To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

Week two is flying by as we continue along our learning journey. Thank you to all of our parents who attended the parent information session yesterday afternoon. I would also like to amend our parade time—error in last weeks newsletter. Parade is at 2.45pm on Friday afternoon and lately we have been holding it in the library due to unpredictable weather.

All are welcome.

Welcome back to Ms Hilary Benson in our library and also to our craft expert Mrs Blacklock and lovely to have Mrs Kohler volunteering in our junior classroom. Mrs Wendt popped in this week to read with our junior children and she was very impressed with the levels of improvement.

We have a visit scheduled from the Toogoolawah Police on Monday to talk with both classes on personal safety, safety at school and road safety.

I would like to congratulate Emma, Jo Reese and Jessie on the amazing job they are doing as school leaders. Week 2 of her role and Emma has already risen above and beyond her duties especially with helping our junior classroom and preparation. Jo Reese and Jessie set up a great obstacle course for our juniors during the week without any request. Well done and I am very thankful for enthusiastic leaders.

We have our Leaders induction parade on the 18th February and we would like all attending to please bring a plate to share for morning tea. An indication form is attached to this newsletter. Please remember to return all permission forms attached to newsletters as soon as possible.

Attached to this newsletter is our Responsible Behaviour Plan for all families to be familiar with our school values. Please take note of our behaviour matrix in our plan to remind your children of behavioural expectations at Harlin State School.

At this time of the year our team are busily preparing and setting targets and goals for each of our students. One of our whole school focus areas this year is to improve our numeracy scores. Our reading improved last year and we will still concentrate on this area of literacy to further improve our great results.

I am looking forward to a very busy yet rewarding term and am very pleased with the enthusiasm our Harlin students are already bringing with each day.

Please remember if you have any suggestions or comments please place in the suggestion box in the school office. If you wish to make an appointment with myself or Miss Derksen please do so through the office. Thank you for a great start to an excellent term.

NO SMOKING WITHIN 5 METRES OF OUR SCHOOL

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

“It takes a big heart to help shape little minds” - Anon

Kay Rye

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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

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Welcome BBQ - Everyone is cordially invited to our Welcome BBQ on Monday next week (9th February). Come along and meet your child's teachers, aides, and other parents. A sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be provided by the P&C, with ice-blocks for dessert. There is no cost for the BBQ. The BBQ starts at 5pm.

The AGM for the P&C will follow the BBQ at 6pm. This is a very quick meeting.

Joining our P&C - We would like to invite every parent to join our P&C. "What does this involve?", you ask. Well, the answer is as much or as little as you wish. Every so often we apply for grants to get projects done. When we fill in the applications, we are always asked how many members we have. It looks favourable if we have a high number because it shows that our parents are interested and supportive of their children's education. Joining our P&C doesn't mean you are expected at the meetings, (although that is nice), but it is one way to show your support. It means if you do come to a meeting, you are able to vote.

If you would like to join our P&C, please fill in the membership form attached to the newsletter and return it to school by Monday afternoon or bring it along yourself to a meeting.

News on our grant application - Last year we applied for funding to put a roof over our tennis court area. Our application has made it to the final stage but with the State Government in caretaker mode we are still waiting..... fingers crossed!

Ngaio
P&C Secretary

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Each Tuesday Student Council provides a slice of toast and piece of fruit to top up students before class. There is no cost for Toast Tuesday however a gold coin donation is greatly appreciated when student council provide a full breakfast once a term, this may include bacon, eggs and toast with juice or milk.

Student council members decide what will be provided for full breakfast and notes will be sent home advising parents of the menu on the day.

Students have been eager to place their names on the roster for TT, it is great to see the great organising skills that students have.

Well done to all of you!!

Mrs Lynch
Junior Classroom News

Wow what a great start to the term. We have been so very busy—learning our classroom rules and our school rules. We are focusing very hard at the moment on the rule of Keeping our Hands and Feet to ourselves to remain safe. We have also been looking at moving safely around our classroom.

Please continue to read each night with your child/ren. The benefits of having a book read to them at night or reading with your child has proven extremely successful with literacy development.

This term we have started looking at Adjectives and writing a character description. The children love our story The Dog on The Tuckerbox and we have had a lot of talk about the statue in Gundagai and what loyalty and friendship mean. Our Numeracy work has been focused on telling the time and counting patterns with numbers.

The most important part of our role in the early weeks of school is ensuring that your child/ren are offered a quality learning experience within a safe and supportive learning environment. As we progress throughout the school year we will often call for items required or help needed through this space.

Thank you

Kay and Sue

Harlin Conveyance Committee route P1006 (Mr Williams bus) Annual General Meeting

Thursday 12 February 2015, 7pm in the library at Harlin State School, all welcome.

Any enquiries please call Helen Golinski 54235085.

Senior Classroom News

Welcome back to 2015. It has been full on since last Tuesday. The grade 3's have settled in well and our new school leaders have shown how to be good school leaders by helping in and out of the classroom.

For those parents who don't know the senior room routine, homework goes home on Monday and is to be returned on Friday. Students bring home a worksheet that has maths and English activities and a worksheet related to their spelling words. Next week they will bring home a reading log.

We began our NAPLAN practice for year 3 and 5 this week. Whilst this is happening Mr Ward will be working with the year 4's and 6's. He will also be teaching the science unit for the term.

Hope you have a good week!

Miss Derksen