To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

As our school term comes to a close this will be our final newsletter for term 1. Thank you to all for your consistent support throughout our term and we look forward to another successful Term 2. This week I have analysed our assessment data from across the school and am very impressed with the improvement in our preliminary reading tests. This is evident due to the whole school approach to our reading program and support from our families and community. Our staff are dedicated and motivated for our students to exceed our set benchmarks and we are well on the road to this occurring this year. Next week I have been asked to work at Toogoolawah State High School as Acting Principal and am looking forward to this experience. Tina Corcoran will be Acting Teaching Principal at our school to gain experience also. Mrs Wendt will be returning to work next term and we look forward to having Mrs Wendt back in our classroom. Mrs Lynch and Mrs Philp will continue to support our students also in the junior classroom.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Easter Bonnet Parade will be held on Thursday 2nd April - 9am. We will be holding parade that morning at 8.45 and our Easter Bonnet Parade will follow this. Seniors will be required to make a bonnet if they wish to participate. Please see Miss Derksen if you require any materials. Juniors will be given time to work on an Easter Bonnets on Wednesday in class ready for the Easter Bonnet parade on Thursday morning. Thursday morning parade will commence at 8.45 am with our normal parade followed by the Easter Bonnet parade. If any students wish to make a bonnet at home this is also fine.

Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnival at the Kilcoy Pool on Friday 27 March. Please make sure your child is at school by 8:00am. We need to mark the roll and put their wristbands on before the bus leaves at 8:15am. All officials need to be at the pool by 8:45am. The Carnival will start at 9:00am. Swimming Program is attached to this newsletter. There will be no supervision at school, as all staff will be attending the carnival. Please call the school office on Friday morning between 7:30am and 8:00 am if your child is NOT attending the Swimming Carnival or your transport plans change. If you have any concerns or there is any reason your child should not participate in the Swimming Carnival please let the school know either in writing or contact the school office. Parents and family members who attend the swimming carnival are to be aware of the following points:

- Any pre-school children attending the carnival must be supervised by their parent/caregiver. Students need to remain with their school group to support their fellow students when competing and make assembling them for their events easier. There is limited shade available. Parents need to bring a chair as there is limited seating. The Benarkin P&C will be selling food items on the day (see attached list). The pool canteen will also be operating.

- Make sure your child has their swimming shirt, shorts/togs; goggles; hat; water bottle; sunscreen and a couple of towels would be a good idea.

- Hope as many parents as possible can be there to cheer on our students.

School Photos

Your school photo order will be delivered to the school the week of the 27th April.

Cross Country

April 24th at Tandurangie State School—school will be organising private transport so that we have a record of who is attending and how people are travelling. Those students going, please return forms by next Tuesday.

Please Note

There will be some maintenance work being done around the school over this weekend and over the school holidays.

We will be holding a special parade on the 23rd April at 9:15am to commemorate the 100 year Centenary of ANZAC. Parents are welcome to attend.

Kay Rye

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

* BE SAFE   * BE RESPONSIBLE   * BE RESPECTFUL   * BE RESILIENT

Office hours are:
Monday 8am to 11am; Tuesday 8am to 1pm; Wednesday 8am to 2pm; Thursday 8am to 1pm & Friday 9am to 11am
**Senior Classroom News**

The leaders and I had a great day in Brisbane at the Young Leaders Day. The day was all about "Getting Started". The main ideas that came through from the five speakers were: leadership means influence, be prepared to work under pressure, be willing to volunteer your time, have the will to never give up and be personally organised.

Well done in our reading success!!!! Our senior class has done a great job in improving their reading and comprehension skills. Our recent PAT Reading tests have shown great results by all students.

Thank you to the parents who support the classroom by working with their children to complete homework and spelling activities. Your support is vital in your child's learning.

This week Mrs Rye and I have been working on the senior class camp. At this stage we are looking at going to Mudjimba Rec Centre on the Sunshine Coast. The camp will take place in November (dates to be confirmed). The camp will be for 2 nights and 3 days. The approx. cost will be $220. We are hoping to do our own fundraising for this event to reduce the cost. We will be sending home a note gauging parent and student interest in the camp.

Not long until Easter!!
Have a great weekend
Kerry

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**REPORTS FROM OUR YOUNG LEADERS**

**Young Leader Day**

Emma, Jessie and I attended National Young Leader’s day in Brisbane on Friday the 20th of March. Guests speaker were Mike Martin, Juliette Wright, Bindi Irwin, Coen Ashton and James Norton who spoke about how to be a good leader. The day it was fantastic! Bindi Irwin brought along some animals from Australia Zoo.

