

HARRISVILLE NEWS

Thursday, February 04, 2016



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016

School Calendar for 2016-

http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

TERM 1

February

16th February- P&C meeting and AGM 6.30pm school library. All welcome to attend.

10th February- Classroom Information Sessions- 6pm P/1, 6.25pm 2/3, 6.50pm 3/4 & 7.15pm 5/6.

March

1st March- Possible Date for Year 6 Induction Ceremony. Awaiting confirmation of shirts/ badges/ special guests.

3rd March- School Performance Tour- Then & Now. \$4.95 per child.

4th March- Fire Ant Presentation

4th March- School Disco - \$5 all funds raised go towards student project club. 5.30- 8pm.

5th March- Chappy Challenge- Come along and have some fun!

15th & 16th March- Life Education Van Visit- \$9 per student. More information to follow.

24th March- Easter Hat Parade 8.30 (making) 9.30- Parade.

9th March- Jump Rope for Heart- Jumping Demonstration- More information to follow

Date to be confirmed- Gymnastics Demonstration for Parents-

and the school environment for our children. Come along on Tuesday 16th February to join our dedicated group of P&C members. Thank you again to our P&C for your contribution to our school.



It is that time of the year again where our classroom teachers review our School Responsible Behaviour Plan and school rules. All areas of Harrisville State School are learning and teaching environments. We consider behaviour management to be an opportunity for valuable social learning as well as a means of maximising the success of academic education programs.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting Harrisville State School to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and teaching environment, where ALL school community members have clear and consistent expectations and understandings of their role in the educational process.

News from the Principal

Welcome back everybody! It has been a busy few weeks with our students settling in nicely to school routines. Welcome to our new families. Our numbers for Day 8 have been solid this year with 91 effectively enrolled students in 2016. This allocation means that we can maintain 4 class groups.

Thank you again to our dedicated staff at ensuring classrooms were up and running for the start of the school year. We are all looking forward to a great year of learning. Thank you also to our P&C for purchasing new desks for our 2/3 class and our Year 1's. These desks cost over \$10 000 and will be a treasured school resource for many years. It is with your support that we can improve the learning

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Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:



Be safe



Be responsible



Be respectful.

To Learn!

I would encourage families to talk about our school rules and to review our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan. It is available on our school website. It is with your support that we can maintain a high level of behaviour and work ethics within our classrooms. Our staff are looking forward to a busy year of learning!

Yours in Education

Christie Minns

CLASSROOM INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next Wednesday night 10th March we will be holding information sessions for each of our classrooms. Our session times are listed below.

P/1 - 6.00 pm

2/3 - 6.25 pm

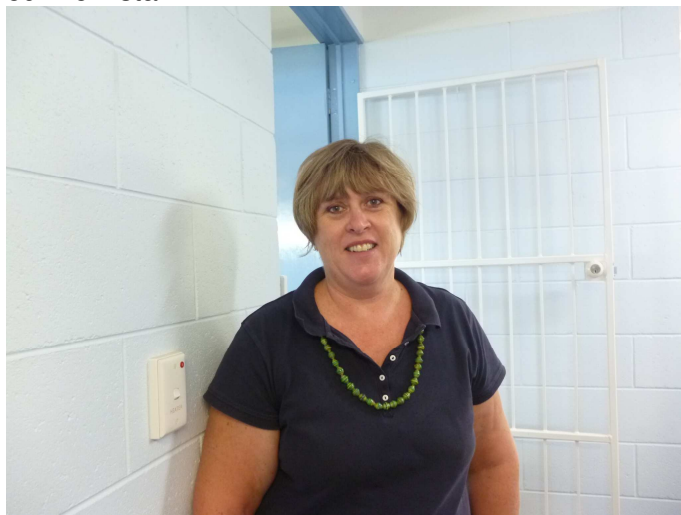
3/4 - 6.50pm

5/6 - 7.15 pm

Parents are welcome to attend to find out about classroom programs for the year. We are looking forward to catching up with our families.

STAFFING UPDATE!

In the coming weeks we will include information in our school newsletter about the staff here at Harrisville. We have a great team who are dedicated to supporting your children in their education. We will start the year off with some of our new staff.



