SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1 2015
School Calendar for 2015-
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APRIL
1st April- Year 6 Induction Ceremony- 9.30- All welcome to attend.
2nd April- Easter Bonnet Parade-whole school- all welcome to attend.

TERM 2
27th April 8.30 HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY.
ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME!

News from the Principal

Next week we will be having our Year 6 Leadership Induction ceremony. Come along on Wednesday @ 9.30 am to share in the celebration. Our leaders will be presenting themselves to the Harrisville school community. They will be outlining how they are stepping up as leaders to make our school the best place for learning. I am so proud of our leaders. They will finally be officially presented with their badges, certificates and leadership shirts. It is going to be a wonderful morning. Don’t forget that our Year 6 leaders will need to bring something to share for morning tea.

Next week we will also be holding a community Easter Bonnet parade. If you would like to come along to assist with making the hats we will be starting construction @ 8.30 am on Thursday 2nd April. Our Bonnet Parade will start at 9.45. Don’t forget to bring in some eggs for our Easter Raffle.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns

SCHOOL DISCO!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our school disco! We raised $335 for our school chaplaincy program! Thank you also to the P&C for catering and to my wonderful staff for attending to supervise! Everyone had a great night!

BULLYING NO WAY DAY!
Last Friday we wore orange to support our NO BULLYING Policy! Thank you to all our students for joining in a range of activities. Our school has a zero tolerance for bullying. Please see teaching staff if you have concerns or comments in regards to bullying!

EASTER BONNET PARADE AND HAT MAKING-WHOLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATING!

On Thursday 2nd April @ 8.30- 9.45 our students will be working in their classrooms to create some fantastic Easter Bonnet creations. All parents and friends are welcome to attend to help make our bonnets. At 9.45am we will hold an Easter Bonnet Parade to show off our hats! Our Choir students will also be performing a special Easter song! Thank you to Mrs White and Miss Bauer for preparing our choir students! Don’t forget to bring along any special items for your child’s bonnet. There will be materials provided at school for all the children to use.

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at our Bonnet Parade. Please support the P&C by purchasing raffle tickets or donating something to go in a basket.

NEWS FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

Term one is almost finished. We have been working hard together and learning lots of things. In the Friends program we have been focussing on wellbeing. We have looked at ‘F’ for feelings and ‘R’ for relaxing. Today we also considered mindfulness. Please ask you children to tell you about these concepts. This will help to re-enforce it into their minds and help establish lifelong habits for well-being.

Mindfulness is a conscious effort to be aware of our thoughts, feelings, body sensations and surrounding environment. The benefits have been shown in studies to 1) increase positive emotions while reducing negative emotions and stress. 2) to train the brain in learning, memory, emotional regulation and empathy, and 3) help tune out distractions and improve our memory and attention skills.

What a great place this would be if we all could continue learning together and making Harrisville State School even better than it already is.

Have a very restful and relaxed holiday time with family and friends, and if you are travelling, stay safe. See you in term 2.

COMPREHENSION STRATEGY-SELF MONITORING

Comprehension Strategy – Self Monitoring – be aware of what you’re thinking while you’re reading

Self-monitoring is vital to comprehension. Children need to realise when they have stopped understanding what they are reading.

Often when children come to a word or part of the text which they don’t understand, they just keep reading. This will only compound the problem of poor comprehension. Children need to know when meaning breaks down. They need to be able to identify what it is they don’t understand (word, sentence, paragraph) and they need to be able to use appropriate strategies to restore meaning.

Good readers will be thinking and doing these things while self monitoring:
• I’m not sure what ______ means.
• I don’t get that paragraph
• The author mentions Mary Jones in Chapter 2, but I can’t remember much about her. I think I’ll go back and reread that chapter to help me understand this part.
• I don’t understand that sentence means. I am going to go back and read it aloud slowly and see if that helps.
• I’ve lost my concentration. I’d better go back and reread that page.
• I don’t know what that word means. Can I find it in the glossary or in a dictionary?
• I’m going to try to create a picture in my mind to help me understand that bit.

PREP / 1 NEWS

The Preps and Year Ones enjoyed a visit from the local firemen to talk about being safe. They asked have you talked about an exit plan in your home? We all got to hold the fire hose and climb into the fire engine. A big thank you to the firemen!

CROSS COUNTRY @ HARRISVILLE SS

Next term we will be holding our annual Cross Country event at our school. Details:-
• Monday 27th April 8.30 warm up for a 9am start.
• Come along in your Hornets and Hounds shirts.
• All families and friends are welcome to attend.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP IN 2015
KEEP SAVING!! We are looking to take the whole school on camp in term 3. Camp costing will be between $200 and $300 per student/ adult. We wanted to give families plenty of time to save and plan for this event. We currently don’t have a date or a firm booking for location. Our school camp is a great opportunity for personal development, leadership and team building. If you have any questions please come make a time to talk about our camping program.

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Playgroup has resumed for 2015!
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!

P&C NEWS
Next P&C Meeting- today! Friday 27th March @ 2.30 (Discussing Fundraising – Seafood Night)

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS
The P&C are collecting donations for our Easter Raffle. Our P&C are putting together hampers which will be drawn on the last Thursday 2nd April at our Easter Bonnet Parade! All parents are welcome to attend! Please save the date- Our choir will be performing with a march past of our Easter Hats!

TUCKSHOP- Please note that in the last week of term (Thursday 2nd April) we will be having tuckshop.

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE- LIKE US!!
Our school P&C has a face book page. Go to-

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