**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**News from the Principal**

Last week we sent home School Opinion Survey in a large white envelope. Please take the time to fill out the survey and return it to the school office. Alternatively you can complete the survey online. It is a great chance to have a say about your school. Our staff and students will also be completing surveys. All information will be collected confidentially and collated in central office. I would encourage all families to give some feedback about our wonderful school.

Over the last couple of weeks we have welcomed four new families to our school. It is lovely to see our small school grow! It has been with careful consideration and discussion that a decision was made to move some of our Year 2 students across to our 3/4 class. This has allowed our 3 classes to remain under our maximum class allocations for each cohort. I know that our children will be welcomed by Mrs Stenzel in their new class. All families who had children move to 3/4 have been contacted. If you have any further questions please arrange to talk to your child’s classroom teacher or make an appointment at the office.

Yours in Education

**Christie Minns**
Principal

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**READING INFORMATION**

Each week this term we will be putting together some reading information for parents. At Harrisville we are committed to improving the learning of every single child. With your support at home it will make a huge difference to your child’s reading! Our focus is building our comprehension and understanding of texts by using different strategies! Here we go!

**Comprehension Strategy – Activating Prior Knowledge**

Use what I already know to help understand something new.

All children will have some prior knowledge about the text they are reading. It may be that they’ve been involved in an activity mentioned in the text (eg swimming) or that they know about the text type (eg letter, poem, narrative etc.) Pictures used in the text may remind children of something they’ve seen on TV or in a movie, or something they’ve read or experienced. They may even recognise the author’s name. Often children will need help in making the connections between prior knowledge and the text. This is where reading becomes more than just words. Reading for meaning is all about the conversations had before, during and after the reading session.
“Thinking about what you already know is useful because it gives you a base to build new knowledge and helps you to make connections with the text.”
Sheena Cameron 2009

**READING GOALS**

Each student in our school has a new reading goal/target that we would like them to achieve either by the end of term 3 (younger students) or in our end of semester testing later in the year. At the end of last term each child was tested using our PM benchmark kit or our PROBE kit. With the results from this testing our teaching staff have come up with goals and targets for each of our students. Many of our students read with 100% accuracy so we are really focused on developing our comprehension strategies to have a deep understanding of the texts we are reading.

In the coming weeks you will be able to see what your child’s reading goals are and some strategies that will help to build their reading skills. Each week we will be providing parents with information to help children achieve their goals.

If you have any further questions about your child’s current reading results or would like additional information about strategies to use at home please see your child’s classroom teacher. Our focus on improving each child’s reading is our priority! Thank you for supporting our school reading program!

**100% Attendance Awards**

On Parade this week we were able to celebrate the 100% attendance of another student here at Harrisville. Kaylee is our school captain who sets a mighty example for others by making sure she is at school every day. Congratulations Kaylee! 100% attendance for term 2!

**YEAR 5/6/7 NEWS**

This term in English the children are working on writing their own memoirs. As a part of the learning activities children had to write a memoir based on an artefact that was special to them. We had some very moving memoirs. Thank you to our students for their commitment to their learning! Well done! In the coming weeks we will feature our students writing.

This week we have been revisiting some of our maths concepts that many of our children have had difficulty with. We have been focusing on long division with decimals. Many of our students who were unable to do this earlier in the year have had great success this week! Well done!

**Harrisville Small School Athletics Carnival FORMS DUE!**

Congratulations to all our students who were selected to represent our cluster at the Fassifern Athletics Carnival.

Well done:-
William, Hayden, Lara, Aaron, Hailie, Grace, Broden, Abbyleigh, Ebonnie, Zachariah, Patrick, Riley H, Riley B, Emily, Georgia, Madison, Damian, Jacinta and Charlee.

Please ensure you return your permission slips ASAP.

**Calling all student filmmaker, animators and video game makers**

Entries are now open for Screen It 2013, Australia’s largest moving image competition for primary and secondary students.

The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Screen It 2013 Competition is proudly supported by Bullying.NoWay! (http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/index.html) and this year’s theme looks at how people connect.

Registration is free and entries close 5 pm, Friday 13 September. More information is available on http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.aspx
**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to Marcel and Georgia!

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**P&C NEWS**

Next Meeting- Tuesday 13th August 7pm School Library – All Welcome!

**Harrisville State School Playgroup**

Thursday mornings at 9:30am

Bring a hat, sunscreen, $2 and morning tea for your child. We either hold playgroup at the new sandpit behind P/12 classroom or in the Library. It’s a great morning for the kids with lots of fun activities for them to try. See You There!

**Seafood Night**- Please see attached flyer (costs included!) Coming up soon!

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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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**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.

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**Book Club due back**

Friday 9th August