SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016
School Calendar for 2016-

TERM 3
August
8th August- Show Holiday
17th & 19th August- Athletics Carnival for students selected in the Harrisville Small Schools team
18th August- Year 6 Day of Excellence – Boonah SHS
28th August- Book Week Dress Up

September
29th- Aug- 2nd September- Swimming Block- 45 Minute lessons 5 sessions.
1st- 2nd September- Overnight Camp Harrisville SS.
5th September SINGFEST-Senior Choir students- Springfield Lakes State School- Date to be confirmed. Parent transport help required.
14th September- Under 8’s Day
16th September- Soccer /Netball Carnival Year 3-6

News from the Principal

School Opinion Survey- closes Friday.
Earlier this term a letter was sent home with log in details to participate in our School Opinion Survey for 2016. This is a great opportunity to have your say in a confidential way about our school. Information is used by the school to improve and make our school the best place for everyone! Spare survey forms are available at the office if you have misplaced yours. The survey closes this Friday 29th July.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all of our families for participating in our student feedback for our semester 1 reporting period. Classroom teachers have been talking about academic achievement, effort and behaviour. If you have any further questions please make a time to talk to your child’s classroom teacher.

Our teachers are always happy to spend time with families explaining our work programs and how children are achieving their goals. Please make a mutually suitable time to ensure that enough time is given to work through any concerns or questions you may have.

Facilities upgrade! Congratulations Harrisville SS
This morning I met with our facilities team from regional office to discuss some upcoming facilities projects at our school. This last week we have just found out that we have been successful in securing a Smart School Subsidy Grant from Central Office to upgrade our walkways around the school. Our subsidy amount was $64 286. Congratulations to Harrisville SS for another successful grant application!

In meeting with our regional facilities team we have also been selected for a complete building refurbishment. Our current 2/3 classroom will be fully renovated to modernise and update the existing area. They are looking at removing the old louvers along the side wall. Yes these let in a lot of cold air and the P&C have asked over many years about improving these drafty windows! They are upgrading all the cupboards and shelving in the main section of the classroom. Building a new kitchen facility, upgrading the back area to include windows and increased storage! It will look fabulous to go with our spunky furniture that was kindly purchased by our P&C earlier in the year!

The school has worked with our facilities office over many years to improve our facilities and our discussions with our regional facilities team have been worthwhile. Thank you again to all our school community for support in our applications for improving our school!
SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

Each year every state school in Queensland is required to write a school annual report by the 30th June each year. Please see the link attached to our latest school annual report. I am very proud of our achievements!


The document is available from the home page of our school website.

CODE OF CONDUCT- BEHAVIOUR PLAN RENEWAL

Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful.

Please see the link below to take you to the latest copy of our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

There have been some updates made to our policy. Our High 5 hand and our Effort Meter are two of our strategies that we use across the school as a proactive strategy to support our students. You will see these in each of our classrooms and we do talk to children regularly about them on parade and in our classrooms. Please check in with your child? How is their effort in class today?

WALLOON ATHLETICS CARNIVALS- TEAM SELECTION LETTER SENT HOME TODAY

If your child was selected in the Harrisville Small Schools athletics team a letter was sent home today. Please return all forms to the school office to ensure your child can participate.

SALAKA

The children enjoyed our incursion of Salaka-African Drumming last Monday. This was a part of our music studies for the term. Each of our students participated in the drumming session and had a fantastic time. Well done to all our students. Thank you again to families for making the payment of $10 per child. If you have not made payment please ensure it is to the office by Friday.

P/1 NEWS MRS WHITE

Welcome back to an exciting term which has been action packed already. The Salaka drumming incursion was exciting and lots of fun. The children picked up the drum beat very quickly. Each child had a drum to use and could be a part of the experience. The sound with the whole school drumming was amazing.

A huge thank you to the parents who came for their child’s interview. Your interest and support sends an important message to your child that you care about their learning at school. The new Prep reading strategy is 'Peeking Possum' and the Year One’s are revisiting 'Flippy Dolphin’ and learning about 'Chatty Batty'.
Mrs Edwards has been filling in for Mrs Charlick while she has been away and we have enjoyed having her in our classroom. A big thank you to Mrs Edwards for doing a great job.

