SCHOOL CALENDAR
School Calendar for 2015-

TERM 4
October
19th October- Pupil Free Day-
20th- 23rd October- BOOK FAIR- Open before and after school. Come along and purchase some books!
23rd October- Book Week Dress Up – Favourite Story Book Character, Gold Coin Donation- Funds to go towards School Project Club.
29th October- Prep Transition Session – 9.30- 12.00- All new Prep children for 2016 welcome to attend.
30th October- Day for Daniel- Wear Red to school to support awareness of child safety.
November
5th November- Prep Transition- 9.30- 12.00
7th November- Seafood Night- P&C
11th November- Year 6 Graduation Dinner- 6pm The Vue Boonah
12th November- Prep Transition- 9.30- 12.00
19th November- Prep Transition- 9.30- 12.00
26th November- Prep Transition- 9.30- 12.00
26th November- Boonah State High School Parent Information Session 5.30pm
16th/ 17th/ 18th November- Year 6 Camp Maroon- Fassifern Cluster of Schools. More information to follow.
December
3rd December- Move Up Day Harrisville SS / Boonah State High School Transition Day
4th December- Concert/ Awards Night – 6pm.
7th/ 8th/ 9th December- Whole School Camp- Maranatha

News from the Principal
Pupil Free Day! Don’t forget Monday 19th October is our Pupil Free Day for term 4. This is a chance for our staff to engage in professional learning and dialogue around student improvement.

This week we have received our new school mobile phone. We will be using our school mobile phone for a variety of purposes across the school. Our new school phone number is - 0476 837 329.

We will be sending important reminders and quick updates via SMS as required. School staff will be taking photos of Student of the Week and sending these images via SMS. The parents who received these messages for Student of the Week Monday gave positive feedback about this new process. Thank you for your comments. We are always striving to improve our school!

Our phone will be taken on excursions and importantly camp later in the term. It will be a good way for parents to keep in touch when we are out and about.

Please feel free to send an SMS when your child is absent. We will record all these absences directly onto your child’s attendance record.

This term Mrs Ibbertson and Miss Wright will be developing our school Facebook page. Our teachers will be using our phone to update our Facebook page and take images to upload!

I look forward to building our school communication links! If you have any questions or comments please make an appointment at the office!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns

BOOK FAIR & CHARACTER DRESS UP!
Next week we will be holding our Annual Book Fair. Please come in before or after school next week to see our collection of books for sale. Some items are heavily reduced and make for great reading!

Details- Book Fair
Tuesday 20th October- Friday 23rd October
Mornings - 8.00- 8.30, Afternoons- 2.30- 3.00

All children will get an opportunity to write a wish list of books. Please come along and support our
school. Our school is rewarded with free picks of books for our school community!

On Friday 23rd October we will be having a storybook dress up day. Children are being asked to come along dressed as their favourite storybook character! If you could send the book along / or details of your child’s character this will help with activities on the day! Please send a gold coin donation which will go towards our student project club.

We will start with a parade and runway walk. Parade will commence around 8.30am in the undercover area. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Throughout the week our classroom teachers will be ensuring our children participate in a range of reading activities to promote a love of reading! We will also have lunchtime reading around the school! Last year this was very successful! If you would like further information or support please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

ENROL NOW FOR 2016!
PREP 2016 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Thank you to all our families for attending our Parent Information Sessions yesterday. If you were unable to attend we have some handouts with detailed notes of what we talked about. Please make an appointment at the office if you would like to meet to discuss your child’s enrolment for 2016.

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 29th October 9.30– 12:00
- Thursday 5th November 9.30– 12:00
- Thursday 12th November 9.30– 12:00
- Thursday 19th November 9.30– 12:00
- Thursday 26th November 9.30– 12:00
- Thursday 3rd December 8.30– 2.30

*Please note families with siblings already at school may bring Preps from 8.30. Our kindy friends from Peak Crossing will join us around 9.30. Any questions about our transition program please contact Christie Minns or Michelle White.

NEW SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE
UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR!
ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR!

Please return your child’s consent form as we are seeking permission to use images/ and names for our new Harrisville State School Facebook page that we will be creating this term. Without this consent form signed we are unable to use student work/images/names for the site. Thank you for updating this form for your child’s records. If you require these forms to be sent home again please see Tammy in the office or alternatively go to our documents section on our website to download a copy.

Miss Wright and Mrs Ibbertson will be developing our school site over the coming weeks. In developing our school Facebook page we have considered carefully unacceptable/inappropriate use. We would like our school Facebook page to be a positive communication tool. Staff will be monitoring our school site carefully and we will be communicating and educating students what is unacceptable behaviour. I would ask all parents to discuss cyber safety and in particular cyber bullying.

