SCHOOL CALENDAR
School Calendar for 2015-
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TERM 4
November
December
3rd December - Move Up Day Harrisville SS / Boonah State High School
Transition Day
4th December- Concert/ Awards Night – 6pm.
7th/ 8th/ 9th Dec- Whole School Camp- Maranatha

January 2016
21st January – Pupil Free Day
22nd January – Pupil Free Day
25th January – Pupil Free Day
27th January- School Resumes

News from the Principal
Monday I had the pleasure of listening to our new leaders for 2016 present their leadership speeches. I was overwhelmingly impressed with their commitment and attitude towards taking on a leadership position in 2016.

We had a panel of four staff members critiquing their performance on the day. Staff have met to review children’s selection criteria and discuss the outcome of the process for 2016. At Harrisville children take the responsibility of being a school leader seriously and staff deliberate long and hard over all the information available. The selection process reviews children’s work ethics and behaviour over the year. Staff review the children’s written speeches and the quality of their final presentation. We also look at children’s OneSchool folio of assessment results including effort, behaviour and attendance. We want the right child for the right job. The criteria is tallied and scored according to the selection criteria. All children in Year 5 have a copy that they have been referring to as a guide to their application.

Our school offers leadership positions to every child in Year 6 in 2016. All positions are important and are valued by all within our education community.

Positions available in 2016
- Music Captain
- School Captain
- Vice Captain
- Hornets Captain
- Hounds Captain
- Hornets Vice
- Hounds Vice
- School leader- various roles suited to individual children.

Thank you to all our families who joined us on Monday to see our children shine. Next Thursday 10th December @ 12pm we will be announcing our leaders as a part of our final day celebrations. Our current Year 6 leaders will “hand over” the reins to our new leaders for 2016.

The new leaders for 2016 will be officially inducted as a school leader in a special ceremony in term 1 2016. During this time we present our leaders with their badge, senior shirt and certificate. We normally have official guests invited for the proceedings. Information and dates will be communicated next year. This is an exciting time for our Year 6 students of 2016.

I would also like to comment on the outgoing leaders of 2015. What an outstanding bunch! I wish them all the best of luck as they make the transition to high school. I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas break and I look forward to working with you all in the New Year!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
**CLASS GROUPINGS FOR 2016**

At this stage we will be having 4 class groups for 2016. Over the last month staff have met to discuss options for classes for 2016. This is a hard process juggling numbers. Staff have collaborated and decided to create the following class groupings:-

- Prep/ 1
- 2 /3
- 3/4
- 5/6

Our Year 3 students for 2016 will be split into 2 groups. We have split the groups with mixed numbers of boys and girls, and mixed levels of abilities. Staff have thought hard and deliberated over the groupings. During our Move Up day we will trial these groups and make our final decision around groups before the end of term. If you have any questions or concerns about our groupings please come and see us.

Below are our numbers for 2016 in each of our cohorts.

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At this stage we are yet to finalise staffing or the allocation of teachers to classes for 2016. The only class teacher at this stage that has been assigned to a class is Mrs White on P/1.

At this stage of the year our school has been working closely with regional office to ensure our school is staffed with quality teachers according to DETE policy. It is at this stage of the year that final teacher transfers are sorted and the process for graduate employment is followed. This ensures a fair and equitable process for all teachers within the region. I will let families know our class teacher allocations as soon as we have our staffing finalised. If you have any questions please come and see me in the office.

Thank you.

**MARANATHA CAMP**

Next week is our Maranatha camp. An information pack was sent home last week. This included-cabin groups, transport groups, kitchen groups, program of events, cabin allocation and map and information about departure and arrival times.

Please come and see staff if you have not received this information. If you need further clarification on anything please give the school a buzz. While on camp we will be taking our school mobile phone. Please feel free to call while we are away at camp. The number is highlighted in yellow in this newsletter. Alternatively please call Tammy in the office who can get in contact with me.

Please ensure your child has a sun smart hat and a sun smart swimming shirt for all water activities.

**IN SCHOOL DAY CAMP- NEXT WEEK**

Next week Mrs White has arranged for our students to participate in a range of activities. A timetable was sent out last week with details of the program for the three days. All of our children who are not attending Maranatha will be participating in a range of activities across the week. Thank you to Mrs White for coordinating this program for our children. I know they will have a great time in their final week of school.

