

HARRISVILLE NEWS

Thursday, January 30, 2014



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1

February

4th February P&C AGM and General Meeting 7pm School Library- All welcome.

13th February- PLAYGROUP RESUMES- ALL WELCOME- 9.30- Harrisville State School Library.

News from the Principal

WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Staff have been busy over the last week getting ready for the return of our students. We have been involved in a range of professional development over the last week. We are all looking forward to a great year of learning.

It is that time of the year again where our classroom teachers review our School Responsible Behaviour Plan and school rules. All areas of Harrisville State School are learning and teaching environments. We consider behaviour management to be an opportunity for valuable social learning as well as a means of maximising the success of academic education programs.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting Harrisville State School to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and teaching environment, where ALL school community members have clear and consistent expectations and understandings of their role in the educational process.

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.

I would encourage families to talk about our school rules and to review our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan. It is available on our school website. It is with your support that we can maintain a high level of behaviour and work ethics within our classrooms. Our staff are looking forward to a busy year of learning!

Yours in Education

Christie Minns

Principal

STAFFING NEWS FOR 2014!

At this stage we will offer 3 class groups! Our numbers are close to gain our fourth teacher! We just need 4 more students. Welcome to all our new and returning families.

Class groups for 2014!

P/1/2- Mrs Michelle White

2/3/4 – Mrs Sandra Stenzel

5/6/7 – Mrs Christie Minns/

Mrs Debbie Lee Ibertson

Specialists-

Physical Education- Mrs Janet McKenna

Music- Miss Suzanne Bauer

LOTE- Mrs Sandra Noller

History- Mrs Joan Sheldon

STLAN- Mrs Le-Anne Whitted.

Chaplain- Mrs Irene Hurren

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Teacher aides-

Mrs Di Charlick
Mrs Jenny Hall
Mrs Tracey McLaren

Administration Officer-

Mrs Tammy Lutter

Groundscare/ Cleaning Services-

Mr Roger Gray
Mrs Robyn Griffiths
Mrs Karen Gunston

Over the next few weeks we will be including staff profiles to introduce our staff for 2014. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

First Aid Training- ASTHMA/ ANAPHALAXIS PLANS

As a part of our professional development last week all staff attended first aid training. We were able to review essential management of Asthma, Anaphylaxis, CPR and first aid in a range of situations (eg. bandaging, shock, poisons).

We reviewed DRSABCD as a part of managing a range of first aid situations.

Our school has been trained in the use of administering Epipens/Anapens for anaphylaxis and our school keeps an emergency supply of Epipens in case of emergencies.

We are also an asthma friendly school. As a part of this accreditation all families are required to provide up to date Asthma and Allergy plans. This will help staff to manage medical conditions as required. Our school keeps spare spacers and ventolin medication in case of emergencies. This follows DETE policy for administering medication in schools.

If you have not provided an up to date Allergy/ Asthma plan could you please do so as soon as possible. If you require any further information- please contact the office.

DENTAL VAN IS HERE

PH: 0419654650

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2014 COLLECT A FORM!

NEW CHILDREN FOR 2014 ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE DENTAL VAN. THERE ARE SPARE FORMS IN THE OFFICE.

Prep /1/2 NEWS

The first day of the school year is always exciting and in Prep/1/2 all the children looked lovely in their school uniforms and were ready and excited to learn. We have several new students to the school and we welcome them to our classroom. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at what authors do to let us know how their character is feeling. I look forward to meeting all the parents over the coming few weeks.

Michelle White

2/3/4 NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I trust you enjoyed your break from making lunches, ironing school uniforms and chasing homework. It is always so nice to see the kids again; ribbons in ponytails, new shoes, freshly covered books- it's not until I see those bright, smiling faces that I realise just how much I have missed the children.

We have 23 children in our class and once again, our class promises to be just lovely! We also gladly welcome Ethan to Year 4 and Deklan to Year 3.

Thank you for ensuring your child has all their requirements for the school year. It is an enormous help and makes getting to work efficient and easy. Below is a very brief overview of the topics and concepts we'll be learning in our class. Geography is a new KLA in 2014 so we'll be introducing that this term too.

