# News from the Principal

## National Literacy and Numeracy Week!

This week we are celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week! We have been having a great time with a range of activities to support our focus on the importance of literacy and numeracy. The focus this year is exploring water. Mrs White has been giving us maths questions each day about water in our school. Each class has investigated the problems and considered responses to each question. It has been wonderful to see such interesting maths challenges.

Our students have been reciting poetry at playtime and at different times during the day. It is called “Poetry in my Pocket” and children who are able to recite a poem to a friend or a staff member get a ticket to go into a draw for a book this Friday!

Mrs White has also been sharing stories at lunchtime with the children reading in the sandpit, reading under trees, reading in the adventure playground!

We have been having a guessing competition for the weight of a pumpkin with each child getting a free guess! We have also had a chance to guess how many jelly beans in the jar! All of our winners will be announced on Friday afternoon @ 1.30. Please come along to join in our celebrations! Thank you again to Mrs White for organising our National Literacy and Numeracy Week activities.

## Additional Teacher Aid Allocation – 23 Hours Per Week!

Over the last couple of weeks we have received notification of an additional 23 hours per week of teacher aide time for our student with disabilities. The school wrote an application requesting additional time and our application was successful! This will make a huge difference to the learning programs at our wonderful school.

We welcome Sharon Alford who will be working Monday and Tuesday. Bev Ward will continue working Wednesday and Friday. Tracey McLaren will be working our SWD hours on Thursdays. If you have any questions or would like to know more information please contact the office.

Yours in Education

**Christie Minns**

Principal
PREDICTING READING STRATEGY!

Our comprehension focus for the last 2 weeks has been Predicting. Predicting is making a smart guess about what is going to happen next in the text. Clues from the title/topic, illustrations, blurb, author and text type will help with predicting what the text is about or what is coming up next in the text. Predictions are usually related to events, actions or outcomes. Children may confirm, revise or reject their predictions after the text is read. Good readers will be thinking these things when predicting what will happen in a text.

• I think the text will be about ________ because _____________.
• From what I've read so far, I predict that _____________.
• From what I already know about ____________ I predict _____________.
• I changed my first prediction because it said in the book _____________.
• My prediction was partly right but _____________.

Predicting prepares us to think about what we already know about the text, to understand and to remember what is read. It gives us a purpose for reading and keeps us motivated and focused. Good readers keep making predictions and adjusting them all through their reading.

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK- 25th - 31st August

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY
Friday 29th August
Book Character Parade @ 1.30
2PM Simultaneous Book Reading Across Australia!
All parents welcome to join in the fun!

Come along as your favourite story book character. Children will need to be able to tell us about their character. For our seniors we will be asking students to tell us their character traits of their chosen character. Please come along dressed up to join the literacy and numeracy week celebrations.

Numeracy Activity Sessions!
ON Friday 29th August we will also be running Numeracy sessions for all our classes. Our teaching staff will be setting up the library with a range of fun hands on maths activities. Our students will get to come down to the library for a 45 minute session and explore all the hands on resources! If you want to join in the fun come along to one of our sessions!

4/5/6 NEWS

Hello. My name is Emily Mortimer and I will be joining Mrs. Minn’s and Mrs. Ibbertson’s class until next Friday, the 5th of September. I am from the University of Southern Queensland and I am a third year training Primary School teacher. I look forward to working with your children and the community. Please feel free to say hello if you see me around the school.

In other news this week we have been working hard on the maths challenges about water. Our students collected data about the number and types of water bottles in the 4/5/6/7 classroom. Students represented their information in a range of ways. We also were able to work out the fractions and percentages in a range of data sets. For example the fraction/ percentage of water bottles in different colours, screw top, pop top, insulated, non insulated. Tuesday we also did an investigation on the distances from our classroom door to the nearest bubblers. The students measured and recorded their results in a data table or graph. Well done students!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Coming up on Thursday 11th September we will be having our school photos. Please save this date! We would expect all students to come to school in their full school uniform looking their best. We have sibling envelopes in the office if you are interested in getting sibling photos taken. Once you have collected the sibling envelop parents are required to call the MSP office to make a sibling appointment. MSP phone number is 38483946.

If you require any further information please contact the school office.
Students encouraged to submit their stories about life in regional Queensland

ABC’s Heywire competition is looking for young people to share their stories about life in regional Queensland.

