SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1
February
27th Feb - District Swimming Carnival- By nomination

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

March
2nd March- Chappy Challenge
5th March- Currumbin Excursion for all students. Note home today. Please return ASAP.
10th March- P&C working bee 1pm - All Welcome!
12th March – P&C meeting- 7pm- All Welcome!
28th March – Last day of Term 1.

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

News from the Principal

Next week all children will be attending an excursion to the Currumbin Wildlife Park. I would like to say thank you to the parents who have volunteered to come along and help. It is going to be a fantastic day with lots of scientific inquiry!

Please ensure you have returned your permission forms and money to the office before the end of the week.

This week I would like to remind families of our school uniform policy. At Harrisville State School all children are required to wear their full school uniform (including winter clothes). I have reminded children on parade about the expected dress code and what to do if they have something different on.

The P&C are investigating options for a school jumper. I would encourage all families to start thinking about their child’s winter uniform. Children can wear any plain royal blue jumper or track pants.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

Prep 1 /2 News

This week the preps are looking at the letter sound “i” and our new sight vocabulary words are The, a, A, me, said, no, go. In math we are looking at numbers to 4 and comparing numbers (more, less, bigger than, between).

The Year 1 spelling words this week practise blends that accompany s (sc, sk, sp); Year 2 words are focussing on the long “a” sound (ay, ai, a_e) in maths both groups are looking at measurement, mainly length. Year 2 will be using metres and centimetres.

All students this week will be giving book reports for assessment. Please let them use you as their audience.

This Friday all the Prep children will have their photograph taken for the newspaper. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform and ready to smile!

5/6/7 News

Lunchtime Games by Grace

At lunchtime we play some games. We would like to thank Mrs McKenna for teaching us some GREAT lunchtime games. For example:- Elastics, Poison Ball, Sevens, Headache Stomach ache and lots more. Another game is soccer, both P to 7 play, boys and girls. It’s great to see every-one playing together. The P to 3 children play on the little kids playground and the 4 to 7 play on the big kids playground.
Also Mrs Hall is doing Art Club on Wednesday and Thursday at big lunch. We would also like to thank her for giving up her time so we could do art. We would like to thank the teachers for giving up their up time to watch us play so they can keep us safe. THANK-YOU!

The 567 Class. By Kaylee
We have done a lot in class so far. In English we are looking at short stories. We have looked at the books Tortes and the Hare, Mission Impossible by Morris Gleizman and The Loaded Dog by Henry Lawson. In maths we are learning about multiples and fractions and how to equal mixed fractions like 3/6 and 2/12. We have also learned equivalent factions. In our SOSE program we are going to be making a movie on the history of Harrisville and what it was like. We will be interviewing the some of the elderly people that lived in Harrisville when they were younger. We will be using the ipad’s to record the interview. But first we are learning how to use all the equipment and practising interviewing. Just by chance Harrisville is turning 150 this year so we will be presenting our final work on Harrisville’s birthday for everyone to see.

In science we are learning about animals and how they live. We have made posters and have learned about camouflage.
I have been selecting sport equipment for the school to buy for the sport shed like balls, tennis rackets and storage equipment for the shed. It is a lot of fun.
Between the class room and play time, school has so far been awesome.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
Students of the Week

Congratulations!
Jack, Broden, Katie and Nate!

P&C NEWS

Next meeting March 12th 7pm school library.

Uniform news
Due to a price rise from the company who make our uniforms the price has now changed.
Current Uniform Price List 2013
School Shirt/Sports Shirts $23.00
School Shirt/ Sports Shirt (adult size) $25.00
School Shorts $15.00
Hat $8
All uniform enquiries to Melinda Merlehan
0437 199 030

Dates to remember
Working bee set for 10th march 1:00pm
Next meeting March 12th 7pm school library

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.