Welcome back! I hope all of our families had a relaxing break. I am looking forward to a busy term.

This week all of our students will be reviewing our emergency procedures for evacuation and lockdown. We try to review what to with the children in a range of different scenarios. Don't forget that if you are at school volunteering or visiting and our lockdown or our evacuation procedure is initiated you will be directed either to the main evacuation point near the bottom playground (you can't miss the sign) or will be directed to lock in at the nearest building. Hard copies of our lockdown and evacuation procedures will be kept at the office. I would ask all tuckshop volunteers and parent helpers to review this at some stage over the coming weeks.

Over the last couple of weeks the school has received exciting news about some of the P&C's Grant applications!

We have been successful in obtaining an Our Neighbourhood Community Grant from Australia Post for $5300. This successful application was for the purchase of ipads to support and build digital technology access within our school community.

Our Harrisville State School Playgroup was also successful in its application for a $1000 Scenic Rim Council Grant to purchase resources that are used each week to support our playgroup families.

The last grant that we were successful in was a grant for $27 260 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. This application was for a new shade structure over our 4-7 playground, as well as to build a new covered walkway from the P12 class over to the undercover area!

Thank you again to our wonderful P&C who do a brilliant job at supporting our school! These large grant payments will make a huge difference to our students! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

PREP 2015 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION- NEXT WEEK!

WEDNESDAY 15th October—9.00am - 10.30am
(children welcome to attend with parents)

Twilight Session—Wednesday 15th October
6.00 – 7.00 (session repeated for parents unable to make daytime information session).

Meet our Early Years Staff—Mrs Michelle White and familiarise yourself
**READING COMPREHENSION-SKIMMING AND SCANNING**

Our comprehension focus for first two weeks of term is skimming and scanning – fast reading techniques. Skimming helps you get the big picture of what a book or text is about. When you scan, you are looking for specific information. You read quickly over some parts until you find the part you want. Then you slow down and read more carefully.

**SWIMMING STARTS TUESDAY 14th October!**

Students will need to bring their togs, towel, goggles and swimming cap on Tuesday. Thongs or flip flops can be worn to and from the pool. Please ensure you child wears their school shoes to school for safety reasons. Children will need to bring a snack they can eat before or after their swimming lesson.

The swimming times for our students are:- Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will attend the lessons first. The bus departs at 9.45 for a 10.30 lesson. The students in Year 3/4/5/6/7 will leave school at 10.15 for a 11.00am swimming lesson.

Please ensure you have made your payment of $72 to the office prior to the start of our swimming program. Children may pay $9 weekly if preferred. It would be appreciated if this could be paid each Monday.

**SCHOOL CAMP 2014 30th & 31st October PREP TO YEAR 7**

This term our camp will be held on Thursday/ Friday 30th & 31st of October. My apologies to our families who are unable to attend this date due to other commitments. We have tried our best to accommodate all families. In choosing the date we needed to ensure that staff and parent volunteers could also attend to ensure we had sufficient supervision.

We will be expecting all children to bring in their tents and gear in the morning of Thursday 30th October. During the day the children will be erecting their tents on the oval as a part of their team building and leadership development. If you have indicated that you have a tent we would appreciate support in bringing it in on the Thursday morning. Prep children will have the option of sleeping in the library as this is closer to the toilets. Camp will cost $25 per child. This will cover the costs of all meals (dinner, breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). Students will be required to bring their own lunch on Thursday as per normal. The cost of camp will also cover our activities for our excursion component of the camp. This will be a worthwhile curriculum based excursion. The school makes no profit from school based activities.

On Thursday 30th children will go home in the afternoon at 2.30 as per our normal school routine. Children are encouraged to shower and return to school at 5.00 to prepare for dinner and our night time activities.

Staff and students are looking forward to this event.

What to bring:-
- Plastic cup, plate, bowl, cutlery, tea towel
- Tent, pillow, sleeping bag
- Torch
- Pyjamas, toothbrush, hair brush & other toiletries
- Jumper for night time in case
- Clothes for Friday
- Sneakers for walking
- Hat and water bottle
- Medication (you will need a request to administer medication form from the office)
- A CAN DO ATTITUDE!

**YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION DINNER- DATE**

I have sent home a return slip with all students in Year 6/7 about a new date for the graduation dinner. The date advertised last newsletter does not suit all of our families due to family holiday commitments. Tuesday 4th November is our new proposed date. Please let us know if there are any clashes for this new date.

Our students will be putting together an imotion movie of their life at primary school. When we return next term children will need copies of school photos/ any special work samples that could be scanned/photographed to be used in their personal presentation for parents and staff.

If there are any parents who would like to assist with decorating for the event please let us know. We have balloons, glitter and will make place settings for our tables.

We will also be asking parents to assist with making salads on the night to keep our costs down. The school will organise cold meat/ chicken at a minimal cost to families, plus the graduation cake/ coffee/ drinks and nibbles.
PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS
Harrisville State School will be providing a transition program in conjunction with our local kindergartens to assist with a smooth transition to school.

Thursday 16th October 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 23rd October 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 30th October 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 6th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 13th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 20th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 27th November 9.30– 11.30
Thursday 4th December 8.30– 2.30

MOVE UP DAY AND PREP ORIENTATION
For all new enrolments – Prep to Year 6
Thursday 4th of December - 8.30am- 2.30pm
Come along and experience life at our wonderful school for a day!

To book your place phone or email.
PH 5467 1288
Email:- the.principal@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au
www.harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

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

Join us for a great night out at...

Harrisville State School Trivia Night
Saturday 1st November 6.30pm start
School of Arts Hall, Harrisville
Price $10 per person which includes light nibbles (you can bring your own food to share with your table)
Max 8 persons per table
Great multi-draw raffle and lucky door prizes – our $1,000 cash raffle will be drawn on the night
Drinks for sale – licensed event – no BYO drinks

Contact Susan Land to book a table or for any further details
Phone: 0418 768 137 or
E-Mail: susan.land@bigpond.com

Prizes include:
- Daily Specials
- Karaoke
- Teenage Prizes
- Lucky Door/Prize
- Fantastic Prizes

Booking essential - so get in quick so you don't miss out!
All profits go to Harrisville State School P&C

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COME CAMPING!
Dear Parents
I am writing to let you know that the R.E teachers of Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Roadvale are once again holding a RE Camp for children in Year 6 and 7 on the weekend of 25/26th October 2014. It will be held at the property of David and Gwen Roderick at Harrisville, the same as last year. Please sign and return this form to the office and Application forms with more information will be given to your student in the next week. If you would like more information please ring me on 54671322 or 0408730042 or email gwen@rodericks.net.au

Gwen Roderick

I am interested in going to the Camp
NAME:
SCHOOL:
PARENTS SIGNATURE:

P&C NEWS
TRIVIA NIGHT! Please note the Trivia Night will be on Saturday 1st November. Donations welcome!
Examples of suitable items- Gift cards (Coles/Bunnings ect.), Gift packs.

ART AUCTION
SAVE THE DATE- 11th November.
Meals will be available from 6pm
7pm Auction of Student Artwork.
More information to follow!

Successful Grant Applications-
Our Community Neighborhood Grant-
Australia Post - $5300 – purchase of ipads
Gambling Community Benefit Fund
$27 260- Shade Structure and Walkways
Scenic Rim Council
$1000- playgroup equipment

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE-
Our school P&C has a face book page. Go to- https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=694704363848494