Mrs Nita Tilney
Bachelor of Teaching Early Childhood Education

My name is Nita Tilney. I live in Beaudesert and have 2 sons – 15 and 12. Our weekends are full of sport and craziness. Throughout my teaching career I have worked with children from Kindy to Year 12. For the last 15 years I have taught in schools in the Scenic Rim and more recently have worked with young children with disabilities. I particularly enjoy working in smaller schools with country kids and look forward getting to know the Harrisville school community.



Mr Craig McNeill
Teacher Aide Educational Interpreter

I began my working career with Education Queensland in 1986 as an apprentice Electronic Tradesman and for 10 years, I visited every school in Queensland repairing typewriters and computing equipment.

I returned to EQ in 2001 as a teacher aide, working with children with special needs. On weekends and holidays, you can typically find my family camping up in the mountains by a stream or snorkelling in the sea. My hobbies include Archery, bushwalking and all the glorious forms of science fiction. I am looking forward to being a part of 2/3 team terrific!

PREP /1 NEWS – MRS WHITE

Our class enjoyed a visit to the library and borrowed a book to take home. Our borrowing day will be Friday. Home reading will begin after Parent night next Wednesday.

Preps have learnt the words 'I' and 'am'. We are using the 's' sound to look at what starts with this sound. In Mathematics we are sorting objects into groups ... for example- all the big things go in one group and all the not big things in another.

Year 1 is learning their new sight words, reading books and writing sentences about feelings. In Mathematics we are counting to 30 and then 50 in 2's and 10's and building these numbers.

2/ 3 NEWS – MRS TILNEY

Thank you to the P&C for purchasing new desks for our classroom. The desks look fantastic and our children enjoying the new learning environment.

This term we are thinking about words that make our writing very exciting. The children are using these 'Wow' words to describe and persuade. We are also exploring living things in our environment, and the life cycle of plants. In math we are using the "Part Part Whole" strategy to build familiarity with fact families. The children have hit the ground running and we are very busy! We look forward to showing some of our work on Orientation night.

3/4 NEWS- MISS WRIGHT

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back! The school year is already upon us and we have got straight into our workload for the year. Our class has started off Term 1 with the subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Civics and Citizenship, and Technology.

In English, we are exploring narratives and the novel 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. In Maths, we are currently looking at numbers to 1000 (Grade Three) and numbers to 10 000 (Grade Fours). Science this term is focussed on living things and life cycles. In Technology, we are going to be designing and programming games and last, but not least, we will be learning about democracy, rules and laws in Civics and Citizenship.

Class work is well underway and, as of this week, we have started our homework. Students have set up their homework books with a note explaining their homework expectations and keeping a record of their home reading. If you have any questions about this matter, feel free to contact me before or after school or by email at lwright156@eq.edu.au. I will also be able to give you further information about our classroom, face-to-face, at the Parent Information Night that will be held in the coming weeks.

Also, I would like to give a reminder to parents that some students are still missing their textbooks and, as these are currently being used in class, could you please source them as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
Miss Wright

5/6 NEWS – MRS IBBERTSON & MRS MINNS



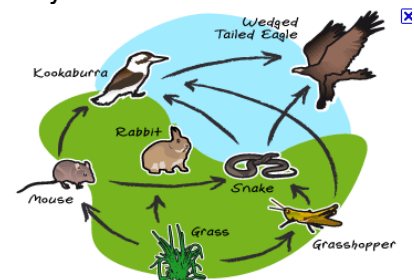
And we're off and racing....

This term our year 5/6 class is delighted to have hit the ground running with some valued new additions to our school and our class. We welcome last year's Yr 4 class and also Hannah, Darcy and Isla.

For a quick overview of what we will be exploring this semester please see below:

Science: Diversity and interaction in the living world

In this unit, students will explore the structural features and behavioural adaptations that assist living things to survive in their environment. They will use simulations to plan and conduct fair tests and analyse the results of these tests. Students will investigate the relationship between the growth and survival of living things and the physical conditions of their environment. They will investigate factors that influence how animals survive in extreme environments. Students will develop an understanding of Australian Aboriginal peoples' knowledge of the environment that enables them to live sustainably.



