SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016
School Calendar for 2016-

TERM 1
March
17th March Gymnastics Demonstration for Parents- Come along during the day to see our gymnastics program.
18th March- Say no to bullying day! Wear Orange!
24th March- Easter Hat Parade 8.30 (making) 9.30- Parade.

TERM 2
April
18th April – Harrisville State School Cross Country 8.30- 10.30 Hornets V’s Hounds- All families welcome to attend.
22nd April- Day of Excellence- Boonah State High School
May
5th/ 6th May- Mother’s Day Stall – More information from the P&C to follow
10th, 11th, 12th NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5.
13th May- NRL Gala Day- More information to follow
16th May- 20th May- Chaplaincy Week.
20th May- District Cross Country- Students Selected
27th May- Boonah Show- Choir students to perform
June
2nd June- Day of Excellence – Year 6 Boonah SHS
10th June- Movie Night- Fundraising for Chaplaincy
15th June- Hornets/ Hounds Athletics Carnival
22nd June- Harrisville Small Schools Athletics Carnival- Mutdapilly SS/ Warrill View/ Harrisville. Venue Harrisville SS
24th June- NRL Sevens – More information to follow

News from the Principal

Reading Support- Children in Year 3 & 5
This term all of our children in Year 3 and 5 have received reading intervention either 1:1 with support staff or in pairs. Our school has a target to increase the number of children in our upper two bands for reading. We have a clear strategy for working with our children and have based our support program on the most highly effective strategies. Children who have been identified as capable of reaching the highest banding in NAPLAN are given complex texts to work with. Children read these texts independently and then answer a series of comprehension questions directly related to the text. Support staff then work through the answers with children asking them lots of “Why” questions to seek clarity and reasoning behind their responses. Feedback is critical to this process. Children also need to be able to identify where they found the answer in the text and again explain why.

Our children who require additional support have been targeted in our MultiLit program. This is a 1:1 support program that aims to “catch up” in identified areas of reading. Mrs Bev Ward who is running the program has included information in a previous newsletter. Please come and see teaching staff if you require further information.

Across the school we are also ensuring all of our children reach their reading goals for the term by tracking and monitoring children closely. Classroom teachers will be conducting reading assessments in the coming days before the end of the term. Please check in with your child’s teacher for further information about your child. We do have a range of support programs across each class to ensure our children are supported in their reading. Don’t forget to read with your child each night it really does make a difference to their literacy!

Bullying No Way!
The National Day of Action will be held this Friday, 18 March 2016. Our school will be participating in a range of activities on the day. Please come along dressed in orange (red and yellow ok too!) to say no to Bullying!
For more information about the day and parent resources go to :-

Please talk with your children about the importance of saying no to bullying.

**Jump Rope for Heart!**
All donations due Friday this week. Thanks again for your support.

**Life Education Sessions!**
Over the last two days each of our classes have had sessions in the Life Education van. This is a very worthwhile incursion for our students as they participate in Health related curriculum topics. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have learnt during these sessions.

This will be the final newsletter for the term, I wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Easter Break!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns

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**STAFFING UPDATE!**

**Jenny Hall**
Teacher Aide
Jenny is a well respected staff member who has been a teacher aide for 37 years. Jenny currently works on our reading intervention program. Jenny enjoys working with children during lunchtime on our art club program.

**Rod Matheson**
Guidance Officer
Rod is our Guidance Officer and works fortnightly on a Thursday. Rod's background is in child psychology and he is a registered psychologist outside of school. Rod works across the school in supporting students and completing assessments when required.

**Stacey Griffths**
Teacher Aide
Stacey works as a teacher aide supporting students with disabilities in our classrooms. She is currently studying her Certificate 111 in Child Services.

**Karen Gunston**
Cleaner
Karen has been a school cleaner at Harrisville for numerous years. Karen enjoys working with a dedicated team all striving to ensure a happy, safe and clean environment for the children.

**Debbie Lee Ibbertson**
5/6 Teacher/ Inclusive Education Teacher
Debbie-Lee has been teaching in a variety of settings and enjoy the challenge of multi-age teaching in a supportive community. Her goal is to inspire and assist students to become lifelong learners.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks and the holidays are not far away now! It is good to see that our students are continuing to work hard on meeting their learning goals, despite the encroaching weariness and temptation of holidays.

Class work and homework is well underway and students need to be recording their four nights of home reading, writing out their spelling words each night and completing their maths activities and sightwords/comprehension cards. If they consistently complete their homework each week, at the end of term, they will receive a certificate. Students will also be given certificates as they progress through their home reading. If you have any questions about this matter, feel free to contact me before or after school or by email at lwrig156@eq.edu.au.

