SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3
August
22nd August – Public Speaking Competition
23rd - Book Week Dress Up! Gold coin donation
29th - 2/3/4 Father’s Grandfather’s Night 7pm
30th August P&C Father’s day Stall
31st August P&C Seafood Night Fundraiser

September
6th – School Photos
14th Sept P&C - Election Day Stall
16th Sept- FINAL PAYMENT FOR CAMP
18th Sept- Under 8’s Day- Boonah SS
20th Sept- Boonah Soccer & Netball Carnival (4-7)

Term 4
November
2nd Nov Harrisville 150th Celebrations
9th- 11th October – Bornhoffen Camp
21st October- Student Free Day

News from the Principal
At Harrisville State School we had a dedicated team of staff that work to the benefit of all students. This week I would like to recognise the contribution of our cleaning staff. Today we have celebrated World Cleaners Day! Robyn Griffiths and Karen Gunston do a fabulous job of cleaning our wonderful school. Thank you ladies for all your efforts!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

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!

EVERY DAY COUNTS- PLEASE EXPLAIN!
Just a timely reminder to make sure you ring, email or send a note in to explain your child’s absence. There are a lot of bugs hanging around at the moment so we have had a lot of children away. Our school attendance policy has a target of no unexplained absences! We are on track this year. Thank you for keeping us informed of your child’s absences.

Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential. Visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/fact-sheet.html for more information on student attendance requirements.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP
This Friday (23rd August) as a part of our Book Week Literacy activities we will be holding a dress up day. Please come along dressed as your favourite book character and a bring a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards camp. Looking forward to seeing some book characters come to life!

BORNHOFFEN CAMP- MONEY / FORMS ASAP
With today’s newsletter we are sending home forms for camp if your child has not returned them. Please take the time to fill out and return the forms.
It is critical the forms come back ASAP as we need to finalise our numbers for camp.

Please note that the final day for payment will be Monday 16th September. All forms and payment will need to be finalised on this day. Thank you for your support of this program.

The school and P&C are considering private transport to camp this year. The P&C will be covering the cost of the bus which will cost approximately $2000. If we get enough helpers we can put the funds towards other worthwhile projects. Please contact the office if you could provide transport to and from camp. THANKS!

**READING INFORMATION**

Comprehension Strategy – Predicting

**Make a smart guess about what’s going to happen next.**

Predicting requires students to make an educated guess about what might happen in the text. Clues from the title/topic, illustrations, blurb, author and text type will help with predicting what the text is about or what is coming up next in the text. Effective readers will adjust and refine their earlier predictions as new information is gathered and new connections are made. Predictions are usually related to events, actions or outcomes and will be either confirmed or rejected once the text has been read.

Predicting prepares us to think about what we already know about the text, to understand and to remember what is read. It gives us a purpose for reading and keeps us motivated and focused.

**2 /3/ 4 NEWS**

Our class has grown with 5 new students this term and we are happy to welcome Riley (Yr4), Seth (Yr3) as well as Philip, Emma and Brock (Year 2) to our lovely group. Our Year 2s in particular, can be very proud of the way in which they have coped so well with the transition to their middle school class, teacher, peer group, routines and expectations; not always easy for a little person. Well done Emma, Brock and Phil!

This term we are focussing particularly on Indigenous Australian Culture and Technology within our SOSE and Technology KLAs and the Solar System within our Science Key Learning Area. The students are fascinated with both topics and are embracing the learning discovered so far. This afternoon I am collecting our Queensland Museum loans which will link in with both these topics so we can’t wait to see what the boxes contain. You are very welcome to come in to our classroom to check them out.

Each Tuesday sees a group of Year 4 students participating in Project 600, an online maths teaching tool whereby each child works with a teacher remotely as maths concepts (aligned with our current Maths unit) are taught, modelled and practised. The children are able to interact with their teacher, Miss Palmer, both orally via headphone and by computer keyboard, as they work independently, in pairs or as a group, at their own computer. I am fascinated to see just how capably the students are using the computer and navigating their way around the screen, using the tools and learning in this new way. Congratulations Year 4s!

