SCHOOL CALENDAR
TERM 1
February
8th Feb - Meet and Greet - Parents, Students and Staff.
Sausage Sizzle. All families welcome.
9th Feb - Rugby League Trials - By nomination
12th Feb - P&C AGM and General Meeting 7pm in the
school library.
27th Feb - District Swimming Carnival - By nomination
28th Feb - GRIP Leadership Conference – Year 7’s
attending as a part of Fassifern cluster schools.

Parent Information Night - Date to be confirmed.

March
28th March – Last day of Term 1.

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

News from the Principal

Welcome old and new families to Harrisville State School. I hope you all enjoyed the break. I am looking forward to working with families, students and staff at Harrisville State School. Please take the time to come and introduce yourself in the coming weeks. This is the first edition of our “new look” newsletter. I encourage your feedback as we move towards a web/ email friendly version. Each week we will upload our newsletter to our school website at - www.harrisvilless.eq.edu.au. We are also asking families to provide an email address to reduce our environmental footprint and save on photocopying. If you could return the slip or email us at admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au that would be greatly appreciated.

The first few weeks at school are always an exciting time for students as they get used to their new class routines and review whole school and classroom rules. This year the school is adopting three rules to cover all aspects of behaviour in the classroom as well as the playground. Please take the time to talk to your child about these rules.

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

It is our endeavour to create a positive and happy school environment for all children. There may be times when you have some concerns or questions. Our school follows a complaints management process to ensure that all complaints are dealt with fairly and equitably. Details of this plan are attached with this week’s newsletter. Please make an appointment to discuss issues with your child’s classroom teacher in the first instance.

Lastly thank you for your understanding and patience as the school was closed yesterday. It is always under careful consideration with the safety of staff and students at the forefront. I look forward to a great year of learning!

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

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STAFFING UPDATE

At Harrisville State School this year we will see a few changes to our staffing. Below is a list of our staffing for 2013.

Principal: Christie Minns
Administration Officer: Tammy Lutter (MTW)
Prep/1/2: Sue Williams
3/4: Sandra Stenzel
5/6/7: Christie Minns & Peta Bates (Tues/Wed)
Learning Support: Le-Anne Whitred
Physical Education: Janet McKenna
Music: Kerry Anne Richter
Guidance: Andrea Hoppner
LOTE: Sandra Noller
Library/History: Joan Sheldon
Chaplain: Irene Herron
Teacher Aides: Di Charlick, Tracey McLaren, Jenny Hall
Groundscare: Roger Gray
Cleaner: Robyn Griffiths

Staff at the school have decided to change the class grouping in each of our classes. This will be finalised after day 8 when the numbers in each class are confirmed. It was after careful consideration and discussion that our class groups were formed. If you have any further questions please talk to your child’s classroom teacher.

DISTRICT SWIMMING NOMINATIONS

The school has nomination forms for the district swimming carnival at Chandler. If you would like a copy of the qualifying times please see us in the office. The date for the upcoming carnival is Wednesday 27 February commencing at 8.00am. Nominations are due to the office by Friday 8th February.

RUGBY LEAGUE NOMINATIONS

The Under 11 & 12 ages will trial at IJRL headquarters at Briggs Rd, Raceview on Saturday afternoon 9th February starting at 4pm; while the under 10 students will trial on Sunday 10th February at 4pm at the same venue. Follow up possible/probable trials will occur on the Wednesday following each age group trial.

An Easter tour to Rockhampton for U11/12 players is again being organized; with further Saturday & Sunday intercity games in term 2. Training will be at Briggs Rd each Wednesday afternoon from 4-5pm until July. Trialling players need to pay a $2 levy to cover administration and resource costs.

Please come to the office to collect the forms that need to be taken to the trials. All nominations need to be approved by the school principal.

SUN SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL

Harrisville State School has implemented a new SunSmart Policy. You will see many changes in the coming weeks to sun safe practices at the school. Please ensure your child has one of royal blue broad brimmed hats to wear in the playground and during physical education lessons. All caps/bucket hats will be phased out. Children will be unable to play in the sun unless they have a broad brimmed hat.

Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10 am to 3 pm.

Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun safe behaviours.

Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students.

Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/prevention/skin_cancer/) for more information on being SunSmart.

HARRISVILLE SS NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

We are trying to reduce our environmental footprint. To receive the newsletter via email please return this slip to the office or email admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au

Name: ____________________________ Email Address: ____________________________
**P&C NEWS**

AGM and General Meeting: 7pm 12th February – School Library - All welcome to attend.

Meet and Greet

All staff, families and friends are invited to a BBQ Meet at Greet at Harrisville State School. Come along and meet the families and staff at our great school. BBQ kicks off at 6.30!

**Tuckshop News**

Ice block sales will commence next Wednesday 6th February. Tuckshop will resume next Friday 8th February. Please see next week’s newsletter for an updated price list.

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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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**Council Tree Collection**

Saturday 2nd February

The school is looking at revamping our gardens. We are after small native scrub (under 2 metres) and native ground cover. The council will be in Harrisville on Saturday 2nd Feb. If you don’t want/need your 6 trees please think of donating them to the school. Please see Christie for more information.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**FASSIFERN FALCONS**

**SIGN-ON**

3rd February Kalbar Showgrounds
0800-1100

Free sausage sizzle, Competitions, Parents vs High School game
Information afternoon at the Boonah Council forecourt from 3pm to 5pm 31st January

Age groups U6’s, U8’s, U10’s, U11’s

AUSKICK
Dispensations on offer for older children up to U12’s
Please bring Birth Certificate

Can’t “Get in the Game” we maybe able help Centrelink health care or Pensioner concession card holders to “Get you started”

Vouchers on offer
Contact David 0417 244 636 for details.

**BOONAH SOCCER CLUB**

**SIGN ON FOR 2013 SEASON**

Saturday 2 February 9.00 – 11.30am
Tuesday 5 February 4.00 – 5.30pm

BOONAH SPORTS COMPLEX
CORONATION PARK
All Age Groups
Mixed U7-U14, Girls U15-16,
Boys U15-U16, Junior Men,
Senior Women & Senior Men

Players are required to attend sign on so that player ID photos can be taken.

New players welcome, please bring your birth certificate.

If you’re after Fun, Fitness and Friendship sign on now!

Register online at boonahasoccerclub.org.au
For further information please phone Tom 5463 7396