Kind regards,
Miss Wright

This action packed term is fast coming to a close. We look forward to parents coming to see the children during gymnastics this week (Preps at 11:30 and Yr 1 at 12:00) and joining us on the last Thursday morning to make an Easter hat with their child before the parade. We will have some supplies to help you but if you want something special for your hat, you are welcome to bring it with you.

Everyone loved meeting Harold yesterday and learnt about clues to keep us healthy and safe. We will complete our workbook in class and then bring it home to share.

LIBRARY BOOKS. We will borrow as normal this Friday and then borrow 2 books next Wednesday for the holidays.

I wish everyone a happy holiday.

Mrs White

The term is nearly over! Can you believe it? We have been busy watching our seeds germinate and get ready to sprout. The children will be bringing home these broad bean shoots next week to plant in your garden and continue to watch how they grow. Year 2/3 children have been learning to add multiple single and double digit numbers together and which strategies are helpful to work out word problems. We have been writing persuasive or convincing letters to Mrs Minns. Some children look like they are ready for a career in the diplomatic service – they are very good at persuading people to their point of view. Next week we will be doing research into the living and non-living things in our environment.

Just a little reminder that reading books can be changed every day. The children can put them on my chair in the morning and I will change them throughout the day. Homework is due Thursday morning and will go home Friday afternoon. No homework for the holidays of course! Children may take home readers home however checking out the local Scenic Rim libraries (Boonah and Beaudesert) and Ipswich is a great way to get children reading different books about things that they are interested in. The libraries also have a holiday program that is definitely worth checking out with cheap $5 movies.

In English, we have finished our Narrative unit and are moving on to exploring Persuasive texts which the students are enjoying immensely as it allows them to use their creativity and bargaining abilities. My apologies if they are practising this at home after being told ‘no’! In Maths, we are currently looking at the concept of Length and Units of Measurement. The students are also practising their addition, subtraction and multiplication facts. We have made some games around these topics available for students to take home to practise.

As the end of term nears, so does many of our assessments. Our class has already begun reading assessments to analyse their progression through the reading levels. We have just completed some assessment pieces for English but will be moving on to our Science and Maths assessments in the coming weeks. Please encourage your children to not be afraid of the assessment process and to simply ‘have a really good go’ as this is the message we are pushing at school.

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Last week, our students participated in Jump Rope for Heart and performed short and long rope skipping to the song ‘Best Song Ever’ by One Direction. Thank you to all the students who donated a gold coin or fundraised online for the Heart Foundation and to the parents who cheered our jumpers on.

Yesterday, our class visited the Life Education Van and learned about Healthy Eating, Medicine and Bullying. They even participated in a mini-drama session where they had to act out scenarios and one of our students bravely entered a staring contest with Harold the Giraffe! For all of their hard work, our students received stickers and booklets about their Life Education topics that they will be bringing home.

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Queensland Government
Students have stepped into the role of explorers, data collectors and analysts as Junior Scientists this term. They have collated both qualitative and quantitative data on local animal habitats during an in-school field trip. In small groups, they hunted for signs of direct and indirect evidence of life observed within the local environment being studied (e.g. scat, footprints, trails, and nests, evidence of eating, skin, exoskeleton or carcasses).

Students documented evidence collected in variety of ways and then worked to:
- Compare the indirect evidence to other evidence gathered. Then pose the questions –
  - What does the number of different types of animal tell you about this environment?
  - Can you predict how the environment supports the animals that you found evidence of?
  - How could this environment be improved to encourage more animals to live there?

Students were thoroughly engaged in this activity and immersed in higher order thinking skills such as ‘evaluating’ and ‘analysing’. They will now be moving on to applying their knowledge of animal adaptations and habitats to ‘design’ their own animal and given a specific environment, students will need to justify in-depth their decisions for adaptations in their animals. This is sure to be an engaging science learning experience.

Yours in Learning,
Debbie-Lee Ibbertson

INCLUSIVITY – MRS IBBERTSON

If these are strong values of our culture, then we have to ask whether they are adding to or taking away from the ‘glue’ that binds us together as a community (Bob Jackson PhD drbobjackson@iprimus.com.au). Most would agree that the values in the right hand column weaken ‘community’.

Take two other lists of values:

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As teachers, we want to bring out the values on the left in the children in our care, which are all values that will increase the ‘glue’ that holds our community together.

These are of course exactly the values that a child with a disability WILL bring out in other children with proper adult guidance and modelling. What this means is that the child with a disability is a major asset to the school and essential to the building of an alternative set of community values in the next generation to counteract the current values. Children with a disability are a wonderful resource who can transform a school’s values and help build a very different world for the next generation. They are not a burden who should be grateful for anything that they get. At Harrisville State School we are grateful for the potential every student brings to build our school and society.

