SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 2
May
25th May P&C - Annual Trivia Night – Book your table now.
27th May - HENNY PENNY egg hatching program at school for 2 weeks.

June
18th June P&C Pie Drive
10th - 21st June Parent Teacher Interviews
10th June Queens Birthday

Term 3
August
30th August P&C Father’s day Stall
31st August P&C Seafood Night Fundraiser

September
14th Sept P&C - Election Day Stall

Term 4
November
2nd Nov Harrisville 150th Celebrations

News from the Principal

Yesterday we had our Chaplaincy awareness day to help support and provide awareness of the wonderful work chaplains do in our schools. The children got to dress in their best bright colours and participate in activities to promote the importance of showing appreciation and being kind to others. The children have been asked to pay it forward and do a kind deed for others in the school. It has been a lovely week with all students demonstrating a positive attitude and willingness to care for others! Well done to all our students!

This week I would like to say thank you to our wonderful staff at the school for all the work they do to support the learning of students at our school. We have a great bunch of dedicated staff that really care about the learning of all students at our school. THANK YOU!

I would also like to personally thank Mrs Irene Hurren for her work at our school. She works in our classrooms, with staff and their families to provide a support network and friendly face! She is an asset to have on staff at our school and we could not do without her! THANK YOU AGAIN IRENE FOR ALL YOU DO!!

All funds raised yesterday from our free dress day and sausage sizzle will be donated to the Scripture Union. We raised well over $100! CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

NRL BLITZ

Yesterday we had a team from the NRL visit our school to lead the students in NRL skills. All our students participated in a variety of games and drills and had a wonderful time. Thank you to our classroom teachers for organising this event for our
students. As you can see all our children had a lot of fun learning new skills.

3 /4 NEWS
We’ve been focussing hard on both sentence construction and the use of advanced punctuation in the Year 3 and 4 classroom. It is quite tricky to use direct speech correctly so we’ve been practicing a lot. Mrs Stenzel models a sentence every day and then we cut it up, add to it, extend it with great vocabulary, and then punctuate it appropriately. Today it was our turn to construct a boring sentence and turn it into a super-sentence. We are using little paddle-pop sticks to insert the punctuation marks in the correct places. It’s lots of fun and we are learning quickly.

Yesterday, we used the iPads in our classroom during reading/comprehension time. We will use these every Tuesday on a rotational basis to extend our reading skills as well as the use of technologies in our learning. More details to follow.

YEAR 5 6 7 NEWS
Welcome to the 5/6/7 class update. This term we will be completing our SOSE unit titled “Oral Histories and Diverse Changing Lifestyles”. We have been learning how to conduct interviews by practising with each other about topics that interest us. Our assessment piece is to document the changing lifestyles of our local area – Harrisville. The students and I are very excited to be using our iPads to both record and make our interviews into stories using the iMovie app. It is very pleasing to be swamped each Tuesday by the students asking “Are we doing SOSE today?” It is heart-warming to see such enthusiasm from the students. We are also thrilled that our project coincides with Harrisville’s 150 year Anniversary this year and we shall be presenting our movies in the school library during the celebrations on November 2nd.

We are also embracing and integrating technology into our classroom in other curriculum areas. Technology is everywhere in today’s world and an exciting medium to engage students in the classroom as well as help integrate the curriculum with higher order thinking skills. I have created an EdStudio for our classroom that is used as a central area for our specific class with tips, clips and updates. As well as our SOSE unit, we are also using the Learning Place and our laptops for our Technology unit titled “The Chair Challenge”. Students will investigate, ideate, produce and evaluate the challenge.

All in all, a very exciting five weeks ahead of us with a lovely class.

Mrs Bates

Lace up and walk safely to school
Parents and students are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24 May. You are invited to get up early on this day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try
parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way? The day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. For more information visit the Walk Safely to School website at www.walk.com.au.

**Start reading! Premiers Reading Challenge**

The reading period for the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge students begins on Tuesday 14 May and ends on Friday 6 September. Schools can still register to participate in the challenge. A special bookmark to track progress will be available for students to cut out in The Courier-Mail next Tuesday (21 May). For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to all Year 3 Students!  
Fantastic Effort on your NAPLAN TESTS!  

Congratulations  
Aaron, Patrick, Mackenzie, Britney, Ryan, and Marcus !

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**P&C NEWS**

**Next Meeting** Tuesday 11th June at 7.00pm in the school library. All welcome!

**FUNDRAISING**

**Cadbury Chocolate Box Fundraiser**  
Any outstanding money is due in now. Please contact Lauren on 0408 790 633, if you have any questions.

**PIE DRIVE**  
The orders and money is due back in by Wednesday 5th June Delivery of the pies will be on Tuesday the 18th June 2013

**Nutrimetics Fundraiser** – One of our parents from the school, Sandra Coupe is a Nutrimetics consultant. From 1st to 21st June Nutrimetics have a special on Limited Edition Botanicals Energising Shower Gel Box Set which consists of 5 x 250ml shower gels. The RRP is $49.50. For our fundraiser they are only $35 each (saving of $14.50). $5 from each box sold will go directly to the P & C. These are great products for the whole family. You could even buy them as a gift. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer and an order form with all the details. Please return order form and payment by Friday 14th June. Delivery will be Monday 8th July (due to school holidays). If you have any questions or are interested in seeing more Nutrimetics do not hesitate to contact Sandra on 0400 664 056.

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.

**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.

SATURDAY
25th MAY
7pm start
SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL HARRISVILLE
$10 per person
Tables of 8
Book your table now
Ph. Lauren Gunstone on 0408790633 or email gunstones1@bigpond.com For donations please contact Lauren Gunstone 0408790633. Or they can be dropped into the office.

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

FIT UP FITNESS
FIT UP Fitness is keen to start an exercise class in the undercover area of the school of a Monday evening. Time to be confirmed but looking at 4.45 to 5.45. Cost is $10. Please let Susan Land know if you are interested or if you would like more information.

Sand Castle Competition
Year 7 Fundraising
Bring along a 50 cent donation to participate in the competition. Starts on Monday 27th! We will start with the Preps and move through all the grades.