

HARRISVILLE NEWS

Wednesday, July 23, 2014



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3/4

July

18th July- Harrisville SS – Hornets/ Hounds- Athletics Carnival

24th July- Small Schools- Full day Athletics Carnival

August

5th August – P&C Meeting 6.30 School Library All Welcome!

October

October 11th TRIVIA NIGHT- SAVE THE DATE!

ART AUCTION- Date to be confirmed.

2007 Levi and Bailee

2008 Wyatt and Jessica

2009 Jackson and Elizabeth

School Opinion Survey

Today we are sending home a letter detailing the process for our annual school opinion survey. This year the survey is to be completed online. Details of how to participate are included in the letter. I would encourage all families to get online and have their say about our wonderful school.

News from the Principal

Thank you to all our families and friends for coming along to our Athletics Carnival last week. The weather was extreme! I appreciate the staying power of our students and our parents as the wind nearly blew us all away!

I was so impressed with our student's sportsmanship and team spirit. Our team captains did a fantastic job of leading and building our students confidence, sportsmanship and effort at participating. Thank you again to staff for all their efforts in organising the carnival on the day.

Every student had a fantastic day! I would like to congratulate the Hounds team for being the overall winners on the day with 381 points. Our Hornets were not far behind with 377 points. A close match on the day.

AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2014

2001 Ebonnie

2002 Bree and Aaron

2003 Patrick and Charlee

2004 Riley B and Emily

2005 Dominic/ Brock and Tenille

2006 Philip and Kira/ Melanie

We are so proud of the efforts of our staff, students and community! The survey allows parents, staff and students to have their say so that we can make our school the best! Your feedback is valued and important!

Results from our 2013 school opinion are available on our school website. Look up our latest School Annual Report 2013 to see our school results from 2013. 2013 was outstanding! Thank you again for supporting our wonderful school!

Yours in Education

Christie Minns

Principal

ST RITA'S MUSIC CONCERT VISIT



At the end of last term we had a visit from St Rita's instrumental music band. The school was on tour

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<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=694704363884694> P & C Facebook page for notifications.



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across the South East visiting schools along the way. We were very lucky to be treated with this performance from a very accomplished group of musicians. Our students thoroughly enjoyed listening to both the string band and the instrumental groups.

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our small schools athletics carnival will tomorrow. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Warrill View, Mutdapilly and Harrisville SS will all compete for school points as well as for selection in the district athletics teams. Please come along and join in the fun! Hopefully the wind stays away!

ACTIVATING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE- READING STRATEGY!

Each fortnight our school will be focusing on a reading comprehension strategy as a part of our whole school reading plan. We will be modelling the strategy for students in a whole class lesson, following up with shared group reading as well as practising the skill in our guided reading and independent reading lessons. With a focus across the whole school we are trying to develop a consistent language and approach to developing comprehension. Why comprehension? Our data says that our students are fantastic decoders. We can read the words. It is the next level of making meaning and understanding texts that we need to develop.

Our strategy for the fortnight is activating prior knowledge.

Prior knowledge is the unique set of knowledge each individual student brings to the reading experience. It is a combination of the student's attitudes and knowledge.

By knowledge we mean:-

- What the student already knows about the reading process
- Vocabulary knowledge
- Topic knowledge
- Concept knowledge
- Text type or genre and the language features

By activating prior knowledge students are able to connect with what they already know. This gives them a base on which to build further knowledge. Please ask your child (Years 2-7) about the TV (text / Visual strategy) that we have been focusing on.

With this weeks newsletter I have also included an updated copy of our reading comprehension strategy cards. Please peruse and if you have any questions please see your child's classroom teacher. We are also introducing SCORE to support our reading program. I will have some more information about this next week.

ATTENDANCE- EVERY DAY COUNTS

Just a little reminder to ring, email or send a note along each time your child is absent. Our class teacher's need to keep this information up to date.

If you are running late please make sure you pop into the office to sign your child in. Mrs Lutter (MTW) will give your child a LATE note. This will assist our classroom teachers to keep accurate records of the times children arrive. On Thursday/ Friday please come and sign our late arrivals book in the office. Thanks for your support.

STUDENTS HAVE YOUR SAY

Prep to Year 12 students are invited to have their say on the future of education in Queensland. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can ensure all students are given the best education and outcomes.

Your feedback will contribute to the development of the Queensland Education Accord, a 30-year vision for education in Queensland.

All you need to do is submit video feedback on one of the seven Queensland Education Accord student questions. If your video is chosen it will feature at the Queensland Education Accord Summit in September and you will be in the draw to win one of four \$50 iTunes vouchers.

Entries close Friday 8 August 2014.

For more information and to view the Queensland Education Accord questions, visit the website.

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/student-engagement.html>



HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL
PLAYGROUP

**Playgroup resumes
Week 3
Thursday 31st July!**

THURSDAYS @9.30 am

Bring a gold coin donation! \$2.00

Playgroup is held on the Harrisville School Grounds. Everyone is welcome!

Koala Joey Program supports early literacy and numeracy development. Come along and have some fun!

Absence Note

"Every Day Counts"

Dear _____,
My child _____ was away on
____/____/2014, ____/____/2014, 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

Students of the Week



Congratulations to Mackenzie, Tiffany and Elizabeth!

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting ... 5th August – 6.30-
Library

Thank you to Riley B & Family for looking
after our chooks over the holidays!
GREATLY APPRECIATED!

