

HARRISVILLE NEWS

Wednesday, February 20, 2013



SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

February

27th Feb - District Swimming Carnival- By nomination

28th Feb- **GRIP Leadership Conference – Year 7's**
Conference cancelled by Cluster (SORRY!)

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

March

2nd March- Chappy Challenge

5th March- Currumbin Excursion for all students. Note home today. Please return ASAP.

10th March- P&C working bee 1pm - All Welcome!

12th March – P&C meeting- 7pm- All Welcome!

28th March – Last day of Term 1.

TERM 2

April

15th April- First day of Term 2.

News from the Principal

I would just like to say thank you to all our families for your support of our new attendance policy. We are striving for no unexplained absences this year! All our teachers have reported that for every absence our families have been calling, emailing or sending in notes. This is a fantastic achievement. Keep up the good work.

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Principals decide if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

This week will be the last week for our staff profiles.



Janet McKenna Physical Education Teacher

Diploma of Teaching
Swim Australia Teacher
R.L.S.S. Level 1 Instructor and Examiner
Foundation Coach Netball

Janet has been teaching since 1990. She has taught Physical Education on the Sunshine Coast and in Mt Isa. Janet has taught Outdoor Education at Lake Julius S.L.C. and Maroon O.E.C. As a primary classroom teacher Janet has taught in the Fassifern area since 2002. Janet has returned to her true calling - Health and Physical Education, and is now teaching at six local schools.

Janet is passionate about teaching swimming and survival skills. She believes that learning about different water and what our bodies can do in it, is a life-long journey. 'I get a real buzz out of helping the students explore their capabilities', explains Janet. You will see her about the area, on the road training for triathlons and coaching the Under 10's at Fassifern Netball Association.



Joan Sheldon- Librarian & History Curriculum (Prep to Year 7)

Joan Sheldon works in a variety of schools across the Fassifern Cluster. She currently works as our school librarian and history curriculum teacher for all our students. This is a new role for Joan in 2013 as we implement the new history curriculum. Joan is well travelled and has taught in New Zealand and Scotland. Joan also speaks German fluently and teaches LOTE at some of the schools within our cluster.



Music Kerry-Anne Richter (previously known as Kerry-Anne Buchan or Miss B) Music Teacher

Kerry-Anne works across many schools within the Fassifern cluster. She is a specialist music teacher who has a passion for this key learning area. Kerry-

Anne has worked at Harrisville for many years and has enjoyed teaching the children. Kerry-Anne also works with children on singing skills as a part of the school choir.



Sandra Noller- German LOTE

Sandra has returned to Harrisville State School as our German LOTE teacher this year. She has been at Harrisville previously over the years and has a strong German teaching background. Sandra enjoys teaching language studies to students across the Fassifern.



Robyn Griffiths Cleaner

Robyn has been a school cleaner for over 15 years. She has done relief work across many schools within the Fassifern and is currently working at Mutdapilly and Harrisville. Robyn joined the staff here at Harrisville last year and has enjoyed working in schools.



Roger Gray Schools Officer/ Groundscare

Roger Gray has worked at Harrisville SS as the grounds care officer since 2006. He is a retired school teacher/ principal. Roger understands the workings of schools and enjoys being part of our team here at Harrisville. Roger strives to keep the grounds in tip top shape.

Yours in Education
Christie Minns
Principal

3/ 4 News

LIFE CYCLES By Hayden, Ryan and Mitchell

The 3 /4 have been learning about life cycles Hayden and Ryan brought in caterpillars. Since they brought them in we've seen one butterfly emerge and 4 others have hatched. Most of the other chrysalises have been parasite. We named the butterflies Ranga, Trina, Tranga, Orang-utan tan. They are the butterflies names.

5/6/7 News

CROSS COUNTRY ACTIVITY By Makayla



Every Monday and Thursday we go out to do cross country. On Thursday we saw a lizard it had spikes on its back it ran up the tree like a cheetah running for their prey.



