SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4
November
November, 20th November, 27th November.

December
ART AUCTION- DATE CHANGE- NOW AT SCHOOL LIBRARY- WEEK 9 1st- 7th December
4th December MOVE UP DAY & PREP ORIENTATION- All new enrolments welcome- 8.30- 2.30.
4th December- Boonah SHS Year 7/8 Orientation Day.
7th December- Concert and Awards Night! 6.30 start, 5.00 shared dinner, 4.30 Art Auction deadline.

News from the Principal

As the end of the year approaches our staff have been talking about our class groupings for the start of 2015. We have looked at our numbers across the school and have come up with a range of solutions. We currently have around 80 children enrolled for 2015. It is critical that families let us know their plans for the 2015 year if there are any changes. We would like to start the 2015 year with 4 class groups. Our numbers at this stage are:
Prep -11
Year 1-11
Year 2- 12
Year 3- 11
Year 4 - 9
Year 5 - 12
Year 6 - 14
Total – 80

We will most likely form four class groups. For example:-
Year P/1
Year 2/3
Year 4/5
Year 6

As a staff we have considered the maximum number of students permitted per year level. In our P123 classes this is a maximum of 25 students. In our Year 4-7 class this is up to 28 students.

In forming the classes we also consider student groupings- for example focusing on literacy and numeracy levels and placement of students with disabilities. This year we have also considered reducing the size of our seniors as in 2014 they have had to manage in a class group of 30. In 2015 this will give our seniors more intensive support prior to starting high school. Staff have also discussed the need to try to keep the student cohorts together. Especially Year 2 and Year 4 as they have been in separate classes this year. We have thought a lot about groupings and value your input.

If you have any suggestions or would like to know any further information about our class groupings please make a time with me at the office. At this stage we are also trying to find a suitable candidate for our fourth class teacher. This is an exciting time as we continue to grow! I will let families know as soon as possible who will be placed on each of our classes. Mrs Michelle White will be placed on P/1 for 2015. All of our other class teachers will be allocated onto a class once we know who will be with us next year. This ensures the best match with each of our classes.

On our move up day on the 4th of December we will be trialling these classes to see how the groups form. We will make a final decision about our classes hopefully prior to the end of the school year with the possibility that we may need to change at the start of 2015. All of our staffing will be finalised by Day 8 next year. Thank you for understanding as we do our best for the students at Harrisville.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
**2/3/4 NEWS**

**On Remembrance Day**
We went down to the memorial. The choir kids sang, ‘Lest We Forget’. All the people down there sang the National Anthem. No-one cried. I was about to cry but I didn’t cry. I think the red on the poppy means blood. Thank you soldiers for protecting our families. **LEST WE FORGET**

By Melanie Yr2

**Remembrance Day**
On the 11th day, the 11th month of the 11th hour we must respect and remember the soldiers who died and the ones who lived as we sing the national anthem. We bow our heads as the trumpeter plays the trumpet after every song, and lay our wreaths, poppies and flowers.

We remember the poppies as a symbol, the red as the blood. As always we wear the poppies in pride and we wait 1 minute in silence.

We thank the soldiers because they risked their lives for ours. **LEST WE FORGET**

By Georgia Yr4

**SWIMMING NEXT WEEK**
At swimming next week all the children will be doing a safety lesson with clothes on. Children need to bring something to wear over togs for swimming – they will be having a ‘clothes’ swim. Please bring a plastic bag to put them in after.

**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 20th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 27th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 4th December 8.30– 2.30

**MOVE UP DAY AND PREP ORIENTATION**
For all new enrolments – Prep to Year 6
Thursday 4th of December - 8.30am- 2.30pm
Come along and experience life at our wonderful school for a day!
To book your place phone or email.
PH 5467 1288
Email:- the.principal@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

**YEAR 6 2015 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES**
On Thursday 4th December we will be asking our new leaders for 2015 to stand up and present their leadership speeches. We invite parents and friends to come along and see our new leaders step up and begin their leadership journey. Our students will be selected for School Captain, Vice Captain, Hornets and Hounds Captain and Vice as well as school leader positions. We will be in the library from 1.30- 2.30. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**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 Jacinta, Tiffany, Lara, Phillip and Levi!

ART AUCTION

Harrisville SS Library

Monday 1st Dec through to Friday 5th Dec- 8am- 5pm each day.

Come along to our library and make an offer on some of our student artwork.

Featuring local artists:

Mr Mark Paddick – Street Artist
Dr John Jackson – Geological Artist

Sunday 7th December- 4pm - 5pm
Final Bids close @ 4.30pm. We will be auctioning off our group pieces of work created by our students with the help of our visiting artists- Mr Mark Paddick and Dr John Jackson.

ART NEWS

Next P&C Meeting- Break Up- Bottom Pub – Friday 21st November 6pm! Please RSVP to Susan Land

ART AUCTION – In the school library- 1st December through to the 5th December! Come along from 8am- 5pm each day to have a look at the artwork that our students have produced over the semester and make a bid! All funds raised will go to the P&C will directly benefit all students at our great school! We will also be open on Sunday 7th December from 4pm for a final viewing. (This is before our concert). Grandparents/ friends are welcome to make a bid! On the 7th of December we will also be holding a live auction of our group pieces of artwork that were created with the help of our visiting artists- Mr Mark Paddick and Dr John Jackson.

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE-
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