SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1
February

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

March

10\(^{th}\) March- P&C working bee 1pm - CANCELLED
11\(^{th}\) March – Basketball Trials- GIRLS- See Mrs Minns for more information.
12\(^{th}\) March – P&C meeting- 7pm- All Welcome!
12\(^{th}\) March – Teaching and Learning Audit! School staff involved.
13\(^{th}\) March – Netball Trials- See Mrs Minns for more information
19\(^{th}\) March- Currumbin Excursion for all students.

NEW DATE
20\(^{th}\) March – AFL Trials- See Mrs Minns for more information (11 & 12 years).

28\(^{th}\) March – Last day of Term 1.

TERM 2
April

15\(^{th}\) April- First day of Term 2.

News from the Principal

Last week I attended a state wide principal's conference in Brisbane. This was a great opportunity to work alongside other school principals. The conference had a variety of key note speakers that talked about community engagement and the great impact that the school community can have on learning. Here at Harrisville State School I am proud to say that our parents do work hard alongside staff in a number of ways to assist with school learning programs. Our school reading program is one way that parents can assist with literacy learning at our great school.

This year all our children will be working on reading goals as a part of our whole school reading program. Each reading group has a specific goal that teachers and support staff are working to help the children achieve. All of our children also have their own personal reading goals. I have asked staff to share these goals with parents so that they can assist as they read with children at home.

Reading at home with your child each night is so important. I would encourage all families to talk to their children about their goals for reading and to ask how they are going. Some of the older children have written their own action plans for how they plan to achieve their goals. Congratulations to our students for their efforts in improving their reading skills. I would also like to thank Mrs Le-Anne Whittred for co-ordinating our whole school reading program. If parents have any questions please come and make a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.
Next Tuesday 12th March, we are have a Teaching and Learning Audit at our school. As a part of the audit process we will have another school principal will visit and talk with students, staff and our P&C representatives about our school. I have included an information sheet with this week’s newsletter for your information. The audit is designed to investigate what the school is doing well as well as what areas we need to improve on. Our school is looking forward to sharing our learning journey. If you have any further questions please contact the office.

Yours in Education

Christie Minns
Principal

Currimbin Excursion- RESCHEDULED

Thank you to all families and students for understanding the need to cancel this week’s excursion. The weather has been too unpredictable lately and it would have been horrible if we were washed out. We have rescheduled to Tuesday 19th March. I would also like to personally thank all the families who were able to volunteer for this excursion. Please confirm with the office if you are still able to help on the 19th.

Prep 1/2 News

Our Prep Children learning about the letter “I” were all dressed as Indians this week! What fun!

3/4 News

Did you know that we have a nesting Carpet Python and a mother and baby Ringtail Possum in our classroom? Safely stuffed of course and on loan from the Queensland Museum while we continue to explore life-cycles and the inter-relationships of species, particularly animal and human.

Our students are currently writing their final chapter of Fantastic Mr Fox and are incorporating noun and verb groups and direct speech to enhance their stories. We are also undertaking some assessment pieces in maths as we move into the second unit of the Term. Each student has written their individual learning goals, to be achieved by the end of this term. The children really enjoyed doing this and were all enthusiastic and reasonable about what their aims could be. Some examples are:
- Scoring more than 17 out of 20 in my weekly Post-Tests
- Using speech marks in my narrative writing
- Putting my hand up to show what I know
- Writing with entries and exits (leading towards cursive writing)

I am very pleased with how our lovely class are working and operating together; they are all a joy to teach and lots of fun too.

5/6/7 News

ART CLUB by Makayla

On Wednesdays and Thursdays we have art club. We would like to thank Mrs Hall for talking her time to organise the stuff we make (e.g. turtle, masks, giraffes, witches hats, and bears. All grades get involved and the preps are doing a sensational job. The kids enjoy spending their play to do art for special people. Thank you once again.

5/6/7’s History Lessons By Kirralee
For the 5/6/7’s history lessons we have moved from our class room to our library and our new teacher is Mrs Sheldon. This year she has changed from our librarian to our teacher. Mrs Sheldon has been teaching class 5/6/7 about Australia’s history. Like captain cook who was apparently the one who found Australia but turns out he wasn’t. He was one of many. She also showed us how Captain Cook got here. At first Queensland was New South Wales and before that the whole west coast of Australia didn’t exist. I bet you didn’t know that. Mrs Sheldon is doing a lovely job teaching us, and I’m sure that every one of us will learn heaps more about Australia’s history.

5/6/7 Museum Excursion by Grace

On Wednesday 6.3.13 the 5/6/7 class visited the Local Museum in Harrisville. We had a GREAT time and we saw lots of interesting things like...old telephone exchanges, wagons, record players and gramophones, pictures, old money, rocks, crystal radios, type writers and lots more. In World War 2 the soldiers made brooches. We would like to thank Mrs Mc Cullough, Ian Harsant, Don Hines, Mick Rashford and Mick Kenny. THANK YOU.

Did You Know?
Did you know that Harrisville school opened in 1891 and had 106 pupils and the first head teacher was Fredrick Barrett.

DON’T PLAY IN STORMWATER DRAINS

As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.

Queensland Fire and Rescue’s Swift water site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK LAUNCHED

Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together.

To this end our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children.

Visit the website for more information on the framework.

HARRISVILLE SS TO ENHANCE TEACHING

By the end of 2013, our school will have developed a pedagogical framework in collaboration with the school community. This framework is designed to ensure our school delivers high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.

For more information speak to our school’s administration team. Or go to:-

P&C NEWS

Next meeting March 12th 7pm school library.
All uniform enquires to Melinda Merlehan 0437 199 030
Working Bee Cancelled Due to Poor weather! NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED AT OUR NEXT P&C MEETING!
HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL CLEANING VACANCY.

Please come and collect an application package from the school office if you are interested in applying for the position.

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@harrisvilles.eq.edu.au

Students of the Week

Congratulations! Marcel, Jessica, Britney, Lara & Crystal!