Civics: Exploring the roles and responsibilities of governments and citizens in Australia

In this unit students study the key institutions of Australia's democratic government, including state/territory and federal parliaments, and the court system. Students learn how state/territory and federal laws are made in a parliamentary system. Students examine Australian citizenship and reflect on the rights and responsibilities that being a citizen entails. They also explore the obligations that people may have as global citizens. Through the study of civics and citizenship, students can develop skills of inquiry, values and dispositions that enable them to be active and informed citizens.



Visual Arts: The animal within

In this unit, students focus on representation of animals as companion, metaphor, and predator. Students will:

- explore and explain the representation of values, beliefs in sculptural artworks by artists including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Asian artists and consider this in the development of their own artworks
- experiment with and use visual conventions and practices (ceramic sculpture, collage, surface manipulation, three-dimensional form, mixed media) in research and development of individual artworks which express a personal view
- plan the presentation of sculptural animals to enhance meaning for audience with description of influence and personal view
- compare visual art conventions and the representation of animals in three-dimensional artworks from different cultures, times and places and use art terminology to explain the communication of meaning.

Homework will be given and collected on a weekly basis and will be written in student planners. Please email me if you have any comments or questions. I am looking forward to a year of fun, learning and outstanding outcomes for all students.

English

In this unit the children will be completing an author study. We will be reading books written by Jacki French and comparing the language choices that are used in a variety of texts. Our class will form an expert panel to discuss the novels and present their ideas to the class.

Mathematics

In the coming weeks we will develop our speed and accuracy in learning multiples and multiplication facts. Students explore a range of ways to represent multiplication facts. Fast recall of our facts is critical. Please encourage your child to learn their facts!

CHAPLAINCY NEWS- MRS HURREN

Welcome back to school for 2016. I am looking forward to a great year with you all. My chaplaincy role in our school includes,-

- participate in social and emotional support activities including 'Friends' programs and Seasons for Growth' Programs
- Support students exploring their spiritual beliefs and worldview and send cards or write notes or have conversations with those needing encouragement, grief or bereavement support.
- Mentoring students through games and working together, school activities and supporting and guiding student leaders
- be involved in the local community by attending P&C, newsletter articles, attending community events and public speaking.
- Educational support through reading and group work and attending classes to support and assist students and teachers
- Extracurricular activities of participating and contributing in excursions, camps, sports days and other school activities
- promoting special chaplain events and activities.

Through all these aspects of work our greatest desire is to **'bring hope to a young generation'**.

"Chappy Challenge" is on Saturday March 5th, starting at 6a.m. and finishing around midday. It involves many events (bike rides of 95k, 60k, 35k, 10k, 5k, 1.5k, running 10k, 5k, 1.5k, and other events).

We would love for you and your family and your friends to come along, register, and participate physically or sponsor others who are participating.

There are 3 chaplains in this area servicing our schools. We enjoy our work and we are passionate about the future of these children and our community. Please come and support us on this day with this great family activity. SATURDAY 5th MARCH. More details in coming weeks.

UPDATE MOBILE PHONE DETAIL EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

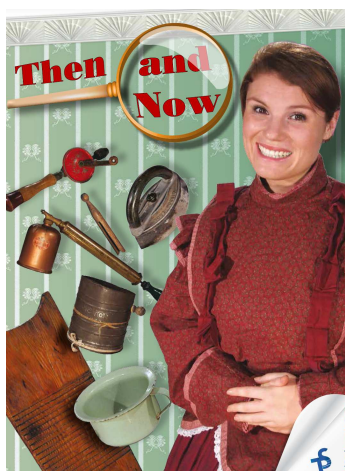
Please ensure we have your latest mobile phone details. If you have not been receiving SMS reminders of school events please let us know and we can add the most current number to your child's records. Please see your child's classroom teacher or administration staff to view your emergency contact details and update if required.

PLEASE UPDATE MEDICAL RECORDS

If your child has asthma please ensure their asthma management plan is current and up to date. If you child requires a puffer at school please ensure that you have filled out the administration of medication form at the office.