All the children have fun practicing with their friends. Our teachers take their time looking after us children so we would like to say thank you to Mrs Hall, Mrs McLaren and Mrs Minns for controlling our cross country practice. We love cross country training so we can be fit and really well on the real

day. After each training session the teachers ask us how many laps we have done.

The prep/1/2 class are doing sensationally well also thee3/4 class and the 5/6/7 class.

My Rugby League Trials by Broden

On the 13th of February 2013 I was picked to try out for the Ipswich and districts school boys rugby league team, for the 2013 under 12's team. I was so excited and couldn't wait to step foot on the field. I was lucky enough to have played for Ipswich school boys in under 10's in 2011, so I was familiar with the process. The school bell rang for home time, I was so pumped to get on the field and play some footy. All I had to do was run to the car and drive to the destination which was Briggs road at Ipswich. I got out of the car at Briggs road very nervous knowing it was going to be one of the hardest games I have had to play, I cleared my mind and went over to my friends and started to warm up, because we only had five minutes till we had to be on the field, (by the way that was probably the quickest 5 minutes of my life).

Bing, bing , bing! The referee whistle sounded, the game was about to start and it was time to play. My position was five-eighth that means that I am the play maker/second receiver. It was very exciting but at the same time, very nerve-racking. We played 2 halves of 20 minutes each way.

The game had now finished, I walked of the field knowing that no matter what happened I had tried my hardest. Now all I had to do was wait, because the selectors told us that this was the biggest group of kids they have had try out in a very long time and it was going to be a hard decision, the team would be posted on their website tonight around 9pm. As it was 5pm this mean I had 4 hours to wait (by the way this felt like the longest time of my life, it went so slow).

Here we go the clock struck 9pm and I jumped on their website, the link was right in front of me all I had to was click it, I closed my eyes 1...2...3 then opened them, I was third on the list! I HAD MADE IT, I was so happy!!!

I am now on the 2013 Ipswich and districts school boys' team for under 12's. We will be playing footy all round Qld like Roma Toowoomba and I also go on a tour to Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg for 1 week, I can't wait!!

Also I would just like to say good luck to William Hayes and Hayden Miles who have made it to the possible probable for Ipswich & districts school boys, Both the boys will try out for a spot on the under 10's team today! Just try your hardest boys and have fun and enjoy the experience. (:

Students of the Week



Congratulations!
Charlee, Damian, Philip, Kira.

P&C NEWS

Next meeting March 12th 7pm school library.

Tuck shop news

Please note that hot food will only be available first break

Changes to menu as follows:

- Slinky apples \$1
- Mini pizza now available \$3 Hawaiian and meat lover
- No fruit tubs available

Please note that tuck shop order forms and menu are now available on the school website. Orders must be in by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to our new and returning tuckshop volunteers a roster has been done up for the semester please see attached if you have offered to be a tuckshop volunteer thank you and your time is very much appreciated

Ice-block days Wednesday \$1

Uniform news

Due to a price rise from the company who make our uniforms the price has now changed

Current Uniform Price List 2013

School Shirt/Sports Shirts \$23.00

School Shirt/ Sports Shirt (adult size)\$25.00

School Shorts 15.00

Hat \$8

All uniform enquires to Melinda Merlehan
0437 199 030

New purchases by the P & C

- The p&c will be funding the bus for upcoming school excursion
- New school sign being purchased to be put up across tennis court so it can be seen from the road
- Purchasing chairs and tables for lunch area
- New Vegetable Garden put in place to offer fresh food for tuckshop lunches
- Brand new High Jump Mats have been purchased as the old ones were unusable the children will now have the opportunity to practice their high jump skills for upcoming sports days

Dates to remember

Working bee set for 10th march 1:00pm

Next meeting March 12th 7pm school library

Fundraising Items

If you have any ideas you would like to add to this year's fundraising efforts there is a get together on this FRIDAY AT 11AM at school. ALL WELCOME.

Bookclub Due Next Wednesday. Please return forms and money to the P&C collection box by Wednesday 27th March. THANK YOU

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.