

# HARRISVILLE NEWS

Wednesday, December 11, 2013



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Term 4

### December

10<sup>th</sup> Dec - MOVE UP DAY- ALL NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2014- 8.30- 2.30

10<sup>th</sup> Dec- Harrisville's Got Talent- 1.30- 2.30 – School of the Arts! ALL WELCOME

12<sup>th</sup> Dec- BREAK UP DAY- POOL PARTY @ BUNDAMBA POOL 9am – 1

### December

January 26<sup>th</sup> - Australia Day Holiday

January- 28<sup>th</sup> - School resumes!

P/1/2- Mrs Michelle White

2/3/4 – Mrs Sandra Stenzel

5/6/7 – Mrs Christie Minns/

Mrs Debbie Lee Ibertson

### Specialists-

Physical Education- Mrs Janet McKenna

Music- To be confirmed.

LOTE- Mrs Sandra Noller

Library/ History- Mrs Joan Sheldon

Support Teacher – Literacy and Numeracy- Mrs Le-Anne Whittred.

Chaplain- Mrs Irene Hurren

Congratulations to Mrs Whittred who has just received notification of her permanency here at Harrisville State School. This is wonderful news as Le-Anne has been on contract here for many years!

If you have any questions please make an appointment at the office.

**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.

## News from the Principal

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

In our final newsletter of the year I would like to say thank you to all for a fantastic school year!

I wish all families and staff a restful break! I am looking forward to a holiday, as are many of our students and staff!

I just wanted to wish our departing staff a final farewell! Mrs Williams, Mrs Bates and Ms Connolly good luck in your new schools and the adventures to come. You have made a huge difference in your roles as teacher's here at Harrisville and I know you will all continue to thrive in your new schools. Good Luck!

Yours in Education

**Christie Minns**

Principal

### STAFFING NEWS FOR 2014!

At this stage we will offer 3 class groups! Our numbers are close to gain our fourth teacher!

Class groups for 2014!

### BOOKLISTS COMING OUT!

Copies will also be made available on our school website and via email.

Don't forget- Blue Homework bags are available from the P&C for \$8.

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Please consider purchasing your books from the Yamanto News as they give back 10% to our school P&C.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN**

Our school will be open from Monday 20th January through to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Staff will be unavailable on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January as we will be attending mandatory training in Boonah. We will open again on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

The first day of school for the New Year will be Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

### **UNIFORM SHOP OPENING IN THE NEW YEAR!**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January the P&C uniform shop will be open. Come along between 9am and 11am to purchase hats, shirts, shorts or book bags!

### **A MESSAGE FROM MRS WILLIAMS**

It is with a great deal of sadness that I say goodbye to you all in this newsletter. I have spent nine wonderful years at this school, learning to know and love the people I am associated with—the students, the parents and the staff. You have all made my time here very rewarding. I have not had this kind of rapport with a school community before. I doubt I ever will.

I hope, in some way, I have made a positive impact on your lives as you have done to mine.

To my current class, you are all adorable, even when you aren't!! I see so much potential in you all and I hope when one of you makes Prime Ministership you will remember dottery old Mrs Williams. To the other children I have taught, I want you to remember that you also taught me many things and that you are all so special.

To the parents: you have made me feel valued and appreciated. I thank you for that.

To the staff: you guys are the best friends I have ever had and the best support system on earth. No one could ever dispute that.

I will miss you all so very much and you will always be fondly remembered. Thank you.

### **A MESSAGE FROM MRS BATES**

Not Good-bye – See you later

As most of you would know, my family and I are off to Longreach next year where I will be teaching at Longreach School of Distance Education (also known as School of the Air). We will be heading off on our new adventure a couple of days after Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, teachers, staff, parents and community for being so welcoming to me this year as a Teacher at Harrisville State School. My time here has been truly amazing and I feel so privileged to have been a part of what I consider an amazing school.

P & C and Parents – thanks for what you do for our school, your ongoing support and bringing such wonderful students to this school.

Staff – thank you for being so welcoming and making the transition from parent to Teacher/parent seamless. I tear up when I realise I won't be here each week to love, laugh and learn from you all. I am so lucky to have a crew of mentors to guide me in my first year of teaching.

