To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

- **LAST CALL FOR: MEDICAL FORMS & TUCKSHOP ORDER FOR TANDURINGIE SS CROSS COUNTRY TO BE INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 21.03.16**

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

**Swimming Carnival—TOMORROW - 18TH MARCH**
The Harlin/Linville Swimming Carnival will be held at the Kilcoy Pool on Friday 18 March. If your child is catching the bus please be here, 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 and the Carnival will start at 9:00am. **The Carnival 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—there will be plenty of room on the bus. 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. This will also help with marshalling before events.
- There is limited shade available.
- Parents need to bring a chair as there is limited seating.
- The Linville 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 *******

We hope to see as many parents as possible can be there to cheer on our students!!

**Other info:**
The Easter Bonnet parade will be held on Wednesday 23 March. As school photos are on in the AM we will begin the parade at 2:30pm. Mrs Maller, Mrs Lynch & Mrs Wendt will be judging. Parents are very welcome to attend! Thank you to Mr Annan for cleaning up our cemented areas in anticipation of our visiting artist next week! I am pleased to report that there is still only one confirmed case of scabies at the school. Thank you to parents for being vigilant about this.

**School Opinion Survey: Coming SOON!!**

We welcome back Mrs Bull for the first 8 weeks of next term, taking the senior class. Enjoy your well earned long service leave Miss Derksen!

**REMEMBER THE YABBY RACES AT THE HARLIN HOTEL ON 19TH MARCH AT 6PM.**

NB. We will be holding a special parade on the 22 April at 9:15am to commemorate ANZAC Day. Parents are welcome to attend.

Until next time
Andrew Skippen
Principal Harlin SS

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**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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**OUR SCHOOL VALUES**
* BE SAFE * BE RESPONSIBLE * BE RESPECTFUL * BE RESILIENT

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**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**
ACTUAL: 95.2%  TARGET: 95%
From the P/1 Class

After a hectic couple of weeks involving swimming and learning, I am sure the Prep/Year 1 students have been sleeping well, and will be looking forward to a holiday break!

In English, the Prep and Year 1 students have been enjoying exploring persuasive stories. Year 1 are now in the process of writing their own persuasive stories and I am very impressed with their hard work!

In Geography, we have been looking at the different features on pictorial maps and models and investigating location and direction. Year 1 have also been observing how features of places can be natural, managed or constructed. They are also looking at how places can change and how they can be cared for.

Next week, Prep and Year 1 will be using their skills of location and direction to find a small bucket of Easter eggs. I am sure they will look forward to that activity!

In maths, prep have been matching quantities to numerals and identifying more, same or less. They are also investigating patterns. Year 1 have been carrying out measuring activities and comparing lengths of different objects. Prep and Year 1 have also been enjoying using the IPADS for Mathletics.

Have a great weekend!
Meryl Doherty

From the 2/3 Class

Reading levels are FLYING UP in the 2/3 class. Our wonderful Chappie Mrs Kusay did some one on one reading on Tuesday and we moved a number of children up. I will be completing formal reading tests next week.

Our spelling lists have been TOUGH but the kids are excelling. Even when they do not spell the entire word correctly it is plain to see that strategies for spelling unknown words are improving—this is what it’s all about!

The students will be bringing home their data sheet at the end of next week. Do understand that this is the first time they have done something like this so we’ve been taking it a step at a time—there isn’t much on there! We will continue to improve over the rest of the year.

Thank you to my amazing class for holding it together during the messy week last week—Mr Skippen away, half the class at swimming for most of the day, 3 or 4 different teachers…. They took it all in their stride and had a good week anyway. Great job kiddies.

Thank you also to parents and kids for completing homework this term. I have told the students that every person who completes their homework this fortnight earns 5 points for our class reward. We need to get to 1000! I reckon they’ll make it!
Andrew Skippen

From the Uniform Convenor

Our school hats, shirts and the senior shirts have arrived. Cost of the senior shirt is $30.00 each.

Please see Mrs Tamara Williams for all uniform requirements.
From the 4/6 Class
It has been a super busy last few weeks in the senior room….and it’s only going to get busier. Students are finishing off their science assessments where they are creating a creature with adaptations for different environments. They are completing this on Powerpoint and are doing a fantastic job.

We have finished off writing narratives and are starting the next unit on persuasive writing. This will be carried over into term 2.

For those who do not know, I will be on long service leave for 8 weeks next term, starting straight after Easter. Mrs Georgie Bull will be on the senior class. She has worked with the class this year already so the students know her well. If you have any questions or concerns during this time please talk to Mrs Bull or Mr Skippen as I’m turning into a crazy horse lady and showing my horse Spanna at some of the big shows around the country.

Thank you to Mrs Williams for driving us to Brisbane on Monday for the National Young Leaders Day. There were many inspirational speakers there and the leaders we took there certainly learnt some valuable lessons….master the little things….these little things then turn into being able to master the big things.

Have a wonderful rest of term one and enjoy your Easter break…will see you all at the end of term 2.

Kerry Derksen

“Pippa inspired me because I now know I can fight my fears and have a go at something you might not feel comfortable doing. I am going to fight my fear of standing up and talking in front of people now”. Thea

“I thought that the dude that is going to Mars was the most inspirational to me because he has done a lot of things in his life. He told us we can master the little things that can turn into something big. I thought the exploding rocket was rad”. Charlie

“There were a lot of inspirational speakers. I especially liked the panel because they made me feel that life is exciting and that I can do anything that I want to do”. Ashleigh

“I found the Mars guy inspiring, his story was very interesting and I loved the idea that there is seaweed that when it is fried it takes like bacon”. Alex

“I reckon the guy who is going to Mars inspired me because the only people going to Mars were picked for their skills. He showed us a lot of cool things that he has done – he was an engineer and also because he is a comedian”. Cody

P&C News
Our second meeting of the year was held on Wednesday 9th March. Some good ideas were put forward on ways for parents to get more involved with projects around the school. Please come to the next meeting if you are able to help promote the spread of ideas to better our school and get some feedback on upcoming events.

Don’t forget! This Saturday 19th March is the annual yabby races held at the Harlin Hotel. Please come down and show your support for the community and have a fun-filled evening with live music and of course the yabby races themselves. Hope to see you there!

As you know funds raised by the P&C are used to support the school by subsidising costs like transport, excursions and camps as well as purchase of books and equipment.

Our next meeting will be held on 23rd March, 2pm at the school.

John Annan
P&C Secretary
Congratulations to the Students of the Week

Week 6
4 to 6: Alex, Charlie, Ashleigh
2 to 3: Isabella, Angus
Prep to 1: Harry & Liam

Week 7
4 to 6: Mylie, Georgia, & Jake
2 to 3: Abagale, & Rhanni
Prep to 1: Harry & Kyson

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Week 6
Congratulations to Abigail, Angus, Liam & Ciar

Week 7

Did Harlin SS students enjoy their swimming lessons last week? —YES!
Some upcoming programs are listed below. If you would like to making a booking for any of these events please contact me.

**Easter Holiday Program**
Science Magic: Don’t Do This at Home – Science Program with all new experiments
Tues 29 March to Fri 8 April 2016 (Weekdays only) $10 each
Science Shows at 10:00 am, 11:30 am and 1:00 pm

**Winter Holiday Program**
Museum Zoo Program in conjunction with the Room Full of Wild Animals exhibition
Mon 27 June to Fri 8 July 2016 (Weekdays only) $10 each
Daily shows at various times

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