SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1
February
20th February- Parent Information Night- 5.30 classrooms.

March
1st March- Boonah- CHAPPY CHALLENGE!
5th March- Year 6/7 Induction Ceremony – 9.30- 10.30
29th March DATE CLAIMER- Seafood Night!

News from the Principal
Community Participation! Meet and Greet!

Thank you to all our staff and families who joined us last Sunday at the Harrisville Bowls club for an afternoon of bowling. It was a great afternoon with everyone having a ball! Our P&C – families and friends work hard to support our wonderful school. It was lovely to relax and have some fun!

Please don’t forget tomorrow night is our Parent Information Night. This will be a great opportunity for parents to find out what is happening in each of our classrooms this year! With your involvement we can make this the best year yet at Harrisville State School.

Thanks again and looking forward to seeing families tomorrow night!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

STAFF PROFILES
Irene Hurren- School Chaplain

Bachelor of Arts- Christian Counselling

Irene is our chaplain who has been at the school since July 2010. She also works in other schools in the district (Peak Crossing, Mt Alford and All Saint, Boonah). This workload brings her in contact with many children. At Harrisville, she supports the teaching staff by participating in classroom activities, and with running the ‘Fun Friends’ program for P/1/2 and the ‘You Can Do It’ program for the rest of the school.

Working with the school community, interacting with teachers, supporting P&C, participating in sports days, camps, excursions, and extra circular activities, all add to the pleasure of the work here at Harrisville. Scripture Union’s vision for chaplains is ‘to bring hope to a young generation.’ I feel
privileged to be involved in the school, and work towards giving that hope to children.

Prior to arriving in Qld in late 2009, I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counselling in 2007. I also worked in the food industry in a variety of roles in previous years.

I am married and have three adult daughters, son in laws and three grandchildren. I love family time, relaxing, gardening, reading, and cooking. I enjoy look at the scenery as I travel to and from work in this beautiful part of Australia.

**Tammy Lutter** Administration Officer

Tammy has worked for over 20 years at Harrisville. Starting here as a Teacher Aide and later fulfilling the role as Admin Officer. Tammy is no longer an aide but is here in her admin role for 3 days a week and Kalbar School for 2 days a week. Tammy has come to know many parents personally and strives to provide friendship and understanding. She ensures everyday workings of the office run smoothly.

**Suzanne Bauer** Music Teacher (Monday)

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Education

Suzanne works across six schools within the South East Region. She is a specialist music teacher who has a passion for this key learning area. She has been working at Boonah, Kalbar and Roadvale schools for the past six years and has just started here at Harrisville State School. Suzanne has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education and has taught music for over 10 years in a variety of schools including two years based in London.

She currently takes 3 choirs (Boonah, Kalbar and Harrisville), a recorder ensemble (Kalbar), a “Bandjam” with trumpets, flutes, drums etc (Roadvale) and last year worked with the Fife & Drums Band (at Rathdowney). She has also conducted the combined schools Boonah Festival Choir for a number of years.

**Dianne Charlick** Teacher Aide

Qualification – School Dental Therapist

Dianne has been a teacher aide at Harrisville for over 10 years and worked previously in the private sector. She has had contact with many children in other schools over the years as a dental therapist. She thoroughly enjoys working with children and watching them grow. Dianne currently works in our Prep/1/2 classroom assisting with the Prep year programme.

**Daniel Markert**- Supply/ Contract Teacher

Bachelor of Education

Daniel works in our school on a casual basis. He does short term contracts replacing our teaching staff as well as supply days when required. Daniel volunteers regularly at our school when he is not called in to duty at another school. Daniel loves our...
small school and enjoys visiting and working with our children.

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

2014 is well under way and school are busy. We love the enthusiasm as the students returned to school to reconnect with staff and fellow students. This year at Harrisville I am participating in classroom activities with the ‘Fun Friends’ program for P/1/2 and the ‘You Can Do It’ program for the rest of the school. For P/1/2 we have looked at belonging to the class and the school and learning confidence in that environment. So far in the Friends program we have looked at ‘F for feelings’ and ‘R for relax’. Next week I am away at a PD day and will come back the following to do ‘I for I can do it’.

For the upper school ‘You Can Do It’ (YCDI) program we are looking at Success. What it is, How we achieve it and Why we want it. On our journey to success, we are discovering that it may be hard, and there will be times when we are happy with our progress and other times when we may be unhappy. We have trees for success in our classes which display leaves (a hand with 5 fingers) on each leaf is the five keys for the YCDI program. These five keys include Getting along, Persistence, Organization, Confidence, and Resilience. The children have written goals for each key to achieve by the end of first term. As they achieve them the tree bears fruit. Please check out the tree and see the fruit.

