School discipline to be strengthened
The Queensland Government has announced a plan to strengthen school discipline in state schools. The plan is the first of 15 strategies to be developed from the recently released *Great teachers = Great results* direct action plan. It will reduce red tape and provide principals with the flexibility to work with the school community to implement a range of new and strengthened disciplinary approaches. For more information on *Great teachers = Great results* visit the DETE website.

Thank you to families for assisting with the P&C working bee on the weekend. We were able to install rocks around the tennis courts, do a general garden tidy up and remove rubbish! Thank you again. I look forward to the next working bee!

Thank you to our students who participated in the Anzac Day march and service at the Harrisville School of Arts. I was so proud of all our students for their behaviour and attitude on the day. All students walked with pride as they represented our school. I would like to say thank you to all families for supporting our community and participating in the event.
Lastly the teachers will be hosting a parent teacher information night/ movie night for our parents and students next Wednesday 8th May @4.00. We will have the presentation for parents in our Year 5 6 7 classroom while our children are watching a movie in the library!

It has been extremely hard to set a date/ time for the event as everyone is very busy. I am sorry if the date conflicts. We will be starting the event at 4pm, and will conclude by 6pm. I hope to see you there!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY!

Congratulations these students have qualified for the Fassifern Trials:

3km 2001
Tyson Hook 16:25m
Ebonnie Hines 18.22 m

3km 2002
Zach Robertson 15:48m

2km 2003
Lara Bell 10:08m
Matthew Gunstone 11:15m
Patrick Merlehan 10:47m
Hayden Miles 9:15
Ryan Miles 9:51m

Please return your permission notes and principal approval form to the school office ASAP. All students are required to find their own transport on the day. If you have any difficulties please contact the office.

Prep 1/2 News

Prep, 1, 2 class By Charlee (Year 5 6 7 Class Reporter)

In the Prep, 1, 2 class they are doing photo stories on the computers. A photo story is when you put some photos into a story and add music. Mrs Minns has been teaching P12. Also the Prep, 1, 2 class have been doing fractions and how to share and are doing well. They are having a Mother’s day at school and going to put make up on their mothers and do more exciting things. The Preps sound for this week is the letter Ee.

3/4 News

Mrs Stenzel’s Journey in Teaching this week By Makayla (Year 567 Class Reporter)

Math: Mrs Stenzel thinks it good to teach the 3,4 class place value and numeration and number facts and to learn equivalent fractions.

Language: the 3,4 class is looking at persuasive writing, beginning to look at long sentences and add adjectives and noun groups and cutting up sentences and turning them around to become excellent writers.

Science: they are looking at solid and liquids properties and did an amazing experiment called stackable liquids they learned about the viscosity of liquids.

5/6/7 News

An Exciting Track By Britney

Woo hoo! The race started. Stomp! Stomp! Stomp! Everyone was racing ahead, around the corner, up the hill, all around the school. Hahaha everyone was laughing and enjoying themselves whilst running the cross country track. The little kids love it, they have a lot of fun especially when everyone cheers them on and when us older children go and run with them. Cross country is the best day ever, because everyone has a lot of fun and enjoys themselves whilst having a laugh. It is like there
is no competition at all and we’re all friendly and fun. Would you agree? It’s so much fun. There is no other better sporting event. So, what do you think?

The Day of Excitement  By Makayla

Yay! Go Harrisville! As everyone is participating in the exotic cross country. Cross Country is a wonderful sporting event, because it’s friendly and everyone has sportsmanship for each other. Do you think the same? I think this is a great sport where everyone gets encouraged along the track. Do think the same?

DETE ANZAC DAY AWARD WINNERS

The prize winning students of the Premier’s Anzac Prize recently visited Gallipoli and attended the dawn service at Anzac Cove.

The students are making regular journal updates, as well as uploading pictures and videos from their trip. You can follow them via the Premier’s Anzac Prize website or ask them a question about their tour by emailing international.services@dete.qld.gov.au.


P&C NEWS

Next Meeting
Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7pm school library. All Welcome

WORKING BEE
A HUGE thank you to the families that gave up a few hours on Sunday to come and work on the school grounds what a great outcome!

Uniforms
The new Hounds and Hornets sports shirts have arrived if you would like to purchase one before the upcoming sports day please contact Melinda Merlehan $23 / shirt

Home Work Book Bags
NEW Homework book bags for the students to keep all their homework books/sheets together. Available for purchase through the Uniform Shop for $6.00 each. Some of the students that already have these and are finding them very useful

Harrisville State School Playgroup
Thursday mornings at 9:30am-11am. Bring a hat, sunscreen, $2 and a piece of fruit to share. Meet at the new sandpit behind P/1/2 classroom for a great morning. See you there.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

The Annual Trivia Night is fast approaching
SATURDAY
25th MAY
7pm start
SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL HARRISVILLE
$10 per person
Tables of 8

RAFFLES
GAMES
LUCKY DOOR
LICENCED BAR
BYO FOOD & NIBBLES
FANTASTIC PRIZES

Book your table now
Ph. Lauren Gunstone on 0408790633 or email gunstones1@bigpond.com

Donations for prizes
We make a lot of profit from the raffle that we hold at the trivia night so any donations for prizes add to the raising of funds for the students.

Ideas for donations are:
Wine, spirits, gift cards, beauty products, outdoor and sporting equipment, Tupperware and home products, Tickets and passes. Just to name a few.

For donations please contact Lauren Gunstone 0408790633
Or they can be dropped into the office.
Pie drive
As you know we are holding a Pie Drive Fundraiser. It is with the Billy Mac’s Bakery at Brassall. It’s a great opportunity to stock up on some yummy warm pies for the upcoming cooler months. Order forms were sent home last week the orders and money is due back in by Wednesday 5th June. Delivery of the pies will be on Tuesday the 18th June 2013.

Cadbury Chocolate Box Fundraiser
All Money is due in to the P & C Box by 10th May 2013, Well Done to the families that have come back for more boxes.

Please contact Lauren on 0408 790 633, if your family would like another chocolate box or some more info on the pie drive and any of our other upcoming fundraisers.

Don’t forget if you are shopping at WOOLWORTHS you can collect the earn and learn stickers and hand them into the office with these the school can choose a range of resources including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

TUCKSHOP
Tuck shop is on as normal this Friday. Don’t forget to have your orders in by Wednesday Afternoon Ice-blocks on Wednesday $1.

Just a note
To thank all the families who are helping to raise funds for the students. The funds raised are going towards some much needed resources and learning equipment for your children. If you have any ideas come along to our next meeting and share them!

Bookclub
Bookclub is due back on the 8th May!

Mother’s Day Stall
There will be a mother’s day stall on Friday 10th May. We ask that children bring $5 to buy a gift on the day.