SCHOOL CALENDAR
School Calendar for 2015-
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TERM 2
JUNE
15th June- Jack Pizzey Award Ceremony 2pm- All family and friends welcome to attend.
Athletics Rotations- Wednesday Afternoons- for remainder of term.
Please see staff if you can assist.

TERM 3
July
Parent Teacher Interviews & Report Cards will be handed out in term 3
15th July- Wednesday - Harrisville State School Athletics Carnival- Hornets V’s Hounds
22nd July- Wednesday- Interschool Athletics Carnival- Harrisville SS, Mutdapilly SS, Warnil View SS @ Mutdapilly SS
Swimming- 8 sessions (2 week block). More information to follow.

TERM 4
7th/ 8th/9th Dec- Whole School Camp- Maranatha
16th/17th/18th November- Year 6 Camp Maroon- Fassifern Cluster of Schools. More information to follow.

News from the Principal
Attendance Awards- Term 1

Make 2015 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.
http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Our school recognises students who have outstanding attendance records. On parade next Tuesday 9t June at 8.30 we will be handing out our attendance awards for term 1 2015. We will be recognising those students who have demonstrated outstanding attendance for the entire term 1.

Please come along to this special parade to recognise the efforts of our students.

Every day Counts!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns

SPECIAL PARADE TO RECEIVE A JACK PIZZEY AWARD

Our school has been nominated for a Jack Pizzey Award which recognised excellence in education. Sharon Donald our Regional Director for the South East Region will be coming to present this award to our school. I am so proud to show off our school and all the wonderful work that goes into making our school the best school for learning!

The parade will be held on Monday 15th June at 2pm in the school library. I would encourage all parents to join us for this celebration. Our choir and recorder groups will be performing on the day. We may also have one of our class groups present on the parade! Come along and share in this special achievement!

PREP/ 1 NEWS

Thank you to the parents who have been reading and learning sight words every night with their children. Your help in dating and signing each time has helped me to check who is eligible for Free Time Friday. The reading books and library books you read to your child can be added to the Premier’s Challenge sheet. If you would like extra reading, try accessing the PM collection with your password or the ebook collection books on line.
Happy Reading.

2/ 3 NEWS- TEAM BEE

Last week, we began our new spelling unit using the C2C spelling activities booklets in class during our Literacy Rotations. Our post-test on Monday
showed that the children have enjoyed success using this new system. This week, our spelling focus is on plurals, such as fly to flies and knife to knives. This spelling convention can be difficult to learn, so I have been encouraging the children to complete their homework spelling activities to reinforce the learning that they are doing in class.

To reinforce concepts learnt in the classroom, it is important that all children make some attempt to complete their homework each week and return it to school on Monday. Please ensure you sign your child’s home reading book each time they read. We will be looking for four signatures each week.

5/6 NEWS

“Lift your expectations of students; and stand back as they exceed yours”
- Debbie-Lee Ibbertson

A strange phenomenon is sweeping through the Year 5/6 classroom – children are loving doing their homework... Furthermore, they are asking for and completing extension homework of their own free will (could a teacher be any prouder? I think not).

Since the implementation of the our structured checking system and extension opportunity homework for students, our homework completion rate has risen to consistently around the 100% mark. Students are going above and beyond what is expected of them and handing in homework of a calibre which rivals that which I have seen from high school students. These students beam as they hold books up to my face, proud of what they have accomplished and ready for the well-deserved praise and encouragement. Both students and parents should be very proud of this accomplishment.

The ‘Why’ of homework...
Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits.

Congratulations Yr 5/6 on your incredible effort and application to your homework this term – you have exceeded my expectations :) Yours in Learning, Mrs Ibbertson & Mrs Minns

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, and children attending an approved kindergarten program or long day care centre.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.

Registrations are now open for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is 19 May - 28 August and the early childcare centres participation period is 15 - 28 August 2015. Our school will be participating.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEXT TERM!
SAVE THE DATE!

Harrisville SS Athletics Carnival- Hornets V’s Hounds- Wednesday 15th July 8.30- 2.30. All family and friends welcome to attend. Harrisville Small Schools (Harrisville SS, Mutdapilly SS, Warrill View SS) 22nd July- 8.30- 2.30. The venue will be Mutdapilly SS. All children will need to make their own way to the carnival. Please see classroom teachers with any issues regarding transport.

VALUING DIVERSITY AT HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL

If these are strong values of our culture, then we have to ask whether they are adding to or taking away from the ‘glue’ that binds us together as a community (Bob Jackson PhD drbobjackson@iprimus.com.au). Most would agree that the values in the right hand column weaken ‘community’.