Yours in Learning,
Debbie-Lee Ibbertson.

GYMNASTIC OPEN SESSIONS FOR PARENT VIEWING- TOMORROW THURSDAY 17th March

Thursday 17th March our gymnastics instructors will be providing an open viewing session to all parents and special friends. Come along and see the children work through their lesson.

Times:
- 10.00 - Year 3 from Mrs Tilney’s Class
- 10.30 – Year 5/6 Boys
- 11.00 – Year 4
- 11.30 – Preps
- 12.00- Year 1
- 1.00 - Year 5/6 Girls
- 1.30 – Year 2
- 2.00- Year 3 from Miss Wrights Class

If you have any questions please see your child’s classroom teacher.
**EASTER BONNET PARADE- NEXT THURSDAY**

24th March 8.30- 10.30!

Come along next Thursday to our Easter Bonnet Parade. **Our classrooms will be open @ 8.30 to begin the construction of our Easter Hats!** Please come along to your child's classroom to offer support. If your child's hat requires any special decorations please send these in on Thursday. We will have some basic items for the construction so that each child can design their own hat.

Our Easter Parade will begin at 9.30am! All children will be parading their special designs! Our P&C will also be drawing the Easter Raffle at the conclusion of our event! Come along and have some fun!

**CROSS COUNTY – HARRISVILLE SS**

On Monday 18th April @ 8.30 am we will hold our school cross country event. Please come along and support your child! Mrs Janet McKenna will be marking out the course in the coming weeks for children to follow. Over the coming weeks please ensure your child participates in some training. We will be offering before school cross country training in the coming weeks and they will also be doing training during Physical Education Lessons. Encourage children to come along and join our circuit. Cross country is great fun!

**AUSLAN NEWS- MR MCNEILL**

Greetings Auslan users,

This week I have chosen another high frequency sign from school, Teacher. From instruction to praise this sign will be incorporated in every sentence delivery. Typically 'teacher' (sign) then the teachers name f/s (finger spelt).

Good luck with your practice,

Craig

**Teacher**

How to sign it: Start with pointer finger and thumb extended in an L shape, pointer finger pointing up near ear. Move hand so that pointer finger points backwards, back up and backwards again.

Hint: Teachers help put knowledge in your head (hand shape is like "know" and "think" joined together). FYI – Know (thumb against temple), Think (index pointer against temple).

**Absence Note**

*“Every Day Counts”*

Dear ____________,

My child __________ was away on __/__/2016, __/__/2016, 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 SMS your absence note to admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

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**P&C NEWS**

Next P&C Meeting this Friday 18th March 2.45 – School Library.

18/3 bake goods and Easter donations due to office
18/3 P&C meeting at 2.45pm
19/3 election day bake sale
23/3 Easter raffle tickets and money due to office

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

**BAKE SALE**

**Election Day Bake Sale - 19/03/2016**

**BAKE GOODS NEEDED**

Slices, Cookies, Cupcakes, Cakes

All donations welcomed at the front office by:

Friday, 18th March

Thank you for your help and assisting the Harrisville State School P&C make this year's election the tastiest it has ever been!

**“Please include a label on all goodies with a date item was made and ingredients”**
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL

BINGO

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CASH PRIZES

JACKPOT GAME
EXTRA-CARD
DABBERS

Free Tiny Tots
Play Area

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL OF ARTS

13 APRIL - 10AM ENTRY - EYES DOWN 11 AM
14 MAY - 6 PM ENTRY - EYES DOWN AT 7 PM
BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO BETTER OUR SCHOOL FOR OUR STUDENTS
ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR - TANEALE McLEAN 0408210281

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Come along and have some fun at our Koala Joey Program and Playgroup
Tuesday 9am
All welcome to attend!

Koala Joey 9am- Literacy and Numeracy program. Conducted by Qualified Early Childhood staff.

Please talk to Lauren Gunstone, Sarah Robertson or Dianne Charlick (HSS P/1 teacher aide)

Easter Raffle

We are once again holding an Easter Raffle to help raise money for the P & C. As we have been doing in the past, we are asking each family to donate an Easter item for the baskets. These items can be a decorated basket, or a boys and girls basket, or a boy and girl basket. To allow us to prepare the baskets, we are asking if you could please have your item to the office by Friday 18th March 2016.

Each family has been sent home with a book of 10 raffle tickets. Tickets are $1 each. Please remember to include the name and phone number of the purchaser on the raffle ticket but so that we are able to contact them if they are one of the lucky winners. Please place sold tickets and money into the P & C collection box in the office by Wednesday 23rd March. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Parade at the school on Thursday 24th March.

If you would like further tickets or have any questions do not hesitate to see Taneale McLean or contact her on 0408210281 or mcleany.qld@gmail.com

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