SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1
Parent Information Night- Date to be confirmed (End of Term 1).

March
19th March- Currumbin Excursion for all students.
20th March- DAY OF EXCELLENCE YEAR 7 High School Visit.
26th March- Year 7 Leadership Day- Boonah SS. More information to follow.
20th March – AFL Trials- See Mrs Minns for more information (11 & 12 years).
28th March – Last day of Term 1.

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

News from the Principal

This week our school has been involved in a teaching and learning audit. This process occurs every couple of years and when there is a change in principal. Students, staff and our P&C representative all got to have their say about the teaching and learning that occurs at Harrisville State School. The audit findings will be published on our school website in the coming weeks. We received some feedback from the auditor on Tuesday and I am very proud of our achievements so far. I am looking forward to driving our school improvement agenda! Well done to all staff at Harrisville State School for their professionalism and dedication. We have a fantastic bunch of teachers and support staff that need to be recognised for the efforts and achievements we have made to improve the learning in our school.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

Currumbin Excursion

Our excursion is coming up next week on Tuesday 19th March.

Thank you to our parent helpers who will be assisting with group supervision on the day. Mrs Stenzel our excursion organiser has been away sick this week so apologies for the late excursion update!

These are the parent helpers we have attending:-
Louise Frickman
Leeane Ingram
Tony & Kylie Ferrar
Heather Theaker
Susan Land
Melinda Merlehan
Sharon Stenzel
Rebekah Tolhoek
Jodie Taylor
Jenny Miles?

Departure time:- 8am from Harrisville State School.
Return to school:- 3.15pm.

Children must wear their full school uniform including their sun smart hat and fully enclosed shoes.

Please ensure your child has sun cream and plenty of water on the day.

All students will need to bring morning tea, lunch and healthy snacks packed in a back pack. Please do not send any money as the children will not be allowed to make any purchases.

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Parent helpers please note:-

Please don’t buy anything for students from the shops around the sanctuary. We would like to be fair for all students. Unless you plan to purchase a treat/gift for every student in the school please don’t purchase something for your child or group. I apologise if this is different to the normal excursion process.

Each parent will be given a group to supervise on the day. Please ensure your group has plenty of water and sun cream applied at meal breaks throughout the day. All parents will also have a telephone contact for the teachers on the day in case of an emergency or first aid incident at the park. Please ensure you bring a mobile phone with you on the day so we can contact all groups. Please ensure you make it back on time for the whole school meeting times! Mrs Stenzel will arrange a meeting point and times to check in during the day. It is going to be a great day for our students. Thank you again for giving up your time to support our great school.

Prep 1 /2 News

Preps: we are travelling along now with our sounds and words. A new vocabulary list went home on Friday with 10 words. I will be testing the students in week 7. Our new sound for the week is “h” and the new words are: in, we, will, too, on, into. In maths we are becoming all patterned out! The year ones and twos are practising their powers of persuasion again. They may try some strategies on you this week so beware. In maths the ones are looking at place value and all the teen numbers; year 2 are focussing on addition and subtraction and yes, we will begin trading this week!

Prep 1 /2 Easter Bonnet Parade

Parents of Prep 1 and 2,

On March 28th, the day before we break up for Easter, we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade. We will make them in class using staplers, glue, scissors, coloured paper/card that we have here. All we ask is that you come and help make the bonnets in our room. At this stage I think we will be bonnet making from about 9.30 (after reading) and we will have our parade at 11.30 (as we have music and PE in the afternoon). If you have an excess supply of ribbon, cotton wool, frills, etc please share!!! You will need to supply the ice-cream container or old hat for the bonnet.

Dear Diary By Kirralee

Dear Diary,
I cannot believe I did that he was my friend and I left him there, I am his only friend so I have to do something about this but how do I say sorry to someone that probably want listen. Should I just be the same us my friends. Should I be one that stands out like James? I am so sorry should I tell someone what I have done. I don’t want to be a bully like those bully’s at school. I have to do something about this. Someone help me.

5/6/7 News

This week the children in the 5/6/7 class have been studying the song and lyrics “Caught in the crowd” by Kate Miller - Heidke. All the students wrote a personal diary response as one of the characters in the song. This was a part of our SAY NO TO BULLYING focus in class.

Dear Diary by Kaylee

Dear Diary,

I am so sorry should I tell someone what I have done. I don’t want to be a bully like those bully’s at school. I have to do something about this. Someone help me.
Dear Diary By William

DEAR DIARY
Today as the hallway PILED 3 BOYS I NEW PUSHED MY FRIEND JAMES into the cement and chucked his bag away they yelled you’ve got no friends he yelled back I do and he called my name I just walked away. Now I’m on my bed with so much guilt I could disappear into a hole.

Kate

Dear Diary by Broden
Dear diary
March 14th 2013

Today I made the worst mistake: my friend James was being bullied he was calling out my name but I ignored him because my friends where saying don’t do it. Today I learnt a lesson :£ I felt so bad being a bystander, watching him suffer the look he gave me, it was a look of fear with a drop of water slipping out either side of his eyes, it made me want to break out in tears but I didn’t somehow I managed to hold in... Please don’t happen again, I don’t belong here.

