To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

Firstly I welcome our new and continuing members of the P&C executive. Thank you to Helen Golinski for continuing on in her role as P&C Treasurer. We welcome Leighton Marshall to the role of President, Wayne Morrow to the role of Vice President and John Annan to the role of Secretary. I’m looking forward to working closely with the P&C and community members who joined our P&C as members. I look forward to seeing you at the regular meetings and having your support throughout the year.

Parents are asked to review the updated Smart Choices Strategy supplied by the Department of Education and Training. This is a matter of policy and is to be followed by all Queensland State Schools. Find attached to this newsletter the outlined revisions to the Smart Choices Strategy. Further information can be found online by doing quick google search for ‘QLD smart choices’.

Regarding bus drop offs; a concern was raised about students crossing before the bus departs, and then another concern was raised about the area on the highway side of the drop off zone being too steep to stand on safely. Coast and Country have agreed that an appropriate course of action is to drop the students off on the school side of the drop off zone.

Can I please thank Mrs Georgie Bull for taking over from Miss Derksen last week. The children and myself appreciate your efforts in the 4-6 class and are looking forward to your enthusiastic return. Miss Derksen will be taking Long Service Leave for the first 8 weeks of term 2. Mrs Georgie Bull will be replacing her for this period.

Swimming and the swimming carnival are coming up next week and the week after. If you have not yet paid please ensure full payment this week to ensure your child/ren can attend.

Please note that I will be away from school on 7,8 and 16 of March at various meetings. Thank you for your patience and understanding, the 2/3 class are well equipped to continue the usual routine in my absence.

Attendance at Harlin is outstanding! We must be one of the top schools in the state with our data! GREAT JOB parents and kids for getting to school all day, every day! If we maintain our high rate of attendance a party is just around the corner!

Staffing for 2016 is (nearly) finalised. I thank the community and our wonderful teacher aides for your patience while teacher aide staffing arrangements are finalised.

FORMS ATTACHED:
TANDURINGIE SS CROSS COUNTRY FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY 15TH MARCH.
• MEDICAL/PERMISSION FORM
• TUCKSHOP FORM

SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES
Please return to school on School Photo Day, 23rd March.

Until next time
Andrew Skippen
Principal Harlin SS

**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 1pm; Thursday 8am to 1pm (Payments by 1pm on Tues, Wed, & Thurs)

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Dates to Remember

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**Linguistics/THRASS word of the week:**
DIGRAPH: A two letter spelling choice.
From the P/1 Class

Prep/Year 1 have really enjoyed investigating healthy animal habitats around the school. They were excited when they discovered a large hole in the ground and made some interesting suggestions as to what living thing could be living there. Mrs Lynch did a great job of photographing the children’s observations! The children also worked as a team to create a healthy habitat mural.

In maths, prep are continuing to identify numbers and count collections of items. They also had fun collecting simple data from their classmates to make their favourite pizzas. Year 1 are continuing to consolidate number recognition to 100, and have been representing and recording simple addition and subtraction situations.

In English, we are investigating feelings and emotions of characters in books and how those feelings relate to our own experiences. Show and tell has been helping the children develop and improve their oral speaking skills.

In art, we will be creating portraits of a special person of each child’s choice. It would be appreciated but not essential if each child could bring in a close up photo of the person they have chosen.

For technology, we would love to receive donations of empty cereal boxes or shoe boxes etc. for an upcoming building and design challenge.

Finally, I would like to thank our parent helpers and extend a warm welcome to other parents who may like to assist in our classroom.

Meryl Doherty

From the 2/3 Class

You can see below that our students have been doing some mapping in Geography! We’ve talked about BOLTSS (Border, Orientation, Legend, Title, Source, Scale) when we are mapping and this week used alphanumeric grids to find things on maps. The kids (and I!) have been enjoying these activities.

Spelling is going very well in our class. Can I encourage parents to see me for clarification of what’s expected, if required. Remember that Year 2s are only expected to get 6 words correct, and our main focus is on improvement from pre-test to post-test. Parents are welcome to come into the classroom before or after school to have a look at their child’s ‘Data Sheet’. Each child is maintaining their own Data Sheet in the 2/3 class and as the year progresses we will develop our abilities of articulating improvement and setting goals. The kids are keen and are enjoying the independence of this task and ownership of their learning.

Andrew Skippen
From the 4/6 Class
The senior students came to school on Tuesday excited about making and cooking pizzas with Mrs Bull and Mrs Kusay, and pikelets and scones with three wonderful mums.

The students had studied fractions in maths during the week, and used what they had learned to work out how much of each of the ingredients were needed to make individual pizza bases, a batch of pikelets for 8 people, and two batches of scones. They were surprised at how many \( \frac{1}{4} \) and \( \frac{1}{2} \) cups of ingredients were required in their recipes.

After 1st break the Prep-Year 1 classroom began to smell delicious, as cheese, ham and pineapple pizzas bubbled and sweet scones rose and browned in the oven, while senior students watched and waited impatiently for them to cook.

After a quick cool down, and several happy snaps, almost all the baked goodies were eaten and enjoyed. The students then did a survey about food preferences, with some interesting data gained. The seniors are looking forward to their next cooking session - maybe a batch of chewy Anzac biscuits in April?

Kerry Derksen

Senior class cooking with Mrs Bull

P&C News

Hi all and welcome to Harlin SS P&C News.
The Harlin State School P&C Association held their AGM last Thursday 25th February at the Harlin Hotel. The meeting had a modest turn out of members but it was good to see the support for our small school!

Nominations were taken for the 2016 Executive Positions and these were given to:
Leighton Marshall – President
Wayne Morrow – Vice President
John Annan – Secretary
Helen Golinski – Treasurer

We would like to thank Jacinta Murray and Ngaio Deer for their tireless work over the past years and we will build on the foundations set by the previous committees.

This year will be a big year and we hope to be able to gain as much community support as possible to benefit this great little school of ours and the wonderful students we have.

Next Meeting will be on 9th March at 2pm.

John Annan (P&C Secretary)
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS

Week 4
4 to 6: Thomas & Mitchell
2 to 3: Jack & Isabella
Prep to 1: Hayley & Harry

Week 5
2 to 3: Dusty; Tom; Rose; Jack I.
Prep to 1: Abby; Ciar

GOTCHAS

Week 4
Congratulations to Indy; Harry; Ciar & Kyson
Emily; Harrison; Evie; Haylee

Week 5
Congratulations to Luke; Jacob; Cody
Charlie B, Ciar
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 5th March - pg
Doors: 7.00 pm   Movie: 7.30 - 9.20 pm

Sat., 12th March - m
Doors: 7.00 pm   Movie: 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8    Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, Twah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Forms for the Free Touch Football and Little Athletics can be picked up from the school office