SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016/2017
School Calendar for 2017

TERM 4
November
22nd November- Prep Transition Session 9.30-12.00
24th November- Year 7 Boonah SHS Parent Information Session 6pm.

December
1st December- Transition Day Boonah SHS- Year 7 Students
1st December- MOVE UP DAY Prep – 6
2nd December- School Concert 6pm Harrisville School of Arts Hall
2nd December- Last day of Tuckshop
7th December- XMAS CRAFT DAY- PARENT VOLUNTEERS
WELCOME
8th December Break Up Day- Water Play – P&C Free Food!
9th December- Last Day of School- Clean Up Day!

TERM 4
January
18th January - Unpacking Our School Responsible Behaviour Plan- Parents welcome to attend. 9.30 am.
19th/20th January Pupil Free Days
23rd January- School Resumes
26th January Australia Day Public Holiday

News from the Principal
MOVE UP DAY!! CLASS GROUPS FOR 2017
Coming up on Thursday 1st December is our school Move Up Day. This is an opportunity for students to experience life in their new class for 2017 for a day. A letter will go home detailing their class for 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns please make a mutually convenient time to talk through this with your child’s classroom teacher. Our school is committed to ensuring the best learning environment for each of our students.

At this stage we will be holding numbers for our fourth teacher. Our class groups for 2017 will be P/1 with Mrs White, 2/3 with Mrs Tilney, 3/4 with Mrs Kuss and 5/6 with Mrs Ibbertson. I will be taking leave from the 6th February up til the end of term 2 2017. Regional office are currently going through the selection and recruitment process to find a suitable replacement for the time that I am away. I am looking forward to adding a new bub to my family and will enjoy the time of just being a mum for a few months. The selection panel to choose my replacement consists of my Assistant Regional Director, 2 P&C Executives our President and Vice President as well as myself. We will be meeting in the coming days to discuss the applicants. I look forward to sharing this news with the community. I will start 2017 off with the new a/principal to ensure a smooth transition into 2017.

Other staffing news we have confirmed permanency for two of our classroom teachers. Mrs Tilney and Mrs Kuss have been offered permanent placements at Harrisville SS. Well done to our wonderful teachers who do an outstanding job each day.

You may have also heard children talking about Japanese LOTE starting up at our school. Frau Noller is taking leave which will continue into 2017. At this stage we have Peta Hayman teaching Japanese LOTE and our children are loving this new experience. Welcome to Peta. I will confirm LOTE for 2017 in the coming weeks. All other staff placements remain unchanged for 2017.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR PLAN
Our school is committed to providing the best learning environment for all our children. Parents are welcome to come along to classrooms to visit to see the wonderful work our classroom teachers do each day.

Our school reminds and encourages students each day to follow our school Be Rules!

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful.

HARRISVILLE NEWS
Friday, November 18, 2016
Our school also uses a range of strategies each day to support our high standards of behaviour.
1. **Establishing expectations** – knowing and using our policies, procedures, rules and how these translate to expectations for each student and each area of the curriculum.
2. **Giving instructions** – giving clear instructions throughout the day in class and in the playground.
3. **Waiting and scanning** – we observe behaviour to assess what has and what is happening.
4. **Cueing with a parallel student** – we praise a nearby student who is behaving in an appropriate way to encourage others to follow/copy appropriate behaviour.
5. **Body language encouragement** – using non-verbal and facial expressions to manage behaviour.
6. **Descriptive encouraging** – using descriptive and specific language to guide behaviour.
7. **Selective attending** – this is often confused by onlookers as ignoring but is very different and a valuable tool for minimising poor behaviour by selectively choosing to notice more positive behaviour.
8. **Redirecting to learning** – prompting on task behaviour.
9. **Giving a choice** – giving students and choice and outlining likely consequences.
10. **Following through** – applying consequences/rewards using school and Harrisville State School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students is on the school website and has been reviewed earlier this year. We are proud of all our students and our teaching staff work hard to ensure our programs are delivered with minimal disruptions. If you are interested in joining staff in the New Year to discuss our school behaviour policy we welcome you to come along on Wednesday 18th January @ 9.30 am. Each year teaching staff review the policy and we would welcome any member of the community to come along and join teaching staff unpack this policy. Through this process staff are happy to answer questions and explain classroom practices. By working together we can make this the best learning environment for all children.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
YEAR 6 TRANSITION CAMP

Our Year 6 students have had a fantastic time at the end of Year MOEC transition camp. Thank you to all parents for supporting this worthwhile learning experience for our children. Feedback from students was it was very worthwhile and that they made plenty of friends.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Our school is proud of our reading program and it is wonderful to see so many of our students participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Reading a variety of books each day makes a huge difference to their reading success. Staff are finalising our reading assessment to check where children are at with their reading targets. We are so proud of the work of students, staff, and families at promoting the importance of reading! Congratulations to all students!