Also on March 1st at Boonah is the ‘Chappy Challenge’ annual Fun Morning of running, walking or cycling . This fundraising for the chaplains of the district, requires participants to register to participate, and if they are able to further support the Chaplaincy to gather sponsors for their involvement in the day. Please see the attached flyer and consider been involved in the day.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

**TOMORROW NIGHT! ALL WELCOME!**

Tomorrow night, Thursday 20th February we will be hosting a classroom information session in each of our classrooms.

P12- 5.30- 6.00
2/3/4  6.00- 6.30
5/6/7  6.30- 7.00

**P/1/2 NEWS**

Reading groups started this week and everyone is putting in a lot of effort to improve and complete their work.

For Preps this week-
- New words: a ,A, can, run
- Sound of the week: ‘o’
- Number: all about number 2, Counting to 10, recognising numbers to 10.

Yrs. 1& 2-
- Daily Sight words practice with senior students before school.
- Sound: ‘o’ and ‘a’ like in was (old orange octopuses)
- Writing little words including the ‘o’ in the middle sound as in hot.
- Writing simple sentences with finger spaces between words
- Number: solving subtraction problems using numbers to 10.
- I am looking forward to welcoming parents to the parent night on Thursday.

**MUSIC NEWS!**

Welcome back to a new year. Thank-you Harrisville students and staff for making me feel welcome at your school this year, so far all of your students are working hard in music: singing their best, trying their hardest and trying their best to play soft notes on a recorder.

**CHOIR NEWS**

In our school CHOIR this year our students are working on learning “This Day” and the two verse
version of our national anthem to perform at our school Leadership Ceremony. We are also working on learning “Lest We Forget” to perform at the Harrisville Anzac Day Ceremony. Unfortunately I am already committed to having the Kalbar choir students sing at Kalbar ceremony & the Boonah students perform with some Roadvale school singers at the Boonah Service and I will be marching & playing the Boonah Community Band at both the Boonah & Maroon services – so our students will need to perform to the best of their ability at both of these events without their conductor (myself). As such I am looking at our senior choral students to choose a “CHOIR CAPTAIN” who I can trust to help get our singers ready to perform and to stand up front and help our younger singers by conducting. We will also be working towards learning a SET (a number of songs) to perform at the Boonah Show on the Saturday morning in March.

Later in the year we will hopefully get to participate along with my other school choirs in the Ipswich Based Sing-Fest (Massed choir event) and the Rural Schools Choral Festival (last year was at Rosewood) in term 4 and will work towards complex pieces to participate in these events. In the past I usually only take the older students to these very long days with bus trips.

Classroom Music
The P-2 Class students are singing songs, particularly welcome songs, Australian songs and nursery rhymes and will learn the names and how to play classroom percussion instruments (such as claves, maracas and drums). We will also be playing some traditional music games such as Kangaroo Skippyroo and Doggie Doggie where’s your bone? Singing and playing music games helps students to develop and work on not just musical concepts and skills, but also develop independence, confidence, and practice social skills such as taking turns.

The Year 2-3-4 Class students are starting to learn to play a recorder (starting with Hot Cross Buns on the notes BAG and See Saw on the notes E & G) and beginning to learn how to read music on the treble clef. We are also singing some classic Australian Songs in class including: Kookaburra, Home Among the Gum Tree’s and Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport.

The Year 5-6-7 Class students are continuing the work on their recorder skills. We started with revision of easy “Hot Cross Buns” but have already progressed to learning a new note F# and working through a French folk song “Au Claire De La Lune”. Our year 6/7 students have been given the challenge to work through and try to master playing our National Anthem on a recorder (this piece is very difficult with low C, high E and high F). We will be practicing new skills through learning to play a number of songs on recorders this term including Old Macdonald, Botany Bay and Amazing Grace. Next term in term 2, this class will do a “classroom guitar unit” with me using our lovely new school guitars. We will also sing a number of Australian songs including I am Australian and Click Go the Shears.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!
Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.
http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Students of the Week
Congratulations to Lexi, Kyla and Ebonnie!
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

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL
PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS @ 9.30 am
Bring a gold coin donation! $2.00

This year our principal Mrs Minns will join us and lead us with the Koala Joey Program, which focuses on Parent/Child interaction though nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories.

Early years brain development, emotional and social development, child development, early literacy and early numeracy information is shared during the program. Parents gain skills in a fun, interactive and supportive environment.

Playgroup is held on the Harrisville School Grounds. Everyone is welcome!

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped or participated in our Meet and Greet Bowls afternoon!

It was a FANTASTIC afternoon!