My students - I have looked forward to each and every Tuesday/Wednesday when I knew I was coming to this gorgeous class to inspire, teach, laugh and explore each and every day with you. I have been your teacher, but you have also taught me so much as well.

It is a credit to the staff and students that we have such an extraordinary school environment. It is with a heavy heart that we leave the school and area for the next few years; however, we are also excited about what the future holds for us in Central Queensland.

Have a safe, enjoyable and happy Christmas and New Year and we shall see you when we visit on holidays – Cheers

Peta Bates

### **THANK YOU FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

2013 is almost over. We are in our final week and it is full of end of year activities for all the groups and people we involve ourselves with. As chaplain at school, it has been rewarding to spend time with the children and watch them grow. My desire to 'bring

hope to a young generation' is being blessed by working with your children.

Each year we have planned a "Chappy Challenge" to help supplement the government grant (that pays the wages). Chaplains incur other expenses (such as travel allowance, books, resources, games, conferences, training, professional development, and supplies for activities) to equip us to work in schools.

As a date claimer - 2014 "Chappy Challenge" is on Saturday March 1st, starting at 6a.m. and finishing around midday. It involves many events (bike rides of 60k, 30k, 10k, 5k, 1.5k, running 10k, 5k, 1.5k, and other events). Registration can happen anytime on line. More details in first newsletter back at school next year.

Thank you to all students, staff and community who have contributed into my life at school this year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2014

Have a safe and happy holiday, with family and friends.

Mrs Irene Hurren (school chaplain)

**DENTAL VAN IS HERE**  
**PH: 0419654650**  
**NEW PREPS FOR 2014 COLLECT A FORM!**

The dental van is closing from the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It will reopen 10<sup>th</sup> December for one day only. Normal operations resume 13<sup>th</sup> January (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday). Parents will be contacted and offered appointments over the holidays. The dental van will stay on our school site until all children are complete.

**NEW PREP CHILDREN FOR 2014 ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE DENTAL VAN. THERE ARE SPARE FORMS IN THE OFFICE. IF YOURCHILD IS ATTENDING HERE NEXT YEAR PLEASE COME AND COLLECT A FORM FROM THE OFFICE!**

**2/3/4 NEWS**

In the 2/3/4 class we have been learning about Christmas Around the World. So far we have learned about Christmas traditions in Mexico, Italy, Sweden and Israel. For technology we made le Befana who was a witch from Italy, a poinsettia from Mexico, a dove from Israel and a wreath from Sweden.

Did You Know?

- Jultomten is the person who delivers lollies to children who leave their shoes on the window sill in Sweden.

- A poinsettia is the famous red flower which was turned from a weed into a beautiful flower on Christmas Eve. This was a gift for Jesus.

- A dove is a sign a Peace  
Santa Lucia's wreath, from Sweden, has seven candles on it. They represent the light which she used to see by when she was taking food to the Christians.

We learned that there are a lot of different traditions in different countries and it has been a lot of fun learning about them.

By Damian Wozencroft and Britney Cumner

Thank you to the 2/3/4 Class for an outstanding year! It has been a pleasure to teach you this year. I wish you a restful break and enjoy your holidays.

Mrs Stenzel

**BUNDAMBA POOL EXCURSION- BREAK UP DAY**

A letter was sent home with the newsletter with some final details! It is going to be a great day!

**Students of the Week**



**Congratulations to Britney and Abbyleigh who received Bursary (Britney) and Citizenship (Abbyleigh) awards. These were presented on parade by Betty from the CWA. CONGRATLUATONS**

## P&C NEWS

### AGM & P&C GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
7pm in the school  
library.

All positions will be vacated for the coming year! Please come along and support our great school.

DATE TO BE RE-  
CONFIRMED NEXT  
YEAR!

## HARRISVILLE CAROLS

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
6pm Sausage Sizzle  
6.30 Carols  
Harrisville Hall

### 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](mailto:admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au)



Thank you to all our family and friends for attending the Prep Graduation Ceremony!