**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Term 3/4**

**August**
- 29th August: National and Literacy Day! Dress Up- Book Character, Numeracy Sessions! All welcome! 2pm Parade!

**September**
- 11th September – School Photos
- 15th September- Camp Quality Performance 1.30–2.30
- 17th September- Under 8’s Day Kalbar SS. P12 attending.
- 19th September– Soccer/Netball Carnival Years 4-7

**October**
- October 11th TRIVIA NIGHT- SAVE THE DATE!

**ART AUCTION** Date to be confirmed.

**News from the Principal**

This week the school should receive our NAPLAN results for our children who participated. We have had a chance to look through our results this year and we have been extremely pleased with our results in each of our cohorts. Congratulations to our students, staff and families for supporting students to ensure the best learning outcomes for all. If you have any questions about your child’s results please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Yours in Education

Christie Minns
Principal

**FASSIFERN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- DISTRICT SELECTION**

Congratulations to all our students for attending the Fassifern Athletics carnival last week. All children participated with great effort and showed sportsmanship. I was so proud to be a part of the Harrisville State Team! Congratulations to Bree, Patrick and Ebonnie who have been selected to represent the MET WEST team at QE2! Well done!

**SUMMARISING READING STRATEGY!**

Our comprehension focus for the last 2 weeks has been Summarising. A summary includes all the main ideas and important details from the text. To be able to summarise readers need to be able to find the main idea and use important words, facts and phrases to retell a shortened version of the text in their own words. Children have been practicing telling what the text is about (the main idea) and then providing supporting details (points the author has made).

Good readers will be thinking these things after they read a text.

- The most important thing to know about ________ is ______________.
- The main point the author is making is ______________.
- In my own words, the story/article is about ______________.
- The whole point of this story/article is ________________.
- If I had to explain this to someone else, I would say ______________.
- So far I have learned ______________.

Summarising requires an in depth understanding of the text and is an important skill to aid researching and gathering and presenting information. Good readers also look for key (important) words within paragraphs. This helps with understanding and remembering important facts after they have read the text.

**INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT FORM**

An internet access agreement form has been sent home with your child. Please ensure you sign and return it to school as soon as possible. On the form there is a place for students to sign as well. We will talk through what is on the form with all students and ask them to write their name. It is an audit.
This week, our class has been writing a narrative titled, ‘What a Mess!’ Student work samples will then be taken to a moderation meeting, along with samples from all local cluster schools, for collaborative assessment. Mrs Stenzel modelled writing her own story first, following a generic structure which we call a ‘story mountain’. We know that we need to begin our story with a setting and characters, building up to the complication or climax of the story; that’s the fun part! We also have learned how important it is that we have a resolution for the problem and that we ‘wrap up’ our story to give it a great conclusion.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Ibbertson joining our class to work with our students. She has been working in small groups with some students to produce great writing.

We have been very enthusiastic about our writing and can’t wait to publish our finished work. Stay tuned!

On Wednesday last week, a combined class of Years 2 to 7 engaged in quality dialogue as they explored the world of archaeology together. From the foundation of Key Learning Areas in the Australian Curriculum’s Geology and Study of Society units, students analysed ‘what makes the brain of an archaeologist tick’ and discovered the excitement of learning about the culture of civilisations from artefacts of the past. Students worked in mentor pairs throughout the room to act like detectives, uncovering clues from the script and symbols of cultures such as the ancient Incas, Egyptians and Indigenous Aboriginals of Australia. Using an original piece of Aboriginal Art by renowned local artist Peter Fowler, students used symbol decoding information with prior knowledge to dissect the hidden message in the art work. This generated some excellent debate among students as they needed to draw on deep knowledge to justify their predictions and come to a joint conclusion. The session was consolidated with each student creating their own art work which used specific symbols to convey their hidden message. This fun and engaging activity was enjoyed by all and we are looking forward to seeing the finished product of their creations and seeing the stories they will tell through these creative pieces.

Just a little reminder to ring, email or send a note along each time your child is absent. Our class teacher’s need to keep this information up to date.
If you are running late please make sure you pop into the office to sign your child in. Mrs Lutter (MTW) will give your child a LATE note. This will assist our classroom teachers to keep accurate records of the times children arrive. On Thursday/Friday please come and sign our late arrivals book in the office. Thanks for your support.

**NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK- 25th - 31st August**

**BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY**
Friday 29th August
Book Character Parade @ 2pm All parents welcome to join in the fun!

Come along as your favourite story book character. Children will need to be able to tell us about their character. For our seniors we will be asking students to tell us their character traits of their chosen character. Please come along dressed up to join the literacy and numeracy week celebrations.

**Numeracy Activity Sessions!**
ON Friday 29th August we will also be running Numeracy sessions for all our classes. Our teaching staff will be setting up the library with a range of fun hands on maths activities. Our students will get to come down to the library for a 45 minute session and explore all the hands on resources! If you want to join in the fun come along to one of our sessions!

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
Coming up on Thursday 11th September we will be having our school photos. Please save this date! We would expect all students to come to school in their full school uniform looking their best. We have sibling envelopes in the office if you are interested in getting sibling photos taken. Once you have collected the sibling envelop parents are required to call the MSP office to make a sibling appointment. MSP phone number is 38483946.

If you require any further information please contact the school office.

**SUBMIT STORIES ABOUT LIFE IN REGIONAL QUEENSLAND**
Students encouraged to submit their stories about life in regional Queensland

ABC’s Heywire competition is looking for young people to share their stories about life in regional Queensland.

Enrolment night Wednesday 27 August only

**Where:** BSHS library  
**When:** from 3:30pm to 6:30pm  
**What will happen:** please bring your completed enrolment forms to the library & you will be directed to a table manned by our staff to have a short conversation about your forms. If you are unable to attend on the night, you could hand them in to the main office between the hours of 7:30am to 4pm daily or phone us on 54606111.

We look forward to assisting you & your child make a smooth transition to Boonah High.
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!
Koala Joey Program supports early literacy and numeracy development.
Come along and have some fun!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Britney, Aaron, Kyla, Evelyn-Grace and Madison!

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting … to be advised.

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

NRL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC BOONAH

When: September 23rd 2014 (10am-2pm, Registration from 9am)
Where: Coronation Park, Boonah
Cost: $40, includes morning tea, lunch, Rugby League pack & Clinic T-Shirt
How to Register: Web Search NRL SEQ – click link to Holiday Clinics & select the Boonah Clinic
For Further information Contact Ash Huth NRL Ipswich, 0439 407 613 or ahuth@nrl.com.au

C&K Boonah District Kindergarten

Our waiting lists are currently open!
For children born 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011 for 2015 kindergarten year
For children born 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012 for 2016 kindergarten year
Please contact us on 5463 5878 for an enrolment package today

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
Under 8’s Day
Kalbar State School
September 17th 2014
9.30-11.30am

All Welcome.
Children to be supervised by an adult.
Gold coin entry.
Phone 54699333 for further details.
Face painting "story telling " singing
play dough " painting " arts and crafts
*emergency vehicles * games/obstacle course *
sausage sizzle "drinks/ coffee " plus many more fun
activities!!

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