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!
28th Nov- 4.30pm Live Aid- Music Festival- Mt Alford SS

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

OH WHAT A NIGHT!
Thank you to our family, friends, staff and students for a fantastic evening last night. It was lovely to see so many attend our End of Year Awards Night and Concert!

Congratulations to all the students who performed on the night. Our choir was absolutely beautiful under the skilful lead of our music teacher Ms Liz Connolly. The class dance pieces were performed with precision and flare – thanks to the artful choreography of Mrs Leah Tunks. Our guitar students rocked on! A huge thank you to Jarrod Robinson (our guitar teacher) and his team for the sound and lighting on the night!

I was so proud of the efforts of all of our students! It truly was a showcase to be proud of. In amidst of the performances the teachers were privileged to hand out the awards for each year level. Below is a list of all the award winners on the night!

CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND PERSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

2013 SCHOOL AWARDS

Year 7
Academic - Britney
Teacher’s Award - Abbyleigh

Year 6
Academic - Bree
Teacher’s Award - Aaron

Year 5
Academic - Grace
Teacher’s Award - Charlee
Zachariah

Year 4
Academic - Britney
Teacher’s Award - Lara

Year 3
Academic - Molly
Teacher’s Award - Riley

Year 2
Academic - Brock
Teacher’s Award - Katie

Year 1
Academic Award - Max
Teacher’s Award - Melanie

Prep
Teacher’s Award - Bailee
Teacher’s Award - Levi

Attendance Awards
Prep/1/2 - Bailee
2/3/4 - Marcus
5/6/7 - Grace
CWA Awards

Bursary Criteria – Children who are always trying their best at everything.
- Britney

Citizenship Criteria – A year 7 student who will always help out when asked (without complaining), interacts appropriately with all students, staff and communities members and who does not expect anything in return (rewards, praise etc.)
- Abbyleigh

Sportsman Criteria – A Year 7 student who has maintained a high standard in sporting competitions within the school and/or inter school sports. One who may go on to compete in district and regional sports (not necessarily winning)
- Broden

Last night I was able to reflect on our achievements throughout 2013. I am so proud of what we have achieved.

As we start a new cycle of school planning for the next 4 years our school has a focus on developing children’s pride in themselves, their school and their community. This is evident in all we do at our great school.

Our priorities for next 4 years-
• Building a strong culture of teaching and learning.
• Differentiation in our classroom- focusing on improving learning program for each child.
• Using data- NAPLAN and school wide assessment to improve teaching and learning.
• Improving attendance- This year we have had a strong focus on attendance. Our school attendance rate is around 95% which is outstanding. Some strategies that have been effective this year- our before school games program, friends program facilitated by our school chaplain, extracurricular activities for students- choir, guitar, tennis, cricket, NRL and school camp.
• Enrolment strategy- building our numbers. Focusing on the early years with the introduction of a playgroup.
• Continue to build ICT- ipads, computers, and build wireless classrooms.
• Community partnerships- build and strengthen.
• Australian Curriculum- continue to implement.
• Reading, Mathematics, Science – improving the outcomes for each child in our school.
• Continue to beautify our grounds-

Thank you to everyone for a great year of learning!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns  Principal

MOVE UP 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!

READING- COMPREHENSION- SYNTHSISING

Can you combine your prior knowledge with the new knowledge and put it in your own words? Synthesising is the highest and most complex form of comprehension. Readers integrate new information with existing knowledge to form a new opinion, interpretation, or idea. This can often result in a product. For example after reading about fitness children could plan and participate in a fitness circuit.

Putting information into their own words and having to apply what they know makes it more likely that a student will remember the information. Often situations will be viewed from a different perspective or a new line of thinking. The understandings that arise from synthesising are innovative and demonstrate an in depth insight to the topic.

NEW MAPS HELP PLAN FOR FUTURE SCHOOLS

The Queensland Schools Planning Commission released its second round of maps and findings. The maps show school age population projections and will help to determine where new state and non-state schools may need to be built, or existing schools expanded, over the next two decades.

A new interactive mapping tool is also available allowing users to search an area of Queensland for current schools, projected change in school
population and proposed land developments. For further information and resources visit http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/schools-planning-commission/

**DENTAL VAN IS HERE**

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.

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to Maddy, Mitchell, Nate and Mackenzie.

**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

**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.

**LIVE AID - SCENIC RIM MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Helping needy children of India
Featuring- Noisy Minors
Silk and Oak
Living in Harmony
Kylie Kastle

23rd November 4.30PM
$10 Child
$30 Family
Food available
Mt Alford $5
Carols On The Hill
Silverdale Church of Christ
(Wintenur Road, Silverdale)
December 21st
6:00pm

* CAROLS * CHRISTMAS SKITS & PLAYS *
* BABY ANIMALS * FOOD & DRINKS *

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