SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1
March
28th March P&C- Hot Cross buns delivery; Easter Raffle Drawn
28th March – Prep/1/2 Easter Bonnet Parade (9.30-11.30).
28th March – Last day of Term 1.

TERM 2
April
15th April- First day of Term 2.
16th April – P&C - Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser starts
16th April – P&C meeting 7pm School Library
17th April – YEAR 7 Shirt/ Leadership Ceremony. 8.30 am – All Welcome!
28th April P&C Working BEE 8am! All welcome!

May
10th May  P&C- May Mother’s Day Stall
25th May P&C - Annual Trivia Night – Book your table now

June
18th June P&C Pie Drive

Term 3
August
30th August P&C Father’s day Stall
31st August P&C Seafood Night Fundraiser

September
14th Sept P&C - Election Day Stall

Term 4
November
2nd Nov Harrisville 150th Celebrations

News from the Principal

As we come to the end of term 1 I would like to wish all families, students and staff a happy and relaxing Easter break. Term 1 has been a busy time for learning. Thank you to all parents, students and staff for making my first term at Harrisville State School so enjoyable! It is by working together that we can achieve the best results for our children.

Lastly I would just like to personally thank the P&C for their hard work and financial contribution to our school. The P&C have kindly offered to fund new computers for our P12 classroom. This will make a significant difference to the learning in the classroom.

Earlier this term the school purchased 12 new laptops and 3 networked printers for our classrooms. Our 5/6/7’s and 3/4 classrooms have noticed a significant improvement in the access to computers! In keeping with improving our ICT’s at Harrisville the P&C have now pledged funding ($3700) to allow us to purchase a further 6 computers for the P12. This is amazing!

Stay tuned for more ICT updates!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

Prep 1/2 EASTER BONNET PARADE TOMMORROW!

Tomorrow we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade. We will make them in class using staplers, glue, scissors, coloured paper/card that we have here. All we ask is that you come and help make the bonnets in our room. At this stage I think we will be bonnet making from about 9.30 (after reading) and we will have our parade at 11.30 (as we have music and PE in the afternoon). If you have an excess supply of ribbon, cotton wool, frills, etc please share!!! You will need to supply the ice-cream container or old hat for the bonnet.

Prep 1/2 News

This week the Preps will be learning the letter B and practising all 20 sight words we have covered this term. During the week I will again test them on
level 1 words. We will still have reading this week including Thursday, but then we are hoping so much to see a lot of parents here for our Easter Bonnet making and parade. (making at 9.30; parade at 11); The whole class will be doing some Easter Activities during the week, but also the ones and twos have some assessments in language and math to complete.
I wish you all a safe and happy Easter and look forward to beginning term two when we get back.

**5/6/7 News**

**Are We There Yet? By Britney & Kirralee**

BrrGrRerr!! The bus stopped. We didn't why it was late. Then all we knew the bus had broken down. We sat and waited.
Hooray! The bus arrived. Broom! Broom! We were off until…..Bang!!! The tire had blown.
Another bus came, we were on our way. Yay!!! We finally made it, we're here.
We were amazed by the tiny train that took us around the ‘Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary’.
All so, the amazing amount of interesting animals that they had. They had echidnas, dingoes, Tasmanian devils, Koalas and many more. It was amazing when they were out of their enclosure, also when you got to touch the animals, like crocodiles, snakes, kangaroos and emus.
It was amazing. We all had a spectacular wildlife day at the ‘Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary’. Then we just took a peaceful trip.

**Bullying No Way!**

What a terrific National Day of Action for 2013! Congratulations to Harrisville State School for their participation in the event. As a part of the national day of bullying they have announced a new free iPad app *The Allen Adventure*. This interactive story for young children fills a critical need in the work being done to reduce bullying in our schools – working with young children before bullying patterns even develop. It is aimed at children between 3-8 years and is supported by information on the new Young Children section of the BNW website.

Please take the time to have a look!

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

**Teach your child to dial Triple Zero (000) and remember details**

The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at [http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/](http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/).

When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location.

For this reason, it's also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff.


