News from the Principal

Reading is so important for every student. All of our classroom teachers have been working extremely hard with their students to ensure that daily programming has the highest quality reading focus. Each week our teachers model reading to students with a different focus each week. They model a variety of reading strategies and comprehension strategies. Teachers then work with the whole class on shared reading experiences. This is where all children have the text and work together with the teacher and peers to work on reading strategies and comprehension together. Children are grouped in daily guided reading groups. In these small groups children focus on reading texts while participating in a range of activities to build reading fluency, increase recognition of sight words, build comprehension and decoding skills.

Each semester we target students across the school to ensure all of our children are reaching school and individual benchmarks. These targeted children work with support staff and teacher aides on individual reading programs numerous times each week which focus on children’s individual needs.

A letter will be coming home shortly with information about our targeted reading program. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you would like further information in the meantime.

Our school prides itself in knowing our reading data, understanding the strategies that will best match our students and providing a quality reading program to ensure that all students move towards their targets.

As a school we are also asking for parental support. Classroom teachers are looking to see that our home reading books are signed off by parents each night so that we know that your child is reading at home. Please take the time each night to read with your child, and please sign so that we can recognise your child’s effort at school.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns

SPECIAL PARADE TO RECEIVE A JACK PIZZEY AWARD

Our school has been nominated for a Jack Pizzey Award which recognised excellence in education. Sharon Donald our Regional Director for the South East Region will be coming to present this award to our school. I am so proud to show off our school
and all the wonderful work that goes into making our school the best school for learning!

The parade will be held on **Monday 15th June at 2pm in the school library.** I would encourage all parents to join us for this celebration. Our choir and recorder groups will be performing on the day. We may also have one of our class groups present on the parade! Come along and share in this special achievement!

**MUSIC NEWS- BOONAH SHOW**

Thank You to all families and students for participating in the Boonah Show! We had a beautiful group of singers who represented our school with pride. Thank you to parents for supporting our school and making the effort to be there on the day. Also a huge thank you to all our classroom teachers and students for creating some great work to present at the show. A special mention to Mrs Irene Hurren for setting up our display! THANK YOU!

**PREP/ 1 NEWS**

Year One have been learning their doubles facts. Damon and Ben have been our champions in a 'shoot out' game where fast recall of number facts is the key to beating the opposition. Well done boys! Year one are counting by 2's to 50 and practising counting to 30 by 3's.

Prep are counting to 20 starting at numbers other than 1 and backwards from 10. Our sound this week is ‘j’.

Please remember to sign and date your child's homework Monday to Thursday as four signatures and dates entitles your child to choose an educational activity of their choice on fun afternoon Friday. Everyone else is catching up on their reading. Thank you to the parents reading every night. You are making a valuable contribution to your child's education.

**2/ 3 NEWS**

Team Bee has been a name that I have used in our classroom since the beginning of term. It acknowledges our school rules of the 3 B’s, giving daily reminders to children of our whole school rules, as well as encouraging the children to work as hard as the bees in our environment.

This week, Team Bee are again looking at our ‘Fill a Bucket’ books which are aimed at developing a team spirit and caring community in our classroom. The ‘Fill a Bucket’ idea can also be extended to our home and community life, building on the idea where you can make other people feel happy and valued when you are kind to them. In our classroom, children have access to Fill a Bucket slips which can be added to our classroom bucket to make other people feel special. Many of the children have used this bucket to acknowledge new friendships or help that another student has given them. For more information, I encourage you to view a reading of ‘Fill a bucket’ on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4McJWrV8dzo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4McJWrV8dzo), alternatively, the author of the book hosts a webpage dedicated to resources and ideas connected to the ‘Fill a Bucket’ idea ([http://www.bucketfillers101.com/](http://www.bucketfillers101.com/))

**3/4 NEWS**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are half way through the term already! I’m very proud to report that our Year 3 students gave NAPLAN their best efforts last week and are settling back into our routine.

Speaking of routine, ours has changed a fair bit with an Athletics Program being introduced on Wednesday afternoon, our History lessons being changed from a half hour lesson every Wednesday afternoon to an hour lesson every second Tuesday, and our Spelling pre- and post-test being moved to Monday. These changes will only be for this term and next term, we will be back to our usual routine.