CRICKET – SENIOR BOYS A TEAM

Congratulations to our Senior Boys team for representing Harrisville State School at the T20 cricket blast. Our students won the grand final and went on to represent our cluster at the next stage. Mrs Ibbertson reported great team spirit and team work on the day. Thanks again to our parents who were able to attend and transport children.

NETBALL YEAR 4-6

Our Year 4-6 girls enjoyed participating in the interschool Netball competition. Thank you to parents for assisting with transporting our girls. We saw great team spirit and I know all the girls enjoyed playing and competing in this event.

DAY FOR DANIEL- THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. Thank you again for promoting these child safety messages.
Our Year 6 students attended their graduation ceremony earlier in the term. It was with great pride that I was able to present the children with their certificates of graduation. Our Year 6 children scrubbed up beautifully. We had a few tears from staff and parents as they presented their imovies. What a beautiful night to showcase our leaders!

Mr Luke Brook will be finishing off his final year of high school at BSHS. He will be joining the 56 class for the remainder of the year. Our children have enjoyed working with Mr Brook each Wednesday. Next year Mr Brook will continue to work each day as a part of his traineeship in completing his Educational Support Certificate.

Mr and Yr 1 have started practising our dances for the end of year concert. All the children are putting effort into learning the steps and listening to what the instructors are asking them to do. The excitement is already building. A letter will come home next week about costumes for the concert. Next week is the last week for borrowing from the library and we ask families to look for any ‘lost’ books and return them to school.

One more transition day next Tuesday for the pre-prep children. The feedback from parents is that their children are enjoying their visits to our school and are looking forward to coming to Move Up Day on Thursday 1 December. The year 1’s are looking forward to moving to Year 2 as well.

Wow! Can anyone believe that we are nearly finished for the year? Even the children are dismayed by how fast the year has gone! We have been busy finishing assessment so that we can show you how much we’ve improved this year. The children have been fine tuning their number facts and we have seen improvements in the speed and accuracy that they have been able to do these. We have been practising our dance moves for the end of year concert – prepare to be amazed!!! We’ve also been reflecting on just what we’ve done this year in writing tasks. No wonder we’re tired. As the year draws to a close I’d like to thank parents for their support and encourage you to continue to check in with me if you have any questions or concerns. I know we live in a very busy world so if you need to talk to me but can’t get here the school phone is always on and I check my emails a couple of times a day. Please don’t worry about something when a simple phone call could allay your concerns 😊

We’d also like to encourage you to consider spending some time in the classroom to see exactly what it is that your children are doing each day. If you can’t spend the day please think about popping in even for an hour. You are always very welcome.

It has been a very busy term so far! We have been working diligently to get our assessment completed at a quality level in preparation for the Reporting period. So far we have finished our English, Art and Geography assessments for the term. We are continuing our hard work to ensure that our Maths and Technology assessments are finished very soon.
The students have been applying themselves with extra effort in Reading Groups this term as we have started our final PROBE reading assessments for the year. Most of the students have come back from these assessments with excellent results and having achieved their Individual Reading Targets. From these assessments so far, we have identified strategies that each student can work on to improve their reading abilities next year.

Each week has been super busy with students involved in professional dance lessons for their concert items, Science lessons with Miss Rice, PE lessons with Mrs McKenna, Music lessons with Miss Bauer, our brand new Japanese lessons with Mrs Hayman and Choir practice. There is only one more week of homework left this term in which 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 have consistently completed their homework each week, at the end of term, they will receive a certificate. 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,
Lauren Kuss

5/6 NEWS – STEM SCIENCE

Wow, what a day! Thursday the 13th of September, our year 4-6 students were engaged in the exciting STEM program with Kalbar State School. The students were able to experience science, technology, engineering and maths in a fun and hands-on manner with their peers. They were involved in activities such as robotics, algorithms, coding, construction and electrical engineering. The day was jam packed with new learning, buzzing with conversation about the topics and marked by smiles as students invented, created and reflected in groups. We would like to thank the parents and helpers who transported and supported students, joining in on the day. Parents and staff from our school and the host school remarked on the outstanding skill and brilliant behaviour of our students. Well done Years 4 to 6!!