2/3 TERRIFIC NEWS- MRS NITA TILEY
Wow!!! Can you believe that we are half way through the year? The children noticed the other day that we now write a 7 when we do our short form date on the board and even they were amazed! We stopped to think about how much has happened during the year- how they have grown and all the things they have learnt so far. Once we wrote it on the board and looked at all the things that had happened in the last 2 terms we were awestruck. And we still have two terms to go!

This term we are studying maps and local areas in geography using concepts like ‘bird’s eye view’ to describe how we make and read maps and also what makes something a personal or local space. We will be using graphs to help us understand and interpret data. We are also focusing on algorithms this term to help us solve addition, subtraction and multiplication operations. The children know to look out for ‘bossy’ signs that tell us what operation we are doing. In English this term we are looking at recounts, and how they can help us tell a story about something that has happened.

3/4 NEWS MRS LAUREN KUSS
Welcome back to Term 3!
The first week has flown by with the beginning of parent-teacher interviews and getting our new learning units underway. Parent-teacher interviews will continue this week so make sure you book in a time to discuss your child’s progress and receive their report card.

In English, we are exploring historical texts and literary recounts about the First Fleet’s arrival in Australia. The students will be writing their own literary recount at the conclusion of the unit wherein they will adopt the persona of someone who was alive and present for the event.

The students are continuing with their number sense work in Maths this term, focussing on place value, multiplication and division currently.

Science will now be taken over Ms Katherine Rice of a Friday morning. We have also begun our new Geography, Art and Technology units with the students excited to be involved in planning and production processes for each of the assessments.

Class work and homework is underway and students need to be recording their four nights of home reading, writing out their spelling words each night and completing their maths activities and sightwords/comprehension cards. If they consistently complete their homework each week, at the end of term, they will receive a certificate. If you have any questions about this matter, feel free to contact me before or after school or by email at lwrig156@eq.edu.au.

Kind regards,
Mrs Kuss

5/6 NEWS
Welcome back to school everyone! I am so excited about all the new discoveries and adventures in learning which will be part of Term 3 for the Year 5/6 cohort. It is my great pleasure to welcome three new students to our class. We want you to know that you are greatly valued, as are all members of the class and we look forward to your unique input into our programs.

Business and Economics
In this exciting Key Learning Area, students will be exploring decision-making in everyday life. In this unit, students will develop and apply enterprising behaviours and capabilities, and knowledge, understanding and skills of inquiry, to investigate a familiar personal or community economics or business issue they may experience in their everyday life (for example, determining what items to sell as part of the school’s fundraising activities).

The economics or business issue investigated will enable students to: distinguish between needs and wants, and recognise why choices need to be made about how limited resources are used; understand there are different types of resources and that societies use them to
satisfy needs and wants of present and future generations; and understand that a variety of factors influence consumer choices, and different strategies can be used to help make informed personal consumer and financial choices.

Students will develop questions about the problem and use data and information from different sources to answer them. Students will work collaboratively to make decisions and identify a response to the problem before communicating findings using economics and business terms.

**Science**

In science this term, students will investigate balanced and unbalanced forces and the effect these have on the motion of an object.

They explore the effects of gravity and relate centre of gravity to movement. Students investigate the impact of friction on a moving object and the forces involved in simple machines. They consider how understanding of forces and simple machines has contributed to solving problems in the community and how people use forces and simple machines in their occupations. Students investigate applications of forces in transport systems and consider how scientific and technological developments have improved vehicular safety.

**Design and Technology**

In this unit named ‘Quench’ student will develop skills in thinking when they are encouraged to reflect, inquire, generate and analyse, synthesise and evaluate as they create a product.

This unit addresses the context Food specialisations. In this unit, students will investigate the role of food preparation in maintaining good health and the importance of food safety and hygiene.

They will design a healthy drink that meets a specific need (refreshing; nutritious; warming) and make it safely and hygienically. Students will explore food technology occupations and how people in those roles address competing factors such as sustainability in the production and delivery of food to meet community needs.

**English**

In English this semester the children will be reading Storm Boy by Colin Teale. We will be participating in a range of activities to analyse the text and decode the elements in the text. We will then get to compare the text to the movie of Storm boy and write a comparison between the two types of genres. Please ensure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each night. They can read their group reading text/ Storm Boy or their own choice for homework.