Coming up on Wednesday May 27, our Year 4 boys and girls have been invited to participate in an NRL Gala Day at Hayes Oval, Harrisville. A note has been sent home about this. If you wish for your child to attend, please return the signed form and the $2 cost as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who came to our parent/teacher interviews! It was lovely to get to know you better and to have focussed discussions about goals for our students. We are already seeing improvements in our classroom as a result.

I’ve had a couple of parents ask me about practising times tables at home. Our Year 3s have been working on multiplication by 2, 5 and 10 while our Year 4s have been working on multiplication by 3, 6 and 9. You are welcome to practise these at home if you would like.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me after school or by email at lwrig156@eq.edu.au.

**5/6 NEWS**

Over the next couple of weeks students in the upper school are working with Mrs Whittred on reading
assessments. Please check in with your child about their probe reading results. We have been rocking our results so far! We are keen for all students to reach their targets!

Over the next week we will be finishing our writing task this term. All students have been working on a short story writing unit. We have been learning about descriptive language to describe settings, events and characters. We have focused on using a variety of connective words in our sentences to make them more interesting and to change our sentences from simple to complex. These will be published over the coming week. Well done to all of our students! We have a wonderful bunch of students that engage to the best of their ability in class.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, and children attending an approved kindergarten program or long day care centre.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.

Registrations are now open for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is 19 May - 28 August and the early childcare centres participation period is 15 - 28 August 2015. Our school will be participating. More information will come home in the following weeks.

NRL GALA DAY- YEAR 4-6 BOYS AND GIRLS - HAYES OVAL- NEXT WEEK- PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION

Coming up on the 27th May is an NRL Gala Day for our children in Year 4 to Year 6- boys and girls. The main emphasis of the day is maximum involvement and having fun through a round robin format. Our school will be nominating 4 mixed teams.

As the day does not start until 9.45 we expect all children to come to school as per normal and we will all walk down to Hayes Oval for a 9.45 meeting.

Gala Day Program-
• 9.45- Meeting For Team Officials, players and spectators.
• 10.00 am Games Commence

• 2.15 – Presentations for all teams

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEXT TERM!
SAVE THE DATE!

Harrisville SS Athletics Carnival- Hornets V’s Hounds- Wednesday 15th July 8.30- 2.30. All family and friends welcome to attend. Harrisville Small Schools (Harrisville SS, Mutdapilly SS, Warrill View SS) 22nd July- 8.30- 2.30. The venue will be Mutdapilly SS. All children will need to make their own way to the carnival. Please see classroom teachers with any issues regarding transport.

ATHLETICS ROTATIONS- WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS THIS TERM- THANK YOU HELPERS!

Thank you to parents and staff for a fantastic start this week to our athletics rotations! Thanks to our parent volunteers, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Stezel and Mr Robertson for coming along to assist. Also a huge thank you to Mrs McKenna for such a wonderful job at organising all the activities. We will continue each week. Please come along to join in the fun each Wednesday between 1.30 and 2.30. Please see staff if you would like more information.

WINTER JUMPERS!!! PLEASE NAME

Don’t forget to name your child’s jumper! We are finding a lot of our new jumpers with no names. As the weather warms up during the day our jumpers are coming off! Please ensure all items are named! Please check the lost property near the office for any missing items.

TENNIS COACHING-- BEFORE SCHOOL

The school and P&C are investigating starting up tennis lessons again before school. The cost will be around $12 per lesson and we will group the children into juniors and seniors depending on their skill level and age. If you are interested in starting lessons before school at Harrisville please let office staff know. If we get enough interest we will go ahead with booking a tennis coach.

FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP- BRING $2 FOR MILO

Each Tuesday this term our student leaders (with the help of Mrs Hurren) will be organising milo each lunch. Children will need to bring their mug and $2 for a cup of milo. All funds raised will go towards our school camp.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP- MARANATHA

Go to the Maranatha website on the link below for all the information about this great adventure facility. http://www.maranatha-camp.com/
The cost of the camp is going to be approximately $200 per child. Please check our previous newsletter for more information about camp. A permission form will be coming home soon.

**HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

Come along and have some fun at our Koala Joey Program and Playgroup
Thursday 9.30- 11.00
All welcome to attend!

*Please talk to Lauren Gunstone & Sarah Robertson- Playgroup Co-Ordinators for the P&C for further information!*

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**P&C NEWS**

Next P&C Meeting- will be a Friday afternoon. 3pm 12th June.

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