Our Dads /Grandads will have today received an invitation to our Father’s Night next Thursday 29th at 7pm. We had a ball last year; lots of laughs and fun and the kids are very keen to do it all again this year, so we do hope you are able to make it.

**HARRISVILLE 150th STUDENT PARTICIPATION- HELP NEEDED**

November 2nd, Harrisville celebrates 150 years since settlement.

The school will be dressing students in costumes relating to certain eras and will be marching in the parade on the day. The following are the eras defined and just one brief idea for each. Staff have been allocated an era and will be brainstorming ideas for each.

1863-1900 ink well,  
1901-1950 paper and pen and ink well, rules for teachers,  
1951-1970 slates,  
1971-1990 paper and pen ghetto blaster,  
1991-NOW iPads technology.

Parents, we would like to you to let us know if you have any old photos or school uniforms we could dress students in for the parade. If possible, we would also appreciate if you could keep an eye out at op shops or home to see if you have any clothes that would suit the early 1900’s when Harrisville had no uniform e.g long skirts, high neck blouses, aprons or those round material hats –sorry, not sure of the name.
If you have any skills such as sewing that you are willing to offer photos or clothing, please drop into the school or see one of the teachers.

Kind regards

Peta Bates

**SAFETY IN SCHOOLS WEEK**

Help educate your children about preventing accidents during Safety in Schools Week from 26–30 August. Each day has a different theme with the aim of teaching children how to be safe around common hazards at home or school. There are information and activities for parents on the Kidsafe Queensland website:


**STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER THE QTU PEACE AWARDS**

Students of all ages are invited to enter the Queensland Teacher’s Union (QTU) Peace Awards. The theme of this year’s awards is *Education for Peace*. To enter students are asked to design a postcard-sized artwork.

Entry categories include:

- Prep to Year 1
- Years 2-3
- Years 4-6
- Years 7-9
- Years 10-12
- Special Education.

Category winners will receive an award to the value of $100. Special awards, valued at $50, may also be presented in each category. Judging will be conducted by members of the QTU’s Social and Environmental Issues Networks and winners will be notified by the end of November. To enter visit [http://www.qtu.asn.au/peaceawards](http://www.qtu.asn.au/peaceawards).

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**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

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**P&C NEWS**

**Next Meeting- Tuesday 10th September 7pm School Library – All Welcome!**

**Harrisville State School Playgroup**

**NO PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.**

**Seafood Night**

Our father’s day weekend Seafood night is getting closer. If any parents would like to help on the night, Talk to Susan or Lauren.

**Election Day Stall & Meat Tray Raffle**

On the 7th September the P&C will be holding a stall at the school. We are looking for donations for the stall. If you could donate baked goods (with ingredient list and date made on items.) Plants, eggs, jams, toys, knitted items or even your time to sell on the day. The stall will run from 8am to 12pm. Please drop off items in the office on Friday the 6th September or early Saturday morning. Thank you for your support with this fundraising event and don’t forget to grab some raffle tickets when you come up to vote!

**Students of the Week**

*Congratulations to Jacob, Hailie, Tyson, and Mackenzie!*
Mmmm- YEAR 7 FUNDRAISING
BY BRITNEY

A warm milo every Tuesday whilst it’s cold here in our town Harrisville. Just the cost of $2.00.

Also with an additional 50c you could win a jar of jellybeans by guessing the correct number in the jar.

EVERY TUESDAY THIS TERM.

So bring your money and give yourself a chance to win the jar of whatever it may be.

All you have to do is guess how many is in the jar. As well as a warm milo.

Bring along a plastic mug so you can join in the fun.

Dental Forms - Please return ASAP!

AP’s Tennis Coaching

TENNIS
A GREAT WAY TO DEVELOP ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS...

Is your child looking for something new & challenging?

AP’s tennis coaching clinic allows children to develop correct tennis technique and co-ordination in a fun environment. The program is aimed at teaching physical skills such as hand/eye coordination, balance and spatial awareness. It also allows children to socialize with others in a fun and relaxed environment.

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!

Look forward to seeing you there!