It is unacceptable for students while at school to:
- use the mobile device in an unlawful manner
- download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures
- use of obscene, inflammatory, racist, discriminatory or derogatory language
- use language and/or threats of violence that may amount to bullying and/or harassment, or even stalking
- insult, harass or attack others or use obscene or abusive language
- deliberately waste printing and internet resources
- damage computers, printers or network equipment
- commit plagiarism or violate copyright laws
- ignore teacher directions for the use of social media, online email and internet chat
- send chain letters or spam email (junk mail)
- knowingly download viruses or any other programs capable of breaching the department's networks security
- use in-phone cameras anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets
- invade someone's privacy by recording personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. forwarding, texting, uploading, Bluetooth use etc.) of such material
- use the mobile phone (including those with Bluetooth functionality) to cheat during exams or assessments
• take into or use mobile devices at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by school employees.

Acceptable/appropriate use/behaviour by a student
It is acceptable for students while at school to:
• use mobile devices for assigned class work and assignments set by teachers
• developing appropriate literacy, communication and information skills
• authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the intranet or internet for educational purposes as supervised and approved by the school
• conducting general research for school activities and projects
• communicating or collaborating with other students, teachers, parents or experts in relation to school work
• accessing online references such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc.
• researching and learning through the department’s eLearning environment
• be courteous, considerate and respectful of others when using a mobile device
• switch off and place out of sight the mobile device during classes, where these devices are not being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning
• use personal mobile device for private use before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks
• seek teacher’s approval where they wish to use a mobile device under special circumstances

This link will take you to DETA’s Acceptable Uses Procedure for using Facebook and Social Media. Please follow the link to review this policy.

MUSIC NEWS FROM MISS BAUER
Sing Count Us In 2015
The whole school will sing “Gold” this year’s “Music Count Us” song and hopefully watch at least one of the several clips on utube before the official day in music lessons. The song is available for parents to sing along with on the website. There is also an AUSLAN version with deaf children performing the song and should be a cartoon version up soon. If you google: utube gold count us in 2015 several versions come up. Further information is on www.musiccountusin.org.au The Official Count Down Day is Thursday 29th October, our school will hopefully sing the song on Monday 26th. We will perform the song as a whole school at our end of year concert as well.

Prep/1 Class
Students will sing simple songs and add percussion instruments on the beat and rhythm. As a class the students will work on rhythm patterns, keeping a steady beat and beginning to read & write simple music notation. Students will also listen to sections of Saint Saen’s famous “Carnival of the Animals” and begin to name the different orchestral instruments and recognise their sounds. Students will learn and perform “Gold” as part of the “Sing Count Us In” initiative.
Assessment Tasks: Semester 2 Music test (testing rhythm, melody and general knowledge taught in music lessons); Sing class songs such as “Gold” confidently and accurately in choir formation; and play an instrument on a steady beat or accurate rhythm.

Year 2/3 Class
Students will continue to work on learning to play their recorders, focussing on covering the holes, playing softly, playing together, starting and ending with silence. Please ask your child if they have their own recorder and music folder and that it is clearly labelled with their name (these are stored in the class box in the classroom). Students will also learn to sing “Gold” for the Sing Count Us In initiative.
Assessment: Play a rehearsed recorder song to the class in groups. Written Music Semester 2 Test, Sing class songs such as “Gold” confidently and musically in choir formation.

Year 3/4 Class
In music specialist lessons with Miss B, students will continue to work on learning to play their recorders, focussing on covering the holes, playing softly, playing together, starting and ending with silence. Please ask your child if they have their own recorder and music folder and that it is clearly labelled with their name (these are stored in the class box in the library). Students will also learn to sing “Gold” for the Sing Count Us In initiative.
Assessment: Play a rehearsed recorder song to the class in groups. Written Music Semester 2 Test, Sing class songs such as “Gold” confidently and musically in choir formation.

Year 5/6 Class
In music specialist lessons with Miss B, students will continue to work on learning to play and practice their recorder skills as well as their guitar and singing skills. The year 5’s will be asked to play “Amazing Grace” and “Ode to Joy” in groups and the year 6’s will be asked to choose a more
complex song, practice in a group and present as a performance in class time and showcase their best skills with reading music and playing softly as a team. Students will be asked to use a variety of practice techniques (play it through, play just the fingers, break it down, focus on the tricky bit, listen & watch, have another go, play it again but change one thing etc.). Once recorder tasks are finalised students will work towards completing their term 4 mini-Guitar unit booklets which include several practical tasks (labelling parts of the guitar, creating their own words to a nursery rhyme, playing and E minor and E major guitar chord without help, reading a chord chart). Note this unit may not be assessed for report cards this term unless your child performs better on a guitar than on a recorder (again students may play a song of their choice well on a guitar as their assessment task this term as well as their recorder task).

Please check your child has their own recorder and music folder both clearly labelled with their name. Students may wish to bring their own guitar in on Mondays for this unit of work if they already own one (but ensure that it is labelled with their full name).

