SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1
February

8th Feb - Meet and Greet - Parents, Students and Staff. Sausage Sizzle. All families welcome.

8th Feb - Rugby League Trials - By nomination - NEW DATE

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

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents at Harrisville State School for making the first week back so enjoyable. We have a fantastic group of students at our school and it has been a pleasure to meet everyone this week.

Secondly thank you to all parents for supporting our new sun smart strategy. The children have been taking responsibility each day by applying sunscreen, as well as making sure to keep their royal blue wide brimmed hats on while outdoors. The staff have noticed a huge improvement over the last couple of days. Thank you also to the P&C for ensuring that children can purchase their hats before school.

This year we have introduced a new attendance policy. Our teachers have been marking the rolls electronically and updating children’s reasons for being away each day. Please call, email or send a note to explain your child’s absence. Our goal for 2013 is to have no unexplained absences! I have attached a copy of the policy. You can also view all the school documents on our school website.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be including staff photos and short snippets of information that will help parents get to know our staff. This week I have started with our classroom teachers! Enjoy!

Prep /1/2 Susan Williams
Diploma of teaching, B. Ed (early childhood), Masters of Sp. Ed (Hearing Impairment)

Sue has been teaching since 1982 at schools in Ipswich and also at Harrisville. Most of her teaching time has been in the Primary setting, although she did 12 months as Teacher in Charge of the Deaf Unit at Bundamba High School. She has been at Harrisville since 2004.
Sue loves working with junior students and watching them grow and develop into capable and independent students. She loves the uniqueness of each child.

3/4 Sandra Stenzel
Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood)

Sandra has 26 years teaching experience in both Preschool and Primary settings and has taught at Harrisville since 2003. Professionally Sandra is passionate about the growth and development of the whole child and believes that positive relationships are integral for our students wellbeing.

5/6/7 Peta Bates (Tues/Wed)
Bachelor of Arts (Majoring in Behavioural Studies)/ Bachelor of Education (Middle Years Schooling)

Peta Bates has lived in Harrisville since she was 16 years old when her parents bought and ran the General Store and Newsagency for 10 years. Peta studied at the University of Queensland, Ipswich St Lucia and is a new graduate. She believes that knowledge is power and that this phrase is the driving force behind her teaching philosophy and passion to teach. She believes her role as a teacher is to stimulate, surprise, enthuse, motivate and ignite a passion for lifelong learning. She believes in equipping her students with learning strategies and a developing their curiosity to learn. Peta is excited to teach her own children at the school they attend, but in a community that she is passionate about and loves.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

Medical Information & Emergency Contacts

Please ensure that all your medical information and emergency contact information is up to date. Please notify the school if your child has asthma or allergies or any other medical conditions. The school has completed accreditation and has become an Asthma Friendly School. All children who do have asthma are strongly encouraged to bring their asthma management plans (from the doctor) so that we can keep them on file at the school, so we know the best way to manage their asthma. The school has also purchased emergency asthma puffers and epipens that we are required to keep on site in case of a first aid incident. All staff have completed training so that they can act in the case of an emergency.

Congratulations Harrisville State School Staff!
Prep/1/2 News
It is lovely to be back at school finally and I welcome Christie to the fold. Our class has settled into routine with most processes in place. The Preps are reading small books and have learnt the sounds “s” and “a.” We have already looked at 6 sight words and soon cards will come home so your child can practise these at home. The 1’s and 2’s have begun looking at characters in books the emotions they display through words and illustrations. They are also looking at simple and compound sentences and how we use language differently in some circumstances. In science, we are going to grow mealworms and lettuces.

Jack Bates - My Birthday!

I went to the rescue centre on my birthday. It was beautiful. I had my family to encourage me to explore everything. Then I went to my Nanny’s and I felt merry and jubilant and after we had a chocolate cake. After that we went to Grandma’s for a footy cake and I liked it. And that’s the story.

5/6/7 News
The 5/6/7 class have been working extremely hard over the last week and I would like to commend them on their work ethics and behaviour that has been demonstrated so far. It is going to be a great year of learning! I encourage all parents to come and speak to me about any issues or concerns that may arise throughout the year. It is always best to make an appointment so that we can have time to chat without any interruptions.

The children have started homework this week. We will be using our diaries to record any homework. Please ensure you read and sign your child’s book. We will be focusing on spelling, reading, multiplication and emails over the first few weeks. If you have any questions please come and see me. Thanks Christie

Scenic Rim Tree Donation- $500

On the weekend the school was lucky enough to receive $500 worth of plants for our school. Over the next couple of weeks we will be planting them to improve the look of our great school. Thank you to Roger Gray our groundsman for his work on the grounds over the last couple of weeks! The summer months are always very busy! Lastly thank you to families who were able to donate plants to the school.

Students of the Week

Congratulations
Bailee, Jacinta and Brock!

RUGBY LEAGUE NOMINATIONS
CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME
The Under 11 & 12 ages will trial at IJRL headquarters at Briggs Rd, Raceview on Friday afternoon 8th February starting at 5pm; while the under 10 students will trial on Sunday 16th 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.

INFORMATION MET WEST SELECTION
TRIAL NOTICES
Go to the Met West website for the yearly calendar of sporting events/trials. The home page address is www.metwestsport.qld.edu.au and click on the trials button for more information.
**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:

**READING GROUP HELPERS!**

We are after reading group helpers each morning. If you could assist please contact the school.

**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 and 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

The Friday Food service will start up again Friday 8th February. We would love again for some volunteers to come forward to be put on the Roster. We only require 2 volunteers per Friday so if there are 10 of us you will only be needed once every 5 weeks. Your time is required on a Friday from 8:30am onwards you will be preparing the orders for the 10:30am and 12:45pm lunch breaks and handing out the orders to the kids. It is a very enjoyable day and the children LOVE it so your support is appreciated!

A copy of the menu was sent home Monday. You can also download the Tuckshop menu from our school website. Go to www.harrisvilless.eq.edu.au and follow the links to the documents page.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**FASSIFERN NETBALL**

Sign On
Saturday 16th Feb 9-11am
Monday 18th Feb 4-6pm
@ Clubhouse
off Melbourne St, Boonah
☐ Open Div 14yrs + $140
☐ Intermediate 11-13yrs $130
☐ Senior NetSetGo 8-10yrs $120
☐ Junior NetSetGo 5-7yrs $80

**Get Started Government Grant**
Get Started assists children and young people join a sport or recreation club. Eligible children & young people are provided with a voucher of up to $150 to help pay for club membership fees. For more information check this link:

Contact: Amanda Dover
0400 364 553

**HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL**

**CASUAL CLEANER NEEDED URGENTLY!**

Please see Christie in the office if you can assist. It will be 4 hours 45 mins each week (Wed/Fri afternoons between 2.30 and 5.30).

**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.