Entrants must be aged 16 or older on 31 January 2015 to be eligible. Winners will have their stories published by the ABC and join other young people from around the country for the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra in February.

The Heywire website has some great tips to help you pick a good subject. Stories can be submitted as text, photos, audio or video. People with more than one idea are welcome to enter as many stories as they wish. Entries close on 16 September. You can find out more at: http://www.abc.net.au/heywire

Enrolment night Wednesday 27 August only

Where: BSHS library
When: from 3:30pm to 6:30pm
What will happen:
Year 7 & Year 8 parents for 2015 are invited to attend an enrolment evening on Wednesday night next 27 August 2014 in the school Library.
Staff will be in attendance to accept your completed enrolment forms that were handed out on our visits to your schools.

Your paperwork will be checked and details discussed such as any medical conditions or special learning requirements. This should take approximately ten to fifteen minutes.

You are able to attend at any time between the hours of 3:30pm to 6:30pm. It is not an information evening but, there will be an orientation day for students on Thursday 4 December.

If you are unable to attend, please deliver your completed forms to the school’s main office during the hours of 7:30am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Any concerns, please call on 54606111.

The Camp Quality Puppets have been invited to perform at our school on: 15th September @ 1.30-2.30.

It is an educational program using life size puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses. There is no charge to the school or the children. Families with younger siblings are welcome to attend. The information shared aims to help children heighten their awareness of the need to care for and support others who may look, or be a little ‘different’, particularly because of physical problems, such as hair loss, because of cancer treatment.

Children frequently ask very thoughtful questions. We are able to answer most questions to satisfy their ‘need to know’ and concerns that they may have. We do not have the authority to answer complicated medical questions. If they occur, we will refer the child to make enquiries of a medical practitioner.

This program links well with Community Awareness and Personal Development in the school program, and is most certainly not limited to schools with ill children. The contents relate very much to our children’s contribution to a more caring society.

Over 3,000,000 children have seen our puppets, and have been delighted as the characters come to life, relating very well, the information given to the children on their own level. Puppets have for many generations, been a fantastic communication tool. We trust that your children will benefit from the lessons they will learn through listening to our stories. If you need to know detail of the program, please do not hesitate to call: Camp Quality 07 3216 0299

Congratulations to Chelsea, Max and Ebony!
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS @9.30 am
Denita Muller –Director of Peak Crossing Kindy will be attending this week- Thursday 28th August!
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!

P&C NEWS
Next P&C Meeting … to be advised.

Thank you to Riley and his family for their work on our Vege Patch! It looks fantastic! Your support is greatly appreciated.

TRIVIA NIGHT! DATE CHANGE
We have changed the date for the Trivia Night due to a clash with the Peak Crossing Pig Event. Please note the Trivia Night will be on Saturday 1st November. There will be a flyer to follow. Any families with donations for prizes for the Trivia Night can contact members of the P&C or our school office. Examples of suitable items- Gift cards (Coles/Bunnings etc.), Gift packs.

FATHERS DAY STALL!
The school will be holding a Father’s day stall on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of September. All gifts will be $5

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Calamari will be discontinued on the menu.

ART AUCTION
SAVE THE DATE- 11th November.
Meals will be available from 6pm (Bottom Pub).
7pm Auction of Student Artwork.
More information to follow!

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE-
Our school P&C has a face book page. Go to-
https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=694704363884694

NRL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC BOONAH
When: September 23rd 2014 (10am-2pm, Registration from 9am)
Where: Coronation Park, Boonah
Cost: $40, includes morning tea, lunch, Rugby League pack & Clinic T-Shirt
How to Register: Web Search NRL SEQ – click link to Holiday Clinics & select the Boonah Clinic
For Further information Contact Ash Huth NRL Ipswich, 0439 407 613 or ahuth@nrl.com.au

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C&K Boonah District Kindergarten
Our waiting lists are currently open!
For children born 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011 for
2015 kindergarten year
For children born 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012 for
2016 kindergarten year
Please contact us on 5463 5878 for an
enrolment package today

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

Under 8’s Day
Kalbar State School
September 17th 2014
9.30-11.30am

All Welcome.
Children to be supervised by an adult.
Gold coin entry.
Phone 54693333 for further details.
face painting * story telling * singing
play dough * painting * arts and crafts
* emergency vehicles * games/obstacle course *
sausage sizzle * drinks/ coffee * plus many more fun
activities!

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SEE
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