**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Term 1**
March  
29th March - Seafood Night!
April  
April- P&C meeting 7pm School Library- All welcome,  
3rd April- Day of Excellence for selected 6/7 students- Boonah SHS.
3rd April- Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade – All families welcome!  
8.30- 10.30 am

**Term 2**
Monday 28th April- Harrisville SS Cross Country –8.30- 10.30- All welcome!

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**News from the Principal**

**Great Results Guarantee**

Over the last few weeks we have been formulating a plan to improve the literacy and numeracy levels of students in our great school. The focus of our Great Results Guarantee is building our students capacity within the early phase of learning. The research shows that if we can start our students off with the best education possible this will transfer into a lifelong love of learning.

Our plan has been approved and signed by Dr Jim Watterston, Director-General Education. A copy of our plan will be available on our school website. The link below will take you directly to our plan. Please take the time to have a look at our strategies and focus throughout 2014.


Yours in Education  
Christie Minns  
Principal

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**NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING**

Friday 21st March our students participated in the National Day Against Bullying! At Harrisville State School “WE SAY NO TO BULLYING!” Our students participated in a range of activities to build their understanding of what bullying looks like in a range of situations. Our 5/6/7 class used the **Take a Stand Together** app on our ipads to learn about bullying. If you go to the Bullying No Way website there is a heap of information for students, parents and teachers. It is a fantastic resource and our senior students really enjoyed working through the online activities. [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/)

Our senior students have also put together a freeze frame sequence and dance to highlight the impact that bullying can have. We have filmed these amazing pieces on our ipads. Next week we will be finishing these off if you are interested in viewing it! We are also creating imovies about bullying as a part of our Health unit this term.
**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW/ PHONE CALL**

Up until the end of this term the teachers will be offering parent teacher interviews. This is a good time to check in with your child’s classroom teacher to discuss any concerns/ issues that you may have. Our focus is to keep families informed of how they are travelling in our key learning areas. This feedback cycle is really important so we can work together to improve each child’s literacy and numeracy levels. Our teacher’s will also offer or suggest ways that parents can support their children’s learning at home. If you would like an interview please return your form ASAP. THANKS.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE/ HAT MAKING!**

Next Thursday 3rd April we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade.

8.30 - 10.00am - Come along and help your child make their hat!  
10.00- Formal Presentation of Hats and Bonnet Parade!  P&C EASTER RAFFLE- BRING ALONG SOME MONEY TO BUY TICKETS!!!

This year the whole school is participating in an EASTER BONNET DESIGN CHALLENGE!! The older students will be able to make their own hats… but I am sure the younger ones would love a little help!

All children are encouraged to bring along some items that they would like to use on their hats. If you could donate any items or would like to assist please come along for the morning.

**2/3/4 NEWS**

Hello everyone,

My, how the term has zipped by! We are well and truly into our routines for learning and are working beautifully as a class.

This term we have been particularly focussed on Persuasive writing and developing a strong spelling conscience. This means caring about spelling correctly. To do this we are using our BEE Keys for Good Spelling; we use our Brains (letter patterns, spelling rules), our Ears (which sounds can we hear) and our Eyes (does it look right?). Used together, these three keys make us super spellers who are much more aware of letters and sounds, how they work and how to ‘manipulate’ them.

Maths has been about number lines, patterning, partitioning and number fact strategies. So far we have particularly focussed on ‘Think big, count small’, Rainbow Facts and adding 0 and 10. These facts can be extended to apply to really big numbers too, as all the students must know and understand these strategies. It takes a lot of practice and reinforcement for these to become consolidated. Students have also been engaged in activities to support their understanding of multiplication, fractions and time concepts, this term.

This week I will be attending a two day in-service about Child Behaviour and Management. I am also attending a 2 day Writing Conference over the weekend, which I’m looking forward to (I love writing!) and will be away on Tuesday for a really interesting workshop on Maths. All teachers must complete 30 hours of Professional Development each year, so I am on the way to halfway there.

Please don’t forget to read with your child each night; it is THE most powerful thing you can do to assist their learning. I encourage all children to regularly swap their take-home readers (most are; same are not) and to review and practice sight words if they have been sent home. Thank you for your support at home, in this area.

Something cute: B asked if we had any ‘lemonaded’ number boards for maths. (Laminated)

**NEW CYBERSAFETY WEBSITE**

The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online. Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

**Students of the Week**

**Congratulations to Koby, Tennille, Britney, Emily and Seth!**
**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

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**P&C NEWS**

Next P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 2nd April. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Seafood Night- SATURDAY NIGHT!**

Our seafood night is coming up this Saturday 29th March. If you could assist or would like to book a table on the night please contact Ricky Quinn.

**DONATIONS PLEASE!**

The P&C are also after donations to make up hampers to raffle on our Seafood Night. If you could bring along something to add to the collection that would be greatly appreciated. Please drop all items to the school office.

**Easter Raffle- Donations!**

We will be holding an Easter raffle again this year. If you could drop in some yummy Easter treats to raffle that would be appreciated. **EASTER RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR BONNET PARADE- THURSDAY 3rd APRIL @ 10.00**

**P&C FACEBOOK PAGE- NEW!**


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**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!

**PLAYGROUP MUMS AND BUBS! COME ALONG TO THE EASTER BONNET HAT MAKING SESSION AND BONNET PARADE!**

8.30- 10.30 **THURSDAY 3rd APRIL**

Our school participates in the Koala Joey Program. This year we will be placing some of our key messages, rhymes and songs in our newsletter for parents. Today we have included an Easter Focus!

**EASTER BILBY’S HIDING EGGS!!**

Tune: London Bridge

Easter Bilby’s hiding eggs

Hiding eggs, hiding eggs

Easter Bilby’s hiding eggs

Hiding Easter Eggs.
He hides an egg by a tree
By a tree, by a tree
He hides an egg by a tree
Hiding Easter Eggs.

He hides an egg by a flower
He hides an egg by a rock
He hides an egg by pond
He hides an egg by a gate
He hides an egg in the grass

Easter Bilby’s hidden all the eggs
Hidden all the eggs, hidden all the eggs
Easter Bilby’s hidden all the eggs
All the Easter eggs.

3-5 years - Sing this song with your child and discuss what the Easter Bilby is doing and why? Find some pretend eggs or similar items and put them in a small basket and act out the rhyme – the child becomes the Easter Bilby hiding eggs in different places (Position). Children can draw pictures of flowers, rocks and other items for labelling the different places. You can then count the number of eggs the Bilby has hidden and talk about the journey (direction). Think of other places the Bilby could hide some eggs at your home and include them in the rhyme. Draw a map of this rhyme and plot the Bilby’s journey going from place to place (position and direction). You can sing and dramatise this story outdoors and hide eggs in real places especially on Easter Sunday!! You can sing a final verse “I have found all the eggs!” when they have finished.

Most of all, have fun!!