This year’s leader day was all about getting started. We had to talk to the person in front or behind of us and I spoke to a boy from Churchie.

At the end of the 5 speakers, a lady asked us to write who was our favourite speaker. I choose Coen Ashton because he just got out of hospital as he has Cystic Fibrosis and he was only 17 years old. He has to go to hospital every month.

Jo-ReeseDonald

**Young Leaders Day**

Jo-Reese, Jessie and I went to Brisbane convention and exhibition Centre. The theme was “getting started”. We listened to five great speakers, Mike Martin, Juliette wright, Bindi Irwin, Coen Ashton and James Norton. We saw a few animals from Australia Zoo. I spoke with a student from Churchie, his name was Luka and he was getting started in soccer. Then we had lunch with Linville and I bought a halogen badge.

Emma Little
**Junior Class News**

Wow - Well done to all of our students with our recent reading scores– all showing steady improvement. I am also impressed with our prep students who have also completed Early Start testing and Mrs Hallas and I are very impressed with these scores. We test in this term to gauge the improvement each student has made by the end of the year. Thank you to all parents who have sent in boxes and cardboard - we will be setting up the shop in our last week and it will continue into Term 2- for we all need lots of practise with money. Thank you to Anita Kohler who has volunteered in our classroom this term and we look forward to reading with you next term.

**Easter Bonnet Parade**

Juniors will be given time to work on an Easter Bonnet on Wednesday in class ready for the Easter Bonnet parade on Thursday morning. Thursday morning parade will commence at 8.45 am with our normal parade followed by the Easter Bonnet parade. If any students wish to make a bonnet at home this is also fine. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a fabulous term and wish you all a safe and Happy Easter.

With only one week until the end of Term, the Junior class have been busy with assessment tasks. All students have found our Living and Non Living unit very interesting. Many children have brought items into class to share. Everyone enjoyed our very simple Worm Farms made from cut down soft drink bottles. The bottles were layered with Soil and Sand and then topped with waste vegetable matter. Each container became the home to three worms and we could see tracks through the layers as the worms moved to the top to feed. We were all excited to find a Koala in our playground. It is so terrific to see native animals in our habitat. Well spotted Mitchell! We hope that the Koala may visit Harlin School again.

Kay & Susan
P&C News
Our next meetings will be on Wednesday 6th May and 17th June, at 2pm in the library. If you would like an emailed copy of the minutes, please send an email to ndeer3@eq.edu.au.

Catering Job Calling all home cooks!
We have agreed to cater a Rogaine event to be held at Somerset Dam on Saturday 25th April (dinner at 4pm) and Sunday 26th April (lunch at 11.30 am). This will be the major fundraiser for term 2. We will need donations of home-cooked food and some people to help serve.
Please read through the note attached to this newsletter and have a think about what you may be able to make/donate and whether you are available to help out on either day.
We will need soups, stews, pasta dishes, etc.
We are feeding people who have spent 8 hours or 24 hours running around the hills at Somerset Dam. They will be hungry and they will be tired.
This Rogaine is different to the last one we did, in that the meal is at the end of each competition, and not overnight. This will make catering a little easier.
For enquiries or offers of help, please contact Jacinta or Ngaio

Student Council Raffle
The Student Council Raffle has started. Tickets are available at school. Tickets need to be back at school by 9am Wednesday 1st April 2015. If you would like some tickets sent home, please contact the school.
Thank you to all those who have returned tickets already.

Friday Night Raffles
Our turn selling tickets in the Friday Night Raffles at the Harlin Hotel has just about come to an end. Thank you to our volunteers and to everyone who bought tickets. We appreciate the support.

Yabby Races THIS WEEKEND!!
Thank you to all our volunteers. If you are free on Saturday night, please come along and join in the fun. It's always a great night!

Special Meeting
The Education Department has released a new Constitution for P&C Associations. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th of May at 2pm for the purpose of seeking approval from the members of the Association to adopt the new Model Constitution. This Special Meeting will be followed immediately by a General Meeting.

DATE CLAIMER:  Working Bee Sunday 14th June 2015

DATE CLAIMER:  Market Day Sunday 30th August 2015

Ngaio
P&C Secretary

Chocolate chocolate and more
See Mrs Lynch for your egg to colour. Entries close Wednesday 1st April.
Be sure to put your entry in the BookClub box.
Hi! It is great to see so many young people trying their hardest during sporting events. The Cross Country Races were exciting to watch and the Swimming Carnival will be the next challenging event between the small schools. Give your best!