- Maths: number & numeration/place value everyday with special focus on measurement, time and fractions/decimals (yr4)
- English: Persuasive writing, sentence types and structure
- Science: Life and Living- the way in which living things depend upon each other for survival (symbiotic relationships) and their life-cycles.
- Geography: people are interconnected and belong to a number of different places; places can be both the same and different; Earth sustains all life

- SOSE / The Arts and Technology will mesh within and support, these concepts.

Finally, please know that I am always willing to work beside parents to make school a happy, safe and productive experience for the children; feel welcome to approach me with any queries or concerns about any aspect of your child's learning or development. Wishing everyone a great year!
Sandra Stenzel

5/6/7 NEWS

It has been a busy week so far in the 5 6 7 classroom. Welcome to Mrs Debbie-Lee Ibbertson who will be teaching with me on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Ibbertson and I will be sharing the teaching load this year. Below is a summary of the Key Learning Areas we will each be teaching and the other specialists who will be working with our class.

Mrs Minns- English, Maths, Health.
Mrs Ibbertson- Technology, Science, SOSE, Geography, The Arts.
Mrs McKenna- Physical Education
Mrs Sheldon- History
Miss Bauer- Music
Mrs Noller- German LOTE.

I will be sending home a copy of our class timetable so that our children have a clear idea of what they will be learning each day.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to Debbie-Lee or myself!

Thanks again and looking forward to a productive year of learning.
Christie Minns

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Harrisville School Playgroup will resume on Thursday 13 February, with a 9:30am starting time. This year our principal Mrs Minns will join us and lead us with the Koala Joey Program, which focuses on Parent/Child interaction through nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories.

Early years brain development, emotional and social development, child development, early literacy and early numeracy information is shared during the program. Parents gain skills in a fun, interactive and supportive environment.

Playgroup is held on the Harrisville School Grounds.

P&C NEWS

AGM & P&C GENERAL MEETING

*Tuesday 4th February
7pm in the school
Library.*

*All positions will be
vacated for the coming
year! Please come along
and support our great
school.*

YOUR P & C NEEDS YOU!

The 2013 P & C has achieved so much over this year. Thousands of dollars has been fundraised at the many events held this year so we could provide the students with much needed facility upgrades and equipment. The money that has been raised with the support of parents, family's local community members and local businesses. We thank you for all your support over 2013.

The P&C will hold its AGM, followed by a general meeting, at 7pm on Tuesday 4th February 2014, in the school library. We need people to fill the following positions on the Executive team:

THE PRESIDENT: The President oversees the work of the P&C. They set the agenda and chair the P&C meetings each month, as well as keeping in close contact with the Principal between meetings. The President also represents the P&C at school functions, and keeps the school community informed of P&C matters.

VICE PRESIDENT: Their job is to assist the President. For example, if the President can't attend a school function, a Vice President can help by attending in the President's place.

SECRETARY: The Secretary takes the minutes at P&C meetings, and types them up ready for the next meeting. The Secretary collects the mail for the P&C at the school office, and writes any letters that the P&C decides to send.

TREASURER: The Treasurer looks after the P&C's money. The Treasurer is responsible for banking any fundraising money. The Treasurer writes any cheques the P&C requires, and provides a monthly financial report to P&C meetings.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR: As the name suggests, the Fundraising Coordinator coordinates the raising of funds for the school. A committee of helpers, who they work with to plan the fundraising events for the year, assists them

TUCK SHOP VOLUNTEER: Oversee the running of the school canteen including the shopping, including setting menu choices and planning special food events.

PLAYGROUP VOLUNTEER: Assist with the running of our school playgroup.

Even if you do not want to nominate for any of the above positions, please still come along to the AGM and general meeting. You will find that P&C meetings are a great way to hear about what is going on in the school, and to meet other parents. It gives you a chance to find out what you can do to make your child's schooling the best it can be. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, in the school library. I hope to see you!

Attached are the new nomination forms for 2013 and the Membership forms if you wish to still be a member of the P & C next year you will need to renew your membership or if you wish to become a member please fill out the form and place it in the P & C Box in the office by the date of the AGM. If you would like to nominate someone for a position or if you would like to take on a position please fill out the forms and hand them into the office.
Thank you

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