta and Jessica!
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 16th October 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 23rd October 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 30th October 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 6th November 9.30– 11.30
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

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

TRIVIA NIGHT! Please note the Trivia Night will be on Saturday 1st November. Donations welcome!
Examples of suitable items- Gift cards (Coles/ Bunnings ect.), Gift packs.

ART AUCTION
SAVE THE DATE- 11th November.
Meals will be available from 6pm
7pm Auction of Student Artwork.
More information to follow!

Successful Grant Applications-
Our Community Neighborhood Grant- Australia Post - $5300 – purchase of ipads
Gambling Community Benefit Fund
$27 260- Shade Structure and Walkways
Scenic Rim Council
$1000- playgroup equipment

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