Harrisville Recorder Group
A huge thank-you from myself to Mrs White for continuing the little bit of extra practice as needed to get our fabulous little recorder assembly playing group up and running this year. I hear that you play well on assemblies and I will have some lovely new music for these girls to work on this term.

Harrisville State School Choir Term 4, 2015
I will only accept new members for the first few weeks of term, we will be focussing on learning all the words to “GOLD” so that we can lead the school with the “Sing Count Us In” Initiative and then on a few songs to perform at our end of year concert, only students with regular attendance and good participation will be invited to our end of term choir party. We are still practicing only a short 20 minute timeslot this term, in our second break on Mondays, so we are only able to learn approximately one new song every couple of weeks and to work on choir techniques and mastery of some of our songs.

Guitar Lessons With Jarrod
Here at Harrisville, we are privileged to have a talented guitar teacher who comes to us, and I’d like to take this opportunity to remind current students to continue to do some regular daily home practice. Parents please contact Jarrod directly if you have any questions. Yours in music,
Miss Suzanne Bauer

DAY FOR DANIEL- WEAR RED
As a part of our personal development program in Health this term our students will be completing the Daniel Morecombe child safety program. As a part of classroom activities we will be wearing red to raise awareness of child safety. The date is set for Friday 30th October.
For further information about the Keeping Children Safe Campaign please follow the link below.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY- AUSLAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES HAVE BEGAN!
Harrisville State School celebrates the diverse population of its students, families and their inherent uniqueness. All staff respect and appreciate the moral, ethical and legal opportunity our school has to provide the most excellent quality of education to all students.

We are proud to announce that Auslan sign language classes are now happening as an optional lunchtime activity in the library every Tuesday at 2nd break. This week students learned basic greetings including their name, ‘how are you’ and some basic colours. Students and teachers took turns conversing with each other in sign and we thank Kellee Christoffel and Bev Whitt for their expertise in teaching this wonderful program. In this photograph we can see Maddy and Bella having a conversation about how they are feeling about the day with the guidance of Mrs Christoffel and Mrs Whitt. I must say that the students were able to pick up this new language somewhat faster than the teachers!

Yours in Learning,
Debbie-Lee Ibbertson
BOONAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 26th November 5:30pm Parent Information Evening, MMC, Boonah SHS
- Thursday 3rd December 8:50am – 3:05pm Transition Day, Boonah SHS

MOEC CAMP- YEAR 6 STUDENTS-

This term our Year 6 students have been invited to attend a Fassifern Transition Camp as a part of our cluster transition program into high school. The camp will be from Monday 16th November through to Thursday 19th and we be held locally at MOEC Maroon. The aim of the camp is to build relationships, develop team work and encourage independence. The children will develop physical skills by participating in a range of outdoor activities within MOEC Outdoor Education Centre.

Activity details:
- Bushwalking
- Environmental studies
- Team building and independence activities
- Group problem solving
- Orienteering
- High Ropes
- Night Activities

Activity Costs:
$93 which will need to be paid prior to attending camp. Please ensure that all forms and money is returned to the office if your child is attending. If you have any questions about the camp please come and see us.

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

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!

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting- Friday 13th November- 2.45 School Library.

Seafood Night-
On Saturday 7th November we will be holding our Annual Seafood Night. Price is $55 each or $50 if booking a table of 8. It is a licensed event with drinks available for purchase during the evening. Please contact Susan on 0418 780 137 to book in.

$1000 cash Raffle
We are holding a cash raffle to be drawn on the Seafood Night. The prize is $1000 cash. Tickets are only $2 each. We are limiting the number of tickets to be sold to 1000. We are allocating a book of 10 tickets to each family. Please return sold tickets with money by Wednesday 4th November. If you are unable to sell your tickets please return them to the office ASAP so we can organize for someone else to sell them. If you can sell more tickets please let Susan know as we have spare books. It would be great to sell 1000 tickets to maximize our profit!

Book Club!
We sent home issue 7 of Book club. Please return order forms and payment by Wednesday 28th October.

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

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- Jodie Titchmarsh cricket mum

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www.playcricket.com.au
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL
MOVE UP DAY & PREP ORIENTATION
Thursday 3rd December
8.30 – 2.30

Come along to our ‘MOVE UP’ day at Harrisville State School. Children will work with their new class for 2016 for a day. All new enrolments welcome from Prep to Year 6.

Contact the Principal Mrs Christie Minas for more information about our Move Up Day.

Phone: 5467 1288
the.principal@harrisvilles.eq.edu.au
www.harrisvilles.eq.edu.au

Boonah Amateur Swimming Club

THURSDAY NIGHT SWIMMING CLUB
2015 – 2016 Season

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Sliding Family Membership Scale
$55 for the 3rd child
$45 for the 4th child & over

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