**Mathematics**

Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing our number concepts. Our end of term tests showed a few areas that needed consolidation. As I said to the children we will be plugging up the gaps! We will also be extending our maths champs with more complex problems. Thank you again to families who work with children on their multiplication facts. Children need speed and accuracy with their facts to solve more complex problems.

I am looking forward to an engaging and productive term with you all.

Yours in Learning

Debbie-Lee Ibbertson & Christie Minns

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**AUSLAN NEWS- MR CRAIG MCNEILL**

During these busy days kids can become nervous and tired. I thought some fun signs might be of benefit because laughter is always great medicine. Good luck with your signing.
Fun

How to sign it: Tap cheek with curved pointer finger, twice.

Laugh

Also: giggle, chuckle

How to sign it: With thumb and pointer finger extended in a ‘C’ shape, fingers pointing upwards and curved around chin, move hand downwards twice.

Joke

How to sign it: With thumb, pointer and middle finger extended, move hand forwards from chin twice.

SINGFEST- YEAR 4-6 CHOIR STUDENTS

The Harrisville State School choir and Boonah choir students in Year 4-6 are invited to attend the very special Singfest 2016 massed choir event to be held on Monday September 5th 2016 at Springfield Lakes State School. PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE NEEDS TO BE CONFIRMED. Singfest is an annual massed choral event for State School Primary students in the Metropolitan and Ipswich Regions. Over 1,000 students participate in this event each year.

On the day of the event, each school comes together to workshop the repertoire in a massed choir of all the schools present on the day, culminating in a concert at 5.15 pm. This performance is an exciting opportunity for young vocalists. Singfest will be especially useful for students in schools with smaller choirs or singing groups. The cost is only $12 per student.

The Guest Director for 2016 will be Mr Tim Sherlock. Timothy Sherlock is a composer, choral conductor and handbell director based in Brisbane. Tim focuses his creative energies on writing accessible, engaging and beautiful choral music, conducting a number of choral and handbell ensembles, presenting choral workshops and adjudicating at eisteddfod. Tim is the Choirmaster of the QPAC Choir, an adult community choir. He is the co-director of the Gallipoli Choir, the official choir convened by the Australian Government for the annual ANZAC Day Dawn and Lone Pine services at Gallipoli. Timothy also conducts the Young Conservatorium Vocal Ensemble, a secondary school choir based at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

There will be a free concert that evening at approx. 5:15pm by our students for parents and friends to see their child perform the tricky music they have been working on in parts. Parents will need to organise to collect their child at the end of the concert at approx 6:00 pm*.

Key Information Summary

Who: Only older choir students in year 4-6 are invited this year (as very long day*)

What Date: Monday 5th September,, 10am start at the venue* TBC

What times: *if carpooling start at Harrisville school at 9am, students need to be ready to start the workshop at 10am at Springfield Lakes state school

FREE Concert at 5:15pm (for parents, grandparents and friends of performers)

Where: SpringField Lakes State School Hall

What to Wear: our new Harrisville Music Choir Shirts or full school uniform

What to Bring: morning tea, lunch, drinks, warm jumper, hat, choir folder with words, maybe a clean music shirt to change into for the concert. It will be a long day so please ensure that students have plenty of food and drink. There will be no opportunity for students to buy their lunch.

Cost: $12 per student (includes simple afternoon tea for singers)
**EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS**

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day’s learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep

It’s where good habits begin

**ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

What parents can do

Promote the importance of school
Get to know the teacher
Go to school events
Read the school newsletter
Be organised at home
Supervise homework
Ask about your child’s day
Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child’s school

**MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY**

It’s important that children are at school all day, every day 🎓

**OK reasons to stay home from school**

- sick
- natural disasters

**It’s NOT OK to skip school**

shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

Absence Note

“Every Day Counts”

Dear _______________,

My child ____________ was away on __/__/2016, __/__/2016, 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 or SMS your absence note to admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

SMS 0476 837 329

**P&C NEWS**

Next P&C Meeting to be confirmed.

Tuckshop News-

Please add Cheerios $3.00 and Custard $1.50 to your menu!

Link below will take to the documents section on our website to our latest tuckshop menu.


Uniform shop open each Wednesday 2.15- 2.45

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE-LIKE US!!
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Come along and have some fun at our Koala Joey Program and Playgroup

Tuesday 9am  All welcome to attend!

Koala Joey 9am- Literacy and Numeracy program.
Conducted by Qualified Early Childhood staff.