School Calendar for 2015:

TERM 3
August
10th-August - Show Holiday
13th & 14th August - Fassifern District Athletics Team - Nominated children only.
17th August - Athletics Presentation 8.30 am Parade.
27th August - Sing Fest - Select Choir students (4/5/6).

September
16th September - Under 8’s Excursion to Peak Crossing SS - P/1/2 - more information coming home soon.

TERM 4
October
9th – Movie Night - Fundraiser for Chaplaincy at Harrisville SS. Supported by school staff.

November
16th/17th/18th November - Year 6 Camp Maroon - Fassifern Cluster of Schools. More information to follow.

December
7th/8th/9th Dec - Whole School Camp - Maranatha

News from the Principal

NAPLAN reports will be sent home for children in Year 3 and 5 in the coming days. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for ensuring our students have the best opportunity to do their best in these national tests. If you require any further information about your child’s results please make a time with your child’s classroom teacher.

The reports, which were distributed to Queensland schools from 27 July, give a snapshot of how students’ performed against the national average on each strand of the test. A summary of the NAPLAN results for all Queensland schools will be available from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority website. Please follow the link.

Athletics Presentation- Harrisville District Small Schools.
Yesterday we completed the final event for our Harrisville Small Schools Carnival. Congratulations to our boys for their efforts in the high jump.

I am currently awaiting final scores for the day. Some of the results were close so officials are currently double checking these. We will be holding a special award ceremony on Monday 17th August at our 8.30 am parade. Please come along to this presentation to find out our age champions and final score for the carnival! I am so proud of the efforts of our children!

Thank you again to parents for supporting on the day and to staff for their dedication and professionalism. A huge thank you to Mr Markert, Mrs Wozencroft and Mrs Griffiths for taking all the equipment to Mutdapilly State School. This was a huge undertaking with high jump mats, school tents and all the equipment distributed across the three vehicles! Thank you!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
**NRL CHALLENGE CUP TEAM**

Congratulations to our boys who attended the NRL Challenge Cup on Tuesday. Outstanding efforts in sportsmanship and team spirit. We scored two tries but were unable to convert! Well done to our boys for their efforts!

**SHOW HOLIDAY MONDAY 10TH AUGUST**

Monday 10th August is our show holiday! Please don’t come to school! We will hold parade on Tuesday 11th August. All families welcome to attend.

**BPoint Payments**

A new way of paying your account has implemented through the school accounting system — called BPoint. You may have noticed this on the last invoice you received.

This upgrade within the schools accounting system and the changes made to customer Invoices and Statements which include the BPoint web address, gives parents another option to make payments easier. Should you use BPoint please ensure you make these payments via the BPoint web site (found on the invoice), and ensure you enter the Customer Reference Number, Invoice Number and Amount to pay stated on your invoice. If an incorrect number is entered the school will not be able to identify payment. Please be very careful when entering the numbers mentioned above.

**SWIMMING- PAYMENTS DUE PRIOR TO ATTENDING**

This term we will start our school wide swimming program. The aims of the program are to develop our swimming and water safety skills as a part of our physical education program. Children will attend an 8 day swimming block at Peter McMahon’s Swim Factory in Ipswich. This is an essential part of our school curriculum and it is expected that all children attend unless there is a medical concern.

The first session the children will be assessed and grouped according to their ability. There will be 2 swimming times-11.30 (Year 2/3 & Year 5/6) 12.00-Year P/1 & Year 3/4).

Please note that families will be required to pay the full amount by the final swimming session (Friday 28th August), as we will need to finalise our school finance system by this date. Parents may pay by instalments or the full amount up to this date.

Dates- Tuesday 18th August/ Wednesday 19th August/ Thursday 20th August/ Friday 21st August, Tuesday 25th August/ Wednesday 26th August/ Friday 28th August/ Tuesday 1st September.

Children will need to bring their swimming gear- bring togs, towel, goggles, cap, thongs.

The costs will be $6 per session over an 8 day block. **The total cost for swimming will be $48.** This will cover the costs of the swimming instruction and the bus to and from swimming each week. The P&C will be contributing towards the cost of the bus. We have also received an Australian Sporting School Grant of $2200 to contribute towards the costs. This has meant that parents will only be paying for the cost of the swimming lesson and not the transport component. Thank you to the P&C for your continued support.

We will also need some parent helpers to assist with changing the younger children at the pool. If you could assist please let the office know.

Please complete the consent form and return all to our school office.

**P/1 NEWS**

WOW! We had a fantastic time at the Ipswich Art Gallery Light Show! We learnt lots about light and colours and had lots of fun. We are making multiple copies of a class book to bring home and share with our families. The children were a credit to you and Harrisville State School!

**2/3 NEWS- TEAM BEE**

Last Week, Team Bee took part in the Light Play Activities at the Ipswich Art Gallery, which was the culmination of our mini unit on light and colour. The children enjoyed interacting with the various light displays that allowed them to experience the mixing of colours, reflection of colours, transparent and opaque objects.
In science this week, the children have begun to explore heat and cold, with discussions around how to keep warm or cool. During Math, we have started to look at length and area. The children have enjoyed looking at the length and area of objects using a range of classroom resources such as paper clips, MAB’s and string.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE- DUE 28th AUGUST! KEEP READING!
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.

YEAR 5/6 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS!
This week the year 5/6 class have been working in small groups to scientifically explore, observe and reflect on the way electricity works. You would have noticed that part of their homework was to conduct a ‘home audit’ of appliances which use the most electricity and then display their data in graph form to discuss the ‘energy guzzlers’ in their home. Today students followed directions and problem solved in order to create a simple circuit and were delighted when their hard work paid off and their groups light bulb was illuminated.

Yours in Learning,
Mrs Ibberston

SINGFEST FOR SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS
The Harrisville State School choir and Boonah choir students in year 4-6 are invited to attend the very special SINGFEST 2015 massed choir event to be held on Thursday 27th August 2015 at Springfield Lakes State School. 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.

The cost is only $10 per student.

At this stage we are hoping to have parent transport this year both to and from this very special event to keep costs down. Please ensure you return your permission slips, $10 and transport forms ASAP.

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.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP- MARANATHA
Please return your permission forms ASAP. We are trying to finalise numbers for camp.

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- Friday 28th August @ 2.45- Harrisville State School library. All welcome.

Please collect the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers - return to the school office.

Save the Date- Trivia Night- 19th September
Save the Date- Seafood Night- 7th November
Save the Date- School Movie Night- 9th October.

P&C are collecting donations for the trivia night. If you have a small gift or item to donate please leave it at the office.

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

STAFFING UPDATE- NEW ALM!

We are very pleased to Welcome Kellee to our school as a valued member of staff on a Monday and Tuesday in her role as ALM. See information included opposite!