**CONCERT- FRIDAY NIGHT 4th DECEMBER! BACK TO THE BUSH!**

Our school concert for 2015 will be this Friday Night commencing at 6pm. If you have any questions about costumes for your child’s group please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Venue- Harrisville School of Arts

Time- 6PM

Please bring water bottles for children as it will be hot in the hall.

Costumes- as detailed in an SMS sent last week.

Our theme for this year is back to the bush! Come along ready for some fun! Our students have been working hard in class this term learning their routines! Thank you to our parent helpers who have been assisting over the last couple of weeks! Greatly appreciated! WE can’t wait to shine on the stage! See you there!

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY AND FINAL TENNIS SESSION FOR 2015**

Today the children participated in a Christmas Craft day that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to our parents who joined us on the day. As a part of this day children participated in a fun tennis day! Thank you to our coaches for their work with the children. I know that everyone enjoyed the blow up target practise! Thank you again to our P&C for their successful application in the sporting schools program this ensured that all our children could access professional coaches all term.
In the coming days I have asked Leon to put together an interest form for families who would like to continue tennis lessons at Harrisville State School. We will most likely do before school sessions with Leon and his team from Top Tennis Academy leading these sessions. Fees will be payable for these sessions. If you are interested in attending lessons please fill out the interest form (when it comes home) and return it to the school office.

**UPDATE MOBILE PHONE DETAILS**

Please ensure we have your latest mobile phone details. If you have not been receiving SMS reminders of school events please let us know and we can add the most current number to your child’s records. Please see your child’s classroom teacher or administration staff to view your emergency contact details and update if required.

**BOONAH SHS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

As our shelves are stocked with uniforms, they are available for purchase, part payment and payment on pick up, now. Uniform shop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday, from 8.15am to 9.00am, and 11.45am to 12.30pm.

We will also be open the week prior to 2016 school year ( last week of holidays ), Monday to Thursday 8.00am to 1.00pm. This week is extremely busy, so if you are short on time, to avoid waiting, come in before the end of year.

Other times by appointment
Kaye 54606171

Thank you for your assistance
Kaye Lutter

**Absence Note**

“Every Day Counts”

Dear _______________,

My child ______________ was away on __/__/2015, __/__/2015, 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: SMS your absence note to admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

SMS 0476 837 329

**FASSIERN NETBALL INFORMATION**

Come and join a team for fun and fitness with friends in 2016

**2016 Date Claimers**

- Thursday Feb 11th: Rep Team Trials @ 4pm – all ages from 11-16 welcome
- Saturday Feb 13th: Sign On in the main street of Boonah.
- Monday Feb 22nd: Open Division starts and Intermediate Division Muster.
- Monday Feb 29th: Intermediate Division starts.
- March 14th & 21st: Net Set Go! (5-10 years) Have-A-Go Days and Sign On.
- April 11th: Net Set Go! starts.
- March 14th: FREE F.N.A. Umpiring Clinics.
- May 7th: N.O. Foundation Coaching Course 9:00am – 1:00pm

Intermediate Division and Modified Game Training Sessions: day and time to be announced in 2016.

NetSetGo! 5-7 year olds is conducted in term 2 only.

NetSetGo! Modified Game 8-10 year olds continues until 22nd of August.

If you would like to join an amazing group of volunteers and help F.N.A. continue to provide local netball, please contact the 2016 President Sam Hegarty on 0418 711 638 or email sdheg@bigpond.net.au. See www.fassifern.qld.netball.com.au contact details. You can also like our Facebook Page “Fassifern Netball Association” to ensure you keep up to date with events.
SILVERDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Invites You to Our
CAROLS ON
THE HILL
DECEMBER 19th
Food on sale from 6:00 p.m
Carols start at 7:00pm
20 Wantenaar Road
SILVERDALE
Christmas Skits, Community Carol Singing, Baby animals
GREAT NIGHT OUT FOR ALL AGES
Sausage Sizzle, Cheerios, Soft drinks & Ice Cream Cones
Available For Purchase For $1.50 each
Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on
All proceeds go to School Chaplaincy

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