SCHOOL CALENDAR
TERM 1
February
27th Feb - District Swimming Carnival- By nomination
28th Feb- GRIP Leadership Conference – Year 7’s attending as a part of Fassifern cluster schools.

Parent Information Night- Date to be confirmed.

March
2nd March- Chappy Challenge
5th March- Currumbin Excursion for all students. Information home soon.
12th March – P&C meeting- 7pm- All Welcome!
28th March – Last day of Term 1.

TERM 2
April
15th April- First day of Term 2.

News from the Principal

Last night was the AGM for the P&C. I would like to say thank you and congratulations to our entire executive for taking on roles again this year. I would also like to welcome some new faces! Our P&C work extremely hard to improve the learning resources and facilities at our great school. I am looking forward to working with our P&C to continue to strive for school improvement.

This week I will continue sharing stories about our staff here at Harrisville State School. We have a wonderful bunch of dedicated staff that work hard for the benefit of all our students. Please take the time to read through our profiles!

Teacher Aide  Tracey McLaren
Tracey has worked at Harrisville on and off since 2002. She floats between all classes working with students in all areas of learning. Tracey enjoys working with children with learning difficulties implementing support programs. She lives locally at Harrisville and her two girls also attended the school.

Teacher Aide  Jenny Hall
Jenny Hall studied Institutional Management at college in England before coming to Australia. While studying she worked with mentally handicapped children. She is a well-respected staff member of Harrisville School. She has been a teacher aide for 35 years and was awarded the Australia Day Medal from Ed Qld for proficiency in
teaching art. Through starting a playgroup in Harrisville Jenny helped to acquire a preschool at Harrisville School which was greatly needed as Boonah had the only other preschool in the district. Once the preschool was established Jenny then studied early education childhood and a three year Studio Ceramics course. Jenny’s qualifications allowed our school to implement an art program. She believes children are born artistic and this needs to be nurtured.

Teacher Aide Dianne Charlick

Qualification – School Dental Therapist
Dianne has been a teacher aide at Harrisville for over 10 years and worked previously in the private sector. She has had contact with many children in other schools over the years as a dental therapist. She thoroughly enjoys working with children and watching them grow. Dianne currently works in our Prep/1/2 classroom assisting with the Prep year programme.

STLaN Teacher Le-Anne Whittred

Diploma of Teaching (Primary)
Bachelor of Education
Bachelor of Arts

Le-Anne has 33 years teaching experience in multi-age primary classes. Currently she is the STLaN at Harrisville, Warrill View and Mutdapilly schools. She works alongside teachers and students to improve learning outcomes, especially in Literacy and Numeracy. Le-Anne believes that a wide and varied exposure to learning both at home and at school will provide the best outcomes for our children.

Administration Officer Tammy Lutter

Tammy is in her 20th year at Harrisville. Starting here as a Teacher Aide and later fulfilling the role as Admin Officer. Tammy is no longer an aide but is here in her admin role for 3 days a week and Kalbar School for 2 days a week. Tammy has come to know many parents personally and strives to provide friendship and understanding. She ensures everyday workings of the office run smoothly. Tammy believes Harrisville is a great school because of the excellent students and the wonderful staff who are so dedicated to these students and passionate about their teaching careers. It makes coming to work easy.

Chaplain Irene Herren

Irene has been at Harrisville School since July 2010 as the school Chaplain. She has a passion for working with children to help them strive to their potential. She strives to help impart a sense of positive culture and reinforcement in their lives, imports a sense of purpose and meaning that builds into their development. Scripture Union (S.U)’s motto is “to bring hope to a young generation.” She considers it an honour and a privilege to be part of.
that. Irene attends the school weekly on a Tuesday and spends time in each class supporting students, and teachers. The P&C has provided games in the library for the chaplain to use during lunch times and rainy day programs.

Irene is here for the students, so if your child needs someone to talk to, please have the permissions forms filled in. She is able to follow up with them regularly and support them through whatever situation they are struggling with.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

Prep/1/2 News
The Preps new sound for the week is T; Sound books were sent home on Friday and could they please be returned by Friday. Preps new vocabulary will be come, comes, to, look, up and my; students will get a card to practise words at home.

Afternoon talks begin next week (Me and My Family); students should also have received a letter from Mrs Sheldon asking for family information to support history. If your child does not have this note, please see me. Have a great week.

3/4 News
Our class has settled in to our new routines and expectations very well and the children are working constructively and happily. They are a lovely group and a pleasure to teach.

So…what have we been up to?
Within Maths we are revisiting Place Value and Numeration, (numbers to 10 000) to consolidate and extend those vital foundation concepts on which all Maths skills and understandings are based. We are also exploring more difficult addition operations for example, missing addends, and estimating reasonable answers before we complete the sums.