Take two other lists of values:

Compassion Rejection
Caring Unconcern
Consideration Insensitivty
Altruism Selfishness
Empathy Putting down
Cooperation Competition
Assistance Undermining
Friendship Devaluation
Commitment Apathy
Humanism Materialism

As teachers, we want to bring out the values on the left in the children in our care, which are all values that will increase the ‘glue’ that holds our community together.
These are of course exactly the values that a child with a disability WILL bring out in other children with proper adult guidance and modelling. What this means is that the child with a disability is a major asset to the school and **essential** to the building of an alternative set of community values in the next generation to counteract the current values. Children with a disability are a wonderful resource who can transform a school’s values and help build a very different world for the next generation. They are not a burden who should be grateful for anything that they get. At Harrisville State School we are grateful for the potential **every student** brings to build our school and society.

Yours in Learning,
Debbie-Lee Ibbertson.

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**EAT LOCAL WEEK- 27th June – 5th July**

Experience the food and wine of the Scenic Rim during Eat Local Week.

Featuring plenty of free and low-cost activities for children and families, including farm tours, cooking classes, producer dinners and opportunities to meet the farmers and taste their wares. For more information [www.eatlocalweek.com.au](http://www.eatlocalweek.com.au)

The week culminates on the 4th July with the **Winter Harvest Festival**, Eat Local Week’s signature event. A celebration of food, wine and farming. There’s live music, fresh produce, cooking demonstrations and plenty of good old fashioned country hospitality.

**Are you STRONG enough??**

Why not get a team together and enter the Tractor Pulling Competition to raise funds for the School or a local Community organisation.

- **HOW IT WORKS:**
  - Senior Competition - Teams of 12 register to pull a John Deere Tractor over 20 metres.
  - Junior Competition - Teams of 4 register to pull a Boomer tractor over 20 metres.
  - Each team gets two “pulls” and the fastest time counts. (A handicap system will be in place for the junior competition)
  - Event will take place during the Winter Harvest Festival, 4th July, 2015 at the Aratula Community
  - Sports Complex.
  - No spikes to be worn
  - The Junior Competition will commence at 10.30am, the Senior Competition will commence at 1pm.

**FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP- BRING $2 FOR MILO**

Each Tuesday this term our student leaders (with the help of Mrs Hurren) will be organising milo each lunch. Children will need to bring their mug and $2 for a cup of milo. All funds raised will go towards our school camp.

**HARRISVILLE SS NRL CHAMPIONS**

Last Wednesday students from years 4 to 6 were given the option to participate in the ‘Play NRL 9’s Challenge’ with Fassifern Region schools on Hayes Oval. The students were split into a Yr 4/5 (plus Britney who volunteered to fill their team) and a Yr 6 team of mixed ability students. Some students were seasoned professionals, having played tackle NRL for years and others played their first game ever that day. It was a nail bitting situation with challenging games, enthusiastic crowds and school spirit running high. Both Harrisville SS teams managed to win every game they played; but more importantly, they represented their school with pride, playing with fairness and wonderful sportsmanship. Excitingly 8 students were chosen by selectors during the day and will now move on to play in the ‘NRL Cup’ (details have been sent home). All students on our team demonstrated our school moto – ‘Pride to Achieve’, well done to everyone who attended and thank you for all the parent support.
WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP- MARANATHA

Go to the Maranatha website on the link below for all the information about this great adventure facility. [http://www.maranatha-camp.com/](http://www.maranatha-camp.com/)

The cost of the camp is going to be approximately $200 per child. Please check our previous newsletter for more information about camp. A permission form will be coming home soon.

GOODSTART EARLY LEARNING –KINDY! PEAK CROSSING

Congratulations to Peak Crossing Kindy for their recent achievement on their rating and assessment. They have achieved a rating of exceeding the National Quality Standards in all areas. Our students who attend Peak Crossing Kindy are getting the best possible start to their education. Our partnership with the Peak Crossing Kindy is important and a valued part of our transition program here at Harrisville State School. Well done!

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

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- will be a Friday afternoon.  
12th June @ 3.00pm.

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

LEARN TO SHOP SMART AND WIN A SHARE OF $11000

Entries for the Buy Smart competition are now open for our Year 4 to Year 12 students. This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn to be smart with money, become informed consumers and learn how to avoid financial problems later in life. They could also win a share of over $11,000! The competition asks students to research a consumer issue such as saving, budgeting, buying a mobile phone or spending wisely, and creatively present the issue to their target audience. The more creative, the better! Entries close Friday 18 September 2015. For more information talk to school contact person or visit [www.qld.gov.au/buysmartcomp](http://www.qld.gov.au/buysmartcomp).

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