SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3
September
16th Sept- FINAL PAYMENT FOR CAMP
18th Sept- Under 8’s Day- Boonah SS
20th Sept- Boonah Soccer & Netball Carnival (4-7)

Term 4
October
9th- 11th October – Bornhoffen Camp
21st October- Student Free Day

November
2nd Nov Harrisville 150th Celebrations
17th Nov- SCHOOL CONCERT – DATE CLAIMER!
Swimming- Term 4- Mondays (Week 2- 11)

News from the Principal

This week I have been finalising our schools Quadrennial School review. This plan looks at what our school priorities are over the next four years. Next Tuesday, 17th September between 2.30 and 4.00 we will be celebrating the completion of this plan and sharing some of our priorities with interested staff, families and P&C members. If you would like to attend we will be having an afternoon tea! It is a great opportunity to see the future direction of our great school! I look forward to seeing you there!

As summer is approaching I would like to remind families about our sun smart policy. We are very conscious of sun safety at our school and recommend that you apply sunscreen prior to your child’s arrival at school. We recommend that children have their own hat to wear – wide-brimmed hats as per the school’s uniform policy. Our school uniform policy states that children must wear a royal blue wide brimmed hat. We strongly adhere to the school rule – NO HAT, NO PLAY.

All children will have the option of applying sun cream at school. Our Year 5 6 7 class have taken this on as a part of their classroom leadership roles and have been doing a great job this year.

This is a part of Education Queensland’s Sun Safety Strategy. Each classroom will have a supply of sun cream for the children’s use.

School staff are mindful of conducting lessons in the heat of the day and will adopt sun smart strategies as a part of their lesson planning process (avoid outdoor exposure, sit under shaded buildings or under trees). The school provides flexible planning of activities to reduce, as far as practicable, time spent by students in the sun between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm.

At Harrisville State School we promote the importance of parents, teachers, ancillary staff and voluntary helpers as role models for students in relation to sun protection strategies. Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students.

Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/prevention/skin_cancer/) for more information on being SunSmart.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

BORNHOFFEN CAMP
We have made the decision to use private transport rather than a bus for camp. This will save the
school, P&C and families $2000. Permission forms for private transport will be coming home with children this week. Please ensure you fill out and return the permission form if your child is attending camp. Please return these forms ASAP so we can organise the children into cars prior to the end of the school term! Thank you to all our camp helpers for attending the camp meeting last night. It is going to be a great experience for all our children.

Don’t forget the final payment for camp is next Monday. Thank you to all the families who have already made their final payment. Please come and see us in the office if you are having difficulty making this deadline.

READING INFORMATION
Comprehension Strategy –Main idea

Sort out the key ideas. The main idea is the author’s message. Authors write about important things or themes. These themes are the big ideas in the text. Knowing how to find the big idea in the texts children read is an important part of reading for understanding. Sometimes the author tells you the big idea, (it may be the title) other times they give you clues to help you find out what the main idea is. Prior to reading, efficient readers will have a clear understanding about the purpose for their interaction with a text. This purpose will inform their selection of texts (e.g. non-fiction as opposed to narratives) as well as the path they take to navigate through the text (e.g. table of contents, index etc).

While reading, readers decide what is important to remember and what is irrelevant to the overall understanding of the text. Perhaps the most important reason for understanding the main idea/purpose of the text is that it enables readers to recall and synthesise main points with existing knowledge to create a deeper understanding of the topic.

P/1/2 News

Like the rest of the school, the students in Prep, 1 and 2 have been discussing their learning goals for this semester. I have spoken to each child in their reading group and we have discussed their goals and what they must do to achieve the set targets. Our goals discuss reading levels, sight vocab targets, mathematical objectives and story writing goals. Their own individual “hands” were sent home on Friday for you to share and discuss.

TEACHER AIDES ATTEND IPAD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT!

A few weeks ago Teacher Aides, Tracey and Dianne, attended an ICT Personal Development course in Boonah. We were informed of several aspects of the computer that hopefully we can implement into the classroom. We worked on IPAD apps and were shown many types of equipment accessible for disadvantaged children. We touched on Elluminate programs that we currently use at Harrisville for Speech and Project 600 (maths). These programs are on-line programs where the children directly work either with Speech Therapists or Educators in specific subjects. It was a very informative couple of days.

Tracey & Di

CHAT FROM OUR CHAPLAIN-MRS HURREN

The end of term 3 is just around the corner. This term I have been involved in the school teaching program running the health unit focusing on the Pathways to Resilience Program of ‘friends’. Ask you children about some of the games we have been playing to bring awareness to our feelings, ways to relax and de-stress, recognising our different ways of looking at things and strategies to plan to make difficult tasks manageable. We still have a few concepts to learn, but I feel the students are grasping the social skills that will empower them throughout their lives.

Each letter of the word ‘FRIENDS’ represents areas to be learned.

F is for FEELINGS - both our own and others. Our discussions focused on belonging to our class and working together as a team or group for the year. We explored different expressions of emotions and we played the game ‘Heads down thumbs up’ to experience winning and losing and getting to have a turn or not and what that meant.