COUNT US IN– YEAR 5-6 CHOIR STUDENTS

Seven of our older choir members from Mrs Minns’ class have travelled down to the Gold coast with to perform on the beach as part of the South East Region, Count Us In big event. There was TV, Radio & print media there on the day along with 300 children on the beach & another 300 on the top of the Q1 building. The rest of our school has learnt the song and were able to sing the song during music.

I was also very excited to see a copy of our Choir school photo, with all of the children in their new choir shirts, and have put the original photo up in the library pin board for the children to see. They all looked so neat, happy and excited.

Thank you Miss Bauer

CONCERT NIGHT

Our school concert is fast approaching. Details- Friday 2nd December @ 6pm.

Children will perform a dance with their class on the night. Classroom teachers will send home a list of what to wear via SMS early next week. Guitar students and choir students are to perform on the night as well. For choir students please wear black pants/ skirt with their choir/ music shirt. Guitar students will receive the information via Jarrod at their guitar lesson. The children will also require a Santa hat for the Christmas songs at the end of the concert. Thank you again for your support.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Our Year 5 students have been working hard this term to complete their leadership application for 2017. Parents, friends and community members are invited to attend the Year 5 selection speeches. We will hold a special parade on Monday 5th December at 8.30. Please come along and support our Year 5 students as they present their speeches to the Harrisville school community. Our panel of teachers and support staff will be using our leadership criteria. If you would like a copy of this selection criteria please contact Mrs Ibbertson or Mrs Minns. Copies of speeches will be sent home with children to practise in the coming week. Our students in the senior class take pride in their work and will be ready to present their speech.

Leadership positions will be announced on our Break Up Day- Thursday 8th December @ 10.30. Parents are welcome to attend. A SMS will be sent out to all families who are unable to attend.

BREAK UP DAY- THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

Don’t forget our P&C have kindly offered to provide food on our break up day. If your child has special dietary requirements please send something along just in case. Classroom teachers will be organising
special activities on the day. If you would like to join in please see your child’s classroom teacher.

**XMAS CRAFT DAY- PARENT HELPERS WELCOME**

Our school is organising a Christmas Craft day on Wednesday 7th December- 8.30- 2.30. Parents and friends are welcome to come and support as a volunteer for the day. If you could join a group please see Lauren Kuss.

**AUSLAN NEWS**

Greetings Auslan enthusiasts; I trust the beautiful Spring weather is making your crops and gardens grow as quickly as our students and grounds. Reflecting on the past 3 terms, it is astounding to see their individual development and the changing landscape around us.

I have selected two more high frequency subject area signs this week as we explore the language within our classroom. Take care and please keep the ideas flowing in for signs you wish to know.

**Religion**

How to sign it: Hold both hands flat, fingertips upright, palms together in front of you and tilt hands downwards twice.

**Teach/Education**

How to sign it: Start with fingertips and thumb touching and touching temple. Move hand forward and turn so that fingertips point forward. Now move hand forward a small amount twice.

Usage Notes: May be signed using both hands simultaneously for added emphasis.

Hint: As if taking something from your mind and pushing it toward another.

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**P&C NEWS**

Next P&C Meeting- BREAK UP NIGHT- Royal Hotel- FRIDAY 25th November TBC.

AGM AND GENERAL MEETING- Tuesday 31st January 6.30 pm- School Library.

Please come along to the AGM and General Meeting in the New Year. Our P&C would love to welcome new members. All positions will be declared vacant and new representatives elected for 2017. This will be a great opportunity to meet the a/principal prior to Christie taking leave in 2017.

Link below will take to the documents section on our website to our latest tuck shop menu. [https://harrisvilless.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/FRIDAY%20FOOD%20SERVICE%20MENU%202016%20TERM3.pdf](https://harrisvilless.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/FRIDAY%20FOOD%20SERVICE%20MENU%202016%20TERM3.pdf)

Uniform shop open each Wednesday 2.15- 2.45. The Uniform shop will be open in the New Year. A phone message will be text with opening times in 2017.

**P&C FACEBOOK PAGE-LIKE US!!**

Our school P&C has a face book page. Go to [https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6947043684694](https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6947043684694)