

# HARRISVILLE NEWS

Wednesday, October 23, 2013



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Term 4

#### October

30<sup>th</sup> October- PREP Information Session 9am- 10.30!

#### November

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Harrisville 150th Celebrations

28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov- **SCHOOL BOOK FAIR- Library!**

13<sup>th</sup> Nov- Year 7 Graduation Dinner – 6.30- School.

19<sup>th</sup> Nov- SCHOOL CONCERT – DATE CLAIMER 6.30!

Swimming- Term 4- Mondays (Week 2- 11)

26<sup>th</sup> Nov –Parent Helpers Morning Tea 9.30- 10.30!

Dental Van coming soon!

Dance Program- Every Wednesday up to Concert Night!

#### December

10<sup>th</sup> Dec - MOVE UP DAY- ALL NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2014- 8.30- 2.30

10<sup>th</sup> Dec- Harrisville's Got Talent- 1.30- 2.30 – School of the Arts! ALL WELCOME

12<sup>th</sup> Dec- BREAK UP DAY- POOL PARTY @ BUNDAMBA POOL 9am - 1

## News from the Principal

### World Teachers' Day 25 October -

This Friday we celebrate the great work of our teachers on World Teachers' Day. The quality teaching in effect in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students' performance. Visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/world-teachers-day.html> for more information. At our school we will be asking families to write a small thank you to our great bunch of teachers. This year at Harrisville we have a strong team of teachers dedicated to improving the learning for each child at our school. We will be having a morning tea for staff next Tuesday as a part of our celebrations. At this morning tea I would love to present the

teachers with thank you letters from our students and parents. I have attached a slip to cut out at the back of the newsletter!

Please consider a thank you note to:-

Mrs Sue Williams P12

Mrs Sandra Stenzel 2/3/4

Mrs Peta Bates 5/6/7

Mrs Sandra Noller (German)

Ms Liz Connolly (Music)

Mrs Joan Sheldon (Library / History)

Mrs Janet McKenna (HPE)

Mrs Leah Tunks (Dance)

Mrs Le-Anne Whittred (STLAN Teacher)

Mr Rod Matheson (Guidance Officer)

Mr Jarrod Robinson (Guitar)

Yours in Education

**Christie Minns**

Principal

## SWIMMING FEES!

This week I just wanted to let families know about the costing for swimming. Did you know that the school makes no profit on costs for swimming? We are just covering the costs associated with providing the program. This term we will most likely also need to cover additional fees for swimming that will not be charged to families. The cost for the bus for an 8 week swimming program is \$3360. When you break this down into the cost per week for families the bus costs do add up per week.

We are charging families \$13 per week and this covers the cost of the bus (to and from) and the swimming lesson with qualified swimming teachers. In previous years the P&C have subsidised the cost of the bus for swimming. This year there is no P&C funding towards swimming. This is why the costs for swimming have gone up.

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Swimming is a valued part of our school curriculum and it is expected that all children participate in the program unless there is a medical reason. If you have any queries about the costs for swimming please come and see us in the office. Once again the school does not make any profit from swimming we are only covering costs as per the DETE excursion policy. Thank you for your support.

Final payment for swimming will be the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **PREP INFORMATION SESSION FOR CHILDREN ENROLLING IN PREP IN 2014**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Prep Information Session for all our new Prep children. The children will come along to work with our Early Years staff while parents are presented with information about our Prep year program at Harrisville State School.

Please come along to find out information about our wonderful school.

**Children meet at the Early Years Classroom  
9am – 10.30  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**We will also hold a second session for all our new preps and any new enrolments on our MOVE UP DAY! On our MOVE UP DAY the new Prep Children will be able to come along for a day and experience life in the big school.**

### **MOVE UP DAY FOR ALL NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**

**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **HARRISVILLE 150- UNIFORMS!**

I know children have been very busy getting their uniforms organised as a part of the Harrisville 150

parade. If you are having difficulty coming up with a uniform for your time span we ask children just to wear their full school uniform for the march. I understand that it has been difficult finding items! Thank you to all our families for giving this task a go!

If you have any spare items that you could loan please bring them into the school office. Thanks again for your support of our great school.

### **YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER**

We will be having our Year 7 Graduation Dinner on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 6.30** at the school. We will be setting up tables alfresco style and organising catering at our school. We will let families know the costs as soon as it is known. We will be doing up invitations for the event next week so please keep a look out! It will be a lovely celebration for all our wonderful Year 7's.

### **AWARDS NIGHT AND CONCERT!**

This year we are hosting our Annual Awards Night on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30**. The P&C will be organising the Pizza before the concert similar to the set up last year. Stay tuned for the pizza order forms.

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.

### **SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA**

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November @ 9.30- 10.30** we will be holding a Volunteers Morning Tea for all our parents and friends who have supported our school throughout 2013. We have a dedicated group of parents and friends that have made a huge difference to our wonderful school.

Our volunteers at Harrisville State School have been involved in numerous pursuits this year including- reading group helpers, joining and being active members of the P&C, assisting with tuckshop, assisting with fundraising, grant writing, cooking, playgroup, camp volunteers, 150<sup>th</sup> uniform helpers, working bee's, religious instruction, and finally grounds care and removal of old trees... to name just a few ways that our community has worked to benefit all at our school.

Please come along to our morning tea if you have volunteered at our school this year!

### **HARRISVILLE'S GOT TALENT SHOWCASE!**

The next few weeks is an exciting time for our school as the children audition for Harrisville's Got Talent! We will be holding a HARRISVILLE'S GOT TALENT SHOWCASE in the final week this term.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30- 2.30** we will be having our Showcase Presentation! This will be a part of our Move Up Day activities and I would encourage all our new Prep parents for 2014 to come along for the afternoon!

**Come down to the Harrisville School of Arts @ 1.30- 2.30 on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December to be blown away by the talent!**

**I look forward to seeing families and friends!**

### **BOOKFAIR- NEXT WEEK! 28<sup>th</sup> Oct- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

Next week we will be having our **Annual Book fair** in the school library. Parents and children can come along between 8am - 8.30 or 2.30- 3.00 to peruse the books and make any purchases. If you have any further questions please see Mrs Charlick!

### **BUNDAMBA POOL EXCURSION- BREAK UP DAY!**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our school break up party at the Bundamba Pool as a part of our end of year break up. We will be sending more information out in the coming weeks. We will be asking parents to come along on this day to be a part of the fun! The P&C are supporting the day by assisting with food and drinks for the children! Thanks again!

## **P&C NEWS**

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

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.

JARS JARS JARS for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations  
At the P&C last night an idea for fundraising was raised with the group. Could all families please start collecting jars with items in them for a raffle/ Jar stall.

Suitable items for inside your jar- lollies, balloons, small toys, toiletries, pegs, bangles, scratchies, party favors... the list is endless as long as it fits into a jar!

If all families could bring along 3-4 filled jars that would assist in the P&C's fundraising efforts! THANK YOU!

## **PREP INFORMATION SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**9.00- 10.30**

**Meet our Early Years Staff and familiarise yourself with our school and facilities.**

## **MOVE UP DAY**

**For all new enrolments – Prep to Year 7  
Come along and experience life at our wonderful school for a day!**

**8.30- 2.30**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of December**

## **WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2013**

**Dear.....**

**Thank you...**

**From**