R is for RELAX - when we are under pressure, (either good or bad) our body needs relief. Our discussions expanded the concept of belonging, to being brave and confident in the class. This involves being an active participant, speaking in a strong voice, looking people in the eye, smiling and feeling empowered for contributing. We also considered looking out for each other. Our activity was a caring circle, where we held hands and passed around a Mexican wave. We have since done a Mexican clap and a Mexican leap frog activity.
For relaxing we learned about ‘milkshake breathing’ (slowing down and breathing deeply), and mind in a bottle. (A jar containing water – the unconscious easy thoughts, glue – the conscious difficult things to think about, and glitter – the emotions and feelings that crowd our minds and don’t allow us to think clearly.) Ask your children how it works. Hopefully they will remember to stop, look, focus and relax until the glitter settles. Then they know they are ready and relaxed.

I is for I CAN DO IT (lower classes) and INNER HELPFUL THOUGHTS (upper classes) - The focus in this topic is red (unhelpful) and green (helpful) thoughts. Our thoughts affect our feelings and the result is our behaviour. The children are learning that the root of their behaviour comes from what they are thinking and how that is making them feel. They also know they have a choice which leads to consequences.

To continue becoming aware of our feelings we played ‘Pass the Egg’. Also (in the upper classes) by playing ‘memory’ we realised that we all focus on different things and all remember different things.

E is for ENCOURAGEMENT (lower classes) and EXPLORE SOLUTIONS (upper classes). Our focus is on breaking down challenges in life to smaller manageable steps, to help achieve positive outcomes, and rewarding ourselves along the way. We will focus on the story ‘I Grow In Grandad’s Garden’ by Brian Andrew & Ellie. This gentleman lives in Yeronga Qld and wrote this book about him and his granddaughter.

Stay tuned for the last 3 letters and what they stand for in a future newsletter.

Safe and Happy holidays to everyone.

Irene Hurren
Harrisville State School Chaplain.

PREP 2014- ENROLMENT PACKAGES AVAILABLE NOW!

Please come and collect an enrolment information pack from the school if you have a child enrolling in Prep in 2014. We do need to know our numbers for 2014 so that we can start to make arrangements for our class groupings! We will be having information sessions for parents early next term. Please pass this information on to any local families that you know of!

P&C NEWS

Harrisville State School Playgroup
Come along this Thursday @ 9.30 am! All welcome!

Election Day Stall
P & C made $532.15 from the Election Day Stall. A big thank you to everyone who donated items to be sold on the day and for putting your hand up to help on Saturday.

Absence Note
“Every Day Counts”

Dear _______________,
My child _______________ was away on __/__/2013, __/__/2013, 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
MILO- YEAR 7 FUNDRAISING
$2 MILO VERY TUESDAY THIS TERM. 50 Cent Jelly Bean Guess!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Brock and Kyla!

FASSIFERN CRICKET ASSOCIATION
est. 1901

The Bushrangers
est. 2011

Sign on now for the coming cricket season

Boys and Girls 6-8 yrs Milo Have-A-Go Cricket
Boys and Girls 8-10yrs Have-A-Game Cricket
Thursday afternoons, 5.15pm Term 4, 2013 & Term 1, 2014

Saturday Morning and Afternoon U10, 12, 14, 16 & Senior teams playing in the Ipswich Competition.

SIGN-ON DAY
Saturday, September 14th From 9am – 11.00am

Boonah Council Chambers Forecourt
Registration $90 Have-A-Go and Have-A-Game Cricket
Junior Cricket $170 Senior Cricket $250 (all inclusive fees)
Great Fun, Great Teamwork, Great Skills
Register Online www.fassifernca.qld.cricket.com.au
Email Mark – fassiferncricket@gmail.com
Call Ian on 0403 192 519

AP’s Tennis Coaching

AP’S TENNIS COACHING...
will run before or after school (on alternate weeks) at a cost of $9.00 per child. Times will be given when you call to enroll
GET IN QUICK! LESSONS HAVE ALREADY STARTED! HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS. Please phone AP on 0437 657 220 to book your spot in the program!

This is your invitation to Boonah’s Big Night Out, the Boonah and District Kindergarten’s fundraiser. You’ll find there’s much, much more than art available … a free drink on arrival, finger food, entertainment by local muso Andrew Waterhouse and great business offers.

Some gorgeous artwork has been donated by our generous and talented Scenic Rim artists as well as fantastic business offers from our...
SCHOOL DISCO TONIGHT!!!!!

School Disco- TONIGHT!

WHEN?  11th September 6.30- 8pm.
WHAT?  FUNKY HAIR!
HOW MUCH? $5! (includes drink and snack!)
WHERE?  School Library!

BRING YOUR DANCING SHOES!
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS CAMP!
SUPERVISED BY TEACHERS!

Boonah Amateur Swimming Club inc

Dive in and SIGN ON for the new 2013- 2014 season
Swimming Club is moving to THURSDAY NIGHTS!

When  First sign on 19th September at the council chambers 3.00pm.
Second sign on 10th October at the Boonah Pool.

Where  Boonah Community Aquatic Centre
Time  6.00pm
Program  Fun Family Swim night
        Information
        Nominations
        Sausage Sizzle available every club night for $2
Please bring  Parents
        Towel and togs
        Money
Also on club nights
        ½ pool swims for those children not yet confident to do 25m swims

For more information contact
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• Margaret Schumacher
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All welcome – from novice to senior swimmers.
IT’S THE COOLEST PLACE TO BE!