English this term is focussed on the Narrative genre and how authors use noun groups and descriptive language to develop a character.

What fantastic things we have discovered in Science! Ask your child about metamorphosis and the amazing life-cycle of a simple butterfly.

Chelsea drew this great diagram of a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis.

Students of the Week
Congratulations!
Zac, Grace, Zach, Hayden, Levi.

Ryan- proudly releasing ‘Trina’ on her maiden flight. Yes, we can now tell identify male from female Wanderer Butterflies.
**Anaphylaxis Action Plans**

Important changes to anaphylaxis action plans

The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) has recently revised their anaphylaxis action plans to include the administration of CPR and asthma medication after adrenaline injection. Our school will be implementing this new plan. More information is available from the ASCIA website. [www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis](http://www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis)

**Asthma Management Plans**

The school has copies of asthma management plans that can be used to assist us at school to manage children with asthma. These plans need to be completed by your child’s doctor. If your child has asthma please complete the asthma management plan and return it to school. This will assist the school greatly in managing your child’s asthma.

**Get Started vouchers to help children get active**

Get Started is a new State Government funding program offering up to $150 per student towards sport club registration or membership fees to help families who can’t afford to sign their child up and encourage other children who would improve their social connections or health to get involved.

Children with a parent or guardian who holds a Health Care or Pension Concession Card and submit a form will qualify, while other families will also need to submit recommendations from two referral agents with their application. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s [Get in the Game website](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/referral-agents.html).


**HARRISVILLE SS NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**

We are trying to reduce our environmental footprint. To receive the newsletter via email please return this slip to the office or email admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

Name:  
Email Address:

**READING GROUP HELPERS!**

We are after reading group helpers each morning. If you could assist please contact the school.

**Chaplaincy News**

The role of chaplaincy in our school is to
- participate in general school activities
- provide pastoral care to the school community
- support students exploring their spiritual beliefs and worldview
- be involved in the local community
- communicating and profiling the chaplain service of the school
- promoting special chaplain events and activities

Through all these aspects of work our greatest desire is to “bring hope to you generation. Each year we have planned a “Chappy Challenge” to help supplement the government grant (that pays the wages) Chaplains incur other expenses (such as travel allowance, resources, conferences, training, professional development and supplies for activities) to equip us to work in schools.

This year “Chappy Challenge” is on Saturday March 2, starting at 6am and finishing around midday. It involves many events (bike rides of 60k, 30k, 10k, 5k, 1.5k, running 10k, 5k, 1.5k and other events). We would love for you and your family and your friends to come along, register and participate physically or sponsor others who are participating.

In the past few years this event has raised a few thousand dollars on the day (and it has rained). We are looking for a great outcome to build the finances to support the chaplains this year. There are 5 chaplains in this area servicing almost every school. We serve our schools because we are passionate about the future of these children and our community. Please come and support us on this day with the great family activity. SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd.

Thanks Irene

**P&C NEWS**

Next meeting march 12th 7pm school library.

Executive positions 2013

President : Susan Land  
Vice President/ grants coord: Sharon Stenzel  
Secretary: Sarah Robertson  
Treasurers: Jenny Miles and Linda Roderick  
Uniforms: Melinda Merlehan  
Tuck shop / Playgroup organiser: Natalie Ward  
Fundraising/ Playgroup organiser : Lauren Gunstone
Tuck shop news

Please note that hot food will only be available first break.
Changes to menu as follows:
- slinky apples $1
- mini pizza available as of next week $3
- Hawaiian and meat lover
- no fruit tubs available

Please note that tuck shop order forms and menu are now available on the school website. Order must be in by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to our new and returning volunteers.

Ice-block days Wednesday $1

Uniform news

Due to a price rise from the company who make our uniforms, the price has now changed:
- Polo shirts $23
- Shorts $25

Thank you to the Scenic Rim Council who have supplied the school with funding towards the purchase of such items: new P.A system and air conditioner.

Fundraising Items discussed in meeting:
- Touch football comp starting next Wednesday. Contact Jenny Miles by week's end if you wish to put a team in.
- Hot cross bun fundraiser for Easter.
- Free dress days and Discos—dates to come.

Upcoming grant possibilities
- Walkway coverings, wet weather/shade covering for cemented area near library, car park fencing, new gardens near toilets.

New purchases by the P & C
- The P&C will be funding the bus for upcoming school excursion.

New school sign being purchased to be put up across tennis court so it can be seen from the road.
- Purchasing chairs and tables for lunch area.

Dates to remember
- Working bee set for 10th March 1:00pm.

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 explained.

Alternatively please email your absence note to admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au.