SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4
November
18th Nov – DENTAL VAN AT HARRISVILLE SS
19th Nov- SCHOOL CONCERT – DATE CLAIMER 6.30!
Swimming- Term 4- Mondays (Week 2- 11)
26th Nov –Parent Helpers Morning Tea 9.30- 10.30!
Dance Program- Every Wednesday up to Concert Night!

December
10th Dec - MOVE UP DAY- ALL NEW ENROLMENTS
FOR 2014- 8.30- 2.30
10th Dec- Harrisville’s Got Talent- 1.30- 2.30 – School of the Arts! ALL WELCOME
12th Dec- BREAK UP DAY- POOL PARTY @ BUNDAMBA POOL 9am - 1

News from the Principal

Year 7 Graduation!
Last night was a wonderful occasion for our Year 7 students. I was so proud of our students as they took to the podium to present their speech and iMovie. It was lovely to see such mature and well-spoken students. I know that Harrisville State School has helped to mould and shape the young leaders that they have become.

It was a beautiful night for staff, students and parents of our graduating class. I would like to thank all staff for their effort and contributions to making the night such a success. I would especially like to thank Mrs Irene Hurren (our chaplain) and Maddy for working tirelessly last night to ensure our food and beverages were delicious!

Also a huge thank you to Mrs Peta Bates for her efforts and dedication to our 5 6 7 class! It has been a great year in the 5 6 7 class and as a teacher you have made a huge contribution to our school. We are definitely going to miss you next year as you head off on your outback teaching adventure.

Lastly thank you to our parent group for your support throughout your child’s primary school years. It is with your support that we can make the most difference to your child.

Here I present the graduating class of 2013! Good luck… and all the best in your adventures in high school. I know that you all will continue to lead and influence others in your lives at Boonah SHS.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns Principal
MOVE UP DAY! ARE NUMBERS ARE CREEPING UP! CAN WE GET NUMBERS FOR OUR FOURTH TEACHER?

In the coming months it is important for all families to let the school what their plans are for 2014. Our numbers are creeping up to the point where we may be entitled to gain our fourth teacher again. Please let the office know if you will not be attending Harrisville State School in 2014. We need to know so that we can start making plans for 2014.

Also if you know of any families who will be enrolling can you please let them know that it is important to come and enrol if they plan to attend in 2014. If we can know definite numbers prior to the holidays it will assist greatly in planning for 2014.

Our numbers are close at this stage. Please spread the good work that we do here at Harrisville. I am so proud of our staff, students and community and I would love for other families to come and experience our lovely school.

Our Move Up Day is a perfect opportunity for new families to come along and experience our school for a day!

MOVE UP DAY FOR ALL NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER
8.30am – 2.30
Come along and get to know our school.

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! Please pass this information on to any local families that you know of!

Please make sure our office has a copy of your child’s birth certificate!

MAKING EVERY DAY COUNT!

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 13 December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

AWARDS NIGHT AND CONCERT! TUESDAY NIGHT

This year we are hosting our Annual Awards Night on Tuesday 19th November at 6.30. DON’T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR PIZZA ORDER FORM URGENTLY!!

On this night we will be showcasing our musical and dancing talents of all our students. We will have each of our classes perform a dance routine that they have been learning as a part of the Dance curriculum. Our choir and guitar students will also be performing. It will be a wonderful night to recognise the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students. I would invite all families and friends along to this event.

2/3/4 NEWS

This term has been busy and exciting: we’ve begun a SOSE/Technology unit called ‘Let’s Celebrate’ in which we are looking at the ways in which Christmas is celebrated in many different ways around the world. This involves using our Atlases, creating crafts associated with different cultures and researching customs and traditions of other peoples.

As well as our daily number fact and place value work, we are doing lots of measuring during Maths time. In particular, the Years 3 and 4 are converting from millimetres to centimetres and kilometres. They’re getting very good at it too! Next we’ll look at mass and volume.

We are a lovely class: we get along really well, have fun, are very well-behaved and hard-working and Mrs Stenzel thinks we are WONDERFUL!!!

DENTAL VAN COMING

The dental van will be at our school from Monday 18th November. All families would have returned their dental forms last term. If you did not return your forms and you would like to utilize this service please contact our school office as soon as possible.

BOOK CLUB A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Thank you to Mrs Di Charlick for all her work at book fair over the last few weeks. With the points raised from families purchasing books the school was able to get $370 worth of books for our school library. This is a wonderful effort for a small school.
I would also like to thank the Parker family for donating a book from the book fair to our school library! Greatly appreciated!

**Students of the Week**

*Congratulations to Bree, Matthew, Katie, Georgia and Justin.*

**P&C NEWS**

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

Last Playgroup for 2013 is on 5 December. A big thank you to all the parents who have joined and supported us this year. We will start up again when school returns in 2014.

**XMAS RAFFLE/ HAMPER**

ALL FAMILIES- Please donate some items for our XMAS Raffle. We will be collecting items over the next couple of weeks and the raffle will be drawn on our concert night. Items can be brought in anytime in the lead up to our concert.

Examples of items that would be suitable for the hamper- wine, Christmas decorations, wrapping paper, candy, nonperishable food items, candy/ chocolate, small gifts/ toiletries etc.

**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

**QSCHOOLS APP HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL**

QSCHOOLS APP- Don’t forget you can download the Qschools app to your smart phone or ipad device to stay connected with our school. There has also been an upgrade to the app so it is better than ever. For more information about our Qschools app please see the office or alternatively get online to our school website.

Harrisville State School is using the Qschools App. This app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about our school. The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites which is what our school website has been built on. When we publish content to our website, the smartphone app is automatically updated, meaning our school community will remain up-to-date with the latest news, events and newsletters.
Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published via the app. The app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

Features of the app to benefit parents/caregivers:
- access the latest school news and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- follow multiple schools

Android and iOS versions of the app are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.