Kate Heidke

Ball Games By Charlee
Every Tuesday and Friday the whole school does ball games. The games we play are called tunnel ball, captain ball, and star ball, and a few more. I would like to thank Mrs Charlick for giving up her time in the morning to do ball games. The whole school enjoys ball games, its lots of fun for all ages.

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BULLYING NO WAY DAY!
WEAR ORANGE TOMORROW

Anti Bullying Day By Makayla
On Friday the 15th March 2013 (tomorrow) we have an Anti-Bullying Day so we can say NO to Bullies. Take a stand together and not Bully. This week we have been wearing our wrist bands that say “Bullying No Way Take a Stand Together”.

Facts about bullying?

What is bullying?
Sometimes you might have a fight or argument with someone. If it only happens once, that's not really bullying even though it can be upsetting.

Bullying is when someone:
- keeps picking on you again and again and tries to make you feel bad
- says or does lots of mean things that upset you
- makes fun of you a lot
- tries to stop you from joining in or make others not like you
- keeps hurting you such as hitting or punching you.
- Bullying can also happen through a mobile phone or on the internet. This is called cyber bullying.

Bullying is not fair. It feels awful. You have a right to feel safe. If you don't feel safe, get help right now from your mum, dad, teacher, or an adult who will listen to you!

Why does it happen?
It's never OK to be mean. It's never OK to hurt others.

When people bully, it might be because:
- they think it's cool
- they get angry about something and they take it out on someone else
- they don't know how to get along with others
- they think it's funny to hurt people
- they think other people will laugh too.

Regardless of the reason, there's no excuse for bullying.

Our school says NO TO BULLYING! WEAR ORANGE (red or yellow are ok!) to show your support!
P&C NEWS
Newsletter Items 13.03.13

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 16th April 2013 7pm school library

Items Discussed last meeting (12/3/13):
• New chairs and tables for the lunch area being delivered soon
• Homework bags- more details to come
• New sign for tennis court. Sight being inspected Friday for appropriate plans to be made
• Shopping Trip to be in conjunction with Warrill View school possible date for October- more details to come
• 150th Harrisville Celebrations. The P & C is organizing entertainment for the children e.g. Rides, face painting, stalls.

ITEMS THE P & C ARE PUTTING FUNDRAISING MONEY INTO THIS MONTH:
• The purchase of students religion books
• The P & C will be purchasing 6 brand new desktop computers for the computer room, which is very exciting for the students and will create a great opportunity for efficient and new learning skills. These will cost approx. $600 each.

OTHER NEW PURCHASES RECENTLY:
• The p & c will be funding the bus for upcoming school excursion to Currumbin this is cutting the students costing
• New school sign being purchased to be put up across tennis court so it can be seen from the road
• Purchase of new chairs and tables for lunch area
• New Vegetable Garden put in place to offer fresh food for tuckshop lunches
• Brand new High Jump Mats have been purchased as the old ones were unusable the children will now have the opportunity to practice their high jump skills for upcoming sports days

Continued fundraising, Grant applications and support from families has made it possible for the P & C to provide the students with new and upgraded items to create an effective and supported learning environment your continued support is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Working Bee New Date: 28th April 8am more hands make light work

FUNDRAISING

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

Each year we hold an Easter Raffle. We are asking if each family would donate an item for the prizes - whether it be an Easter Egg, Easter book, Chocolate, wine etc. - all prizes will be appreciated. Tickets will go home to each family next week. Donations can be handed in at the office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March.

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE
Help Harrisville School raise funds with a Hot Cross Bun drive. Take orders from your family, friends and even your neighbours who might want Hot Cross Buns for Easter. Orders with full Cash/Cheque Payments to be returned to the P&C Box located in the office by Tuesday 19th March. Orders will be available for pick up from the Tuck shop Area on Thursday 28th March 2:30pm.

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT
Please see the attached flyer for our 2013 annual trivia night fundraiser

DONATIONS FOR PRIZES
Donations for prizes please contact Lauren Gunstone or they can be dropped into the office. Any donations 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.

TUCK SHOP NEWS

LAST DAY OF TERM
The P & C will be supplying the students with free second break food service children are to bring their first break food items

Please note that hot food will only be available first break
Changes to menu as follows:
• Slinky apples $1
• Mini pizza now available $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. Orders must be in by Wednesday afternoon.
Ice-block days Wednesday $1

BOOKCLUB
Book club is due back in with full payment to the P & C Box by the 18th March. The school does receive free books for the library from orders made

P&C CALANDER EVENTS
MARCH
18th March Book club due
19th March Hot cross Bun orders due
28th March Hot Cross buns delivery
Easter Raffle Drawn
APRIL
16th April Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser starts
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL
CLEANING VACANCY.
Please come and collect an application package from the school office if you are interested in applying for the position.

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

Students of the Week
Congratulations!
Jack, Patrick, William, Dominic & Jack!