Hopefully by the start of next term, if not earlier, the Senior Girls and I will be "journaling" our way through the G.I.F.T. Growing in Freedom Together Program. I know that the girls are eager to start, covering topics such as friendships, peer pressure, being healthy, body image, goal setting, being wise with money, etiquette and table manners. I am sure we will have a great time together!

Our solar powered Vegie Garden had a slight problem...the battery was faulty. Now we are right and hopefully the vegies will be set for growth. We have also planted flower seedlings in the 'old gardens' and hope to see a maze of spectacular colour in the future. Also thanks to Helen Golinski who kindly donated two upright gardens to assemble, perhaps at the next working bee.

BUT NOW A BIG REQUEST!!! VANUATU
My Church has combined with some Brisbane Churches to collect items of clothing, hygiene products, tools, linen and tinned food etc. to send by container to Vanuatu. If you can help please let me know and I can arrange with you to collect it from the school. Perhaps you could mention this to your family and neighbours too. Anything of good quality will be appreciated beyond words by these people especially those living on the remote islands of Vanuatu.

Finally, the Linville School Mums and myself, are organizing a series of Saturday Activity Days...Linville Community Kids Club, in the Linville Hall. Children from Harlin, Moore and Benarkin are invited to attend from 9am-12 noon. Older children can learn to sew a drawstring bag, using a sewing machine, and younger ones can hand sew around a butterfly or frog. Cost is a gold coin to cover the hall and any extra costs. Please stay if you can or arrange between parents to help assist and supervise. Children also bring their own morning tea and drink. It should be a great time!
Thanks Catharina Kusay
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Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Harlin
We are:

Safe
Responsible
Respectful
Resilient

Being resilient - be a problem solver
make your own fun!

- Think about how you can change something to make it better
- Talk to people in the playground if there is an issue
- Walk away if you don’t like it
- Say “stop, I don’t like what you are saying or doing”
- Make your own fun
- Play with someone different

Students receiving GOTCHAs last week for demonstrating positive school behaviours:

Charlie F, Alex H, William, Katelyn

Next week’s rule of the week:

Being respectful – keeping areas clean
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Toogoolawah PICTURES**
Sat., 28th MARCH
‘Earth Hour Documentary’ & ‘Marigold Hotel’
EARLY START - Doors: 6.45pm
Program: 7.15 – 10.00 pm

**Esk and District Cricket News**

**ROUND 8: - HATTONVALE/MULGOWIE versus ESK AND DISTRICT JUNIORS**

This game has shown a big improvement in the overall standard of play by the whole team. Although we had a loss this round, the team put up a great solid effort. Especially in week one the fielding and bowling was nothing short of exceptional.

**Week 1.** The boys lost the toss and had to field and bowl. The attack began with Nick Teske who was in fine form, he bowled four overs two of which were maidens and took the first wicket. Not to be out done, Zane Taipairi bowled two over’s and took two more quick wickets. Natty, Jake and Besu then followed with a further three wickets. As I mentioned earlier the fielding in this game was spot on, very tight and everyone covered each other. The remaining wickets were taken in the field, Nick Teske was in great form he managed a further catch and followed this with a run out. Well done Nick. We saw some great catches from Zane and Charlie Graham not to mention some quick thinking run outs from Harrison Engel and Jordan Brieschke. This first part of the match was the best the boys had played this season. Well done to all the team. The first innings finished with a score of 9/146 from 49 overs.

**Week 2.** The highlight of this week’s batting was the partnership that developed between Nati Lowing and Charlie Graham, their combined effort gave us a score of 61 runs (Nati 34, Charlie 27), well done boys. As in the first week of this game, the first three wickets fell quickly and early in the innings. Nick, Harry and Zane were the first to fall, with a total of 4 runs. The other player who managed double figures on the scoreboard was Reece Reiser he added a further 14 runs to the score. There were several boundaries achieved by the boys during this innings. One great attempt at the boundary was a hit smashed by Schady (Nickolas Schade), although the ball didn’t quite get to the boundary he managed 2 runs off it. The shot was a surprise to everyone watching, even the wicketkeeper was heard saying, “Where did that come from?” Well done Schady. Nickolas got a total of 3 runs, Blake Dargusch managed another 5. We finished with our total score of 136 runs, eleven short of victory. Better luck next year.

Well that’s the end to another great season. The team this year have played some great cricket, they have improved and become a better side, most of all what is so evident, is the team spirit and the importance of having fun. We as parents can be proud at what the boys have achieved this season.

Thank you to the coaches and to the dedicated parents who are there each week to support the boys.