**Preparation the key to safe bushwalking**

When preparing for a bushwalk these school holidays, safety should always be paramount. Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ) recommends you let someone know the route you plan to take and the time you will return by, talk to locals about the area you plan to walk in and make sure you are suitably attired with proper footwear and extra clothing should temperatures drop. For more information visit the EMQ website at [http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/](http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/).
P&C NEWS
NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 16th April 2013 7pm school library

Working Bee New Date: 28th April 8am more hands make light work

FUNDRAISING
EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS
We are holding our Easter Raffle at the moment. We are asking if each family would donate an item for the prizes - whether it be an Easter Egg, Easter book, Chocolate, wine etc. - all prizes will be appreciated. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday. Any Donations can be handed in at the office by Thursday morning. Tickets for raffle must be back by Thursday morning at the latest.

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE
Orders will be available for pick up from the Tuck shop Area on Thursday 28th March after 8:15am or at 2:30pm.

16TH APRIL - CADBURY CHOCOLATE BOX FUNDRAISER
Get involved in fundraising for Harrisville School. On Tuesday the 16th April, we will be handing out Cadbury Chocolate Boxes to the children, one per family. Every box contains a variety of milk chocolates to sell for $1 each.
Please contact Lauren 0408 790 633, if your family would like more than one box or wishes not to receive a box.

TUCK SHOP
LAST DAY OF TERM
The P & C will be supplying the students with free second break food service children are to bring their first break food items

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT
DONATIONS FOR PRIZES We make a lot of profit from the raffle that we hold at the trivia night so any donations for prizes add to the raising of funds for the students.
Ideas for donations are:
Wine, spirits, gift cards, beauty products, outdoor and sporting equipment, Tupperware and home products, Tickets and passes. Just to name a few.
For donations please contact Lauren Gunstone or they can be dropped into the office.

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW
Lauren Gunstone :0408790633
Email: gunstones1@bigpond.com

FREE DRESS DAY THURSDAY 28th March!
Wear free dress this Thursday! Please bring along a gold coin donation! All funds will go towards our P&C!
Don’t forget to wear sun smart clothes & sensible shoes!

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Harrisville State School Playgroup
Our school is starting a new playgroup next term. We are after donations of items to use. For example:- baby and toddler toys, books and games. Please send donations into the school office! Any unwanted toys would be appreciated!

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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**Students of the Week**

*Congratulations! Chelsea, Abbyeigh and Max!*

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**Community News**

*World of Fun – Easter School Holiday Program in the Scenic Rim*

There is something for all ages from workshops to films being presented at venues across the region. The Centre Beaudesert, Boonah Cultural Centre, The Vonda Youngman Centre at North Tamborine and all the libraries will be hives of activity for the eleven days from Tuesday 2 April to Friday 12 April.

Workshops on offer include cooking, clay animation, theatre sports, scratchboard art and Ukrainian egg decoration. Come along to the movies screened at both the Boonah Cultural Centre and The Centre Beaudesert and all for the special holiday price of $5 per film which also includes a drink and a snack.

Workshops and story-telling will be held at all the libraries across the Scenic Rim. That even includes the mobile library for the convenience of those who live out of town.

The full printed BLAST INTO ARTS program with costs can be picked up from any of the Customer Service Centres, Libraries or Cultural Centres or downloaded from the web site [www.liveatthecentre.com.au](http://www.liveatthecentre.com.au).

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**YEAR 7 LEADERSHIP CEREMONY!**

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

*You are warmly invited to our Year 7 Leadership Ceremony. It is on Wednesday 17th April at 8.30 am in the school library. Our Year 7’s will be presented officially with their senior shirts and a certificate from Scott Buchholz MP. We also have Cr Duncan McInnes’ visiting to assist with the presentation.*

*Our Year 7 students will address our students, staff and visitors sharing their pledge of commitment as a school leader of Harrisville State School. Please come along for the presentation and morning tea.*

*Please Note:- All Year 7 students have been asked to bring along a plate of food to share with parents and friends for after the presentation.*

*Thanks*

*Christie Minns*

*Principal*

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*Please Note:- There will be no reading groups on Wednesday 17th April due to the Year 7 Leadership presentation!*