All children taking medication are required to have a form signed by their doctor with instructions for administering. Medication needs to be labelled with the child's name with the instructions from the doctor. If you have any questions please come and see us in the office. Administration of Medication forms are available at the office.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOUR- \$4.95 Each



This term we have School Performance Tours visiting our school on Thursday 3rd March- 1.30-2.30. Cost per student is \$4.95. All children are invited to attend this special performance. Then and Now looks at the determination, courage and good humour of Australian women. It uses story telling techniques to explore the vast differences between then and now.

This incursion fits within our History curriculum studies. Please return your payment of \$4.95 for your child to attend.

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis coaching has started before school this term. P12 will meet Tuesdays @ 7.30, while our 3-6 students will meet Wednesday's @ 7am. Fees for lessons are to be paid directly to our tennis coaches. Come to the office to collect a tennis form if you would like to join!

GYMNASTICS COACHING- AUSTRALIAN SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT!

Congratulations to our school for receiving another Australian Sporting School Grant. The school has received a grant of \$2200 which will be used

towards Gymnastics coaching. Tanya with her team from Jazzy Gymnastics will come each Thursday this term to work with small groups of students in learning gymnastics skills. Later in the term we will be showing off our new skills for parent. Please stay tuned.

Absence Note

"Every Day Counts"

Dear _____,
My child _____ was away on ___/___/2015,
___/___/2015, 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/ SMS your absence note to
admin@harrisvilless.eq.edu.au
SMS 0476 837 329

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting & AGM Tuesday 16th February- 6.30 –School Library

A P&C information pack was sent home yesterday with details about P&C membership and tuckshop. If you did not receive an information pack please come and see us in the office.

NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK.

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE-LIKE US!!

Our school P&C has a face book page. Go to-
<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=694704363884694>

HARRISVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Come along and have some fun at our Koala Joey Program and Playgroup

Resumes Tuesday 9th February 9am:- 11.00

All welcome to attend!

Families please note change of date and time!

Please talk to Lauren Gunstone & Sarah Robertson- Playgroup Co-Ordinators for the P&C for further information!

FASSIERN NETBALL INFORMATION

Come and join a team for fun and fitness with friends in 2016

2016 Date Claimers

- Thursday Feb 11th - Rep Team Trials @ 4pm – all ages from 11-16 welcome
- Saturday Feb 13th: Sign On in the main street of Boonah.
- Monday Feb 15th: Sign On at F.N.A. courts, Boonah Showgrounds.
- Monday Feb 22nd: Open Division starts and Intermediate Division Muster.
- Monday Feb 29th: Intermediate Division starts.
- March 14th & 21st: Net Set Go! (5-10 years) Have-A-Go Days and Sign On.
- April 11th: Net Set Go! starts.
- March 14th: FREE F.N.A. Umpiring Clinics.
- May 7th: N.Q. Foundation Coaching Course 9:00am – 1:00pm

Intermediate Division and Modified Game Training Sessions:
day and time to be announced in 2016.

NetSetGo! 5-7 year olds is conducted in term 2 only.

NetSetGo! Modified Game 8-10 year olds continues until 22nd of August.

If you would like to join an amazing group of volunteers and help F.N.A. continue to provide local netball, please contact the 2016 President Sam Hegarty on 0418 711 638 or email sdheg@bigpond.net.au. See www.fassifern.qld.netball.com.au contact details. You can also like our Facebook Page "Fassifern Netball Association" to ensure you keep up to date with events.

FASSIFERN COBRAS



SOCCER CLUB

SIGN ON

*"Be a part of a local community sports group,
where it's **all about the kids having fun**"*

Phone

0407 021 480

Everyone is WELCOME, new members will require birth certificate at sign on.

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!



THIS IS OUR GAME

Sign up Saturday, 6th February 10am til 1pm at
Kalbar Showgrounds!

FREE sausage sizzle!

Players NEW to the club receive their playing shorts and socks once fees are paid in full

Under 6 and Under 8: \$95

All other ages: \$150

Masters (men 35+): \$160

Get Started vouchers accepted

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