To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

Earlier this week Miss Derksen and myself attended Numeracy training in Toowoomba which aligns to our school improvement agenda. I would once again like to thank everyone for your continued support in improving our attendance rate.

Thank-you to everyone who acted promptly with regard to our recent extreme weather emergency plan. We were contacted by both bus companies that service our school to inform us of early pick up which was followed up with phone calls to parents. My duty of care not only extends to students and parents with safe travel home but also to ensure staff are given ample travel time to arrive safely also. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Cross Country Events

This week Emma Little and Cody Williams competed in the cross country at Murgon State High School. Congratulations to Emma who is now going onto the next stage of competition. Best of luck Emma at Murgon on 26th May. Well done to both students for your mammoth efforts.

Under 8’s Day

May 26th—we will be travelling to Toogoolawah State School to participate in Under 8’s day—please see Narelle if you are able to assist with supervision on this day.

Toogoolawah Show

Toogoolawah show is fast approaching and we have commenced work on some posters for display. It is our attention (as in previous years) that every student has a piece of work on display and that our juniors enter the Edible necklace section as well as cup cake decorating. Please watch this space for more info regarding this.

Student Textbooks & Resources

As we enter week 3 of term two I am asking that parents ensure that your children have purchased the required texts and resources needed for school. Booklist/school requirement list can be obtained from the school office.

Playgroup

Each Tuesday morning 9am to 11am there will be an organised “Playscheme Program” for pre-prep children. The program will start on 19th May. This program will be organised and run by Save the Children Australia organisation. They will supply all the educational needs and equipment for the morning. Please see the attached flyer and feel free to contact the Brisbane office or our school if you have further questions. All children MUST be accompanied by their parent for the duration of the program. Children are to bring along their hat. A snack and water or milk will be provided by the organisation but if your child has a special diet you will need to provide their own snack.

AFL Auskick Program

The AFL Auskick program will be happening each Wednesday next term starting on 22nd July, during lunch break (1:25pm to 1:45pm), for 7 weeks. This year students participating will receive a back pack (packed with various items), AFL football and free tickets to an AFL game. Forms are attached to this newsletter. One form per student. The cost per student to participate will be $5.00. Please complete both forms and have your child return the forms with the money by Thursday June 4.

School Photos

The school photos have been delayed but they are not far away. As soon as they arrive we will let you know.

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 1pm;
Thursday 8am to 1pm & Friday 9am to 11am

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We will be holding an *Adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Thursday, **25th June 2015** within the school grounds.

The *School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: **RESOURCES: OUTDOOR CHESS SET, BOARD GAMES, DVDs SANDPIT TOYS**

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

You can also help us win an extra $1000 for our school, by participating in the Bupa Family Challenge. We’re encouraging all of our student families to register for the Fun Run Challenge at www.bupafamilychallenge.com.au. The Fun Run Challenge has been designed to help you and your child work together to prepare for the fun run. You will have access to fantastic training exercises, nutrition tips, recipes and health guides to help you get ready for your fun run and develop some healthy habits as a family. The school with the most registrations will win $1000 so every family counts! Remember to enter our school name and the FUN RUN promo code when you register.

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfun-run.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *School Fun-Run* event day at the school on **25th June** to help cheer on the students.

Online fundraising will be available this year. Details shortly

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

School contact

**Lin Lynch**

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**Readers Cup 19th June. Students have nominated themselves and five students have been selected to attend this year’s Readers Cup at Lowood. Books have been distributed and students have started reading already.**
**P&C News**

**Rogaine Round-up:** After all the accounts are paid, we have made just over $3000 profit from the Rogaine catering. Thank you everyone for your hard work.

**AFL Auskick:** The AFL Auskick program is back again for 2015. Kids who participate get a backpack full of goodies, a football and tickets to an AFL game. There will be 7 weeks of coaching sessions at lunchtimes in Term 3. The P&C and school are subsidising the cost of this program with the hope that every child will be able to join in the fun. The cost to parents, for the whole thing, will only be $5 per child.

**Sausage Sizzle:** If you can help us with a last-minute sausage sizzle at the Railway Markets in Toogoolawah on Saturday, please let Jacinta know. If you are planning on going to the markets, please pop in and buy a snag or a cold drink.

**NAPLAN Breakfast:** P&C will provide our students sitting the NAPLAN test with a top-up brekky between 8 and 8:30 am each morning. (Tues, Wed, Thurs next week) If you available to lend a hand, please let Helen know 54235085

**Working Bee:** Coming up on Sunday 14th June. Jobs that need doing around the school include weeding, brush cutting weeds behind the school and removing fallen tree limbs. BBQ lunch provided.

**Pie Drive:** coming up in July. Thanks Beck O’Neil for agreeing to organise this.

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

8am to 9am
Friday 8th May
All Presents $5.00
Lot of gifts for Mum, Nan, Grandma or that special person.

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**Junior Room News**

Attention all parents— We have started our reading testing for this term to determine our level of improvement for our students. It is a good idea to read through the book with your child first then ask your child to read the book back to you. A number of our students have gone up a level and will not be familiar with all of the words. Please refer to the bookmark—with our suggested strategies if children are stuck on a word. A book mark has been included in this newsletter for your convenience. Thank you for your assistance with this.
SOMERSET TRAIL FUN RUN

It is that time of year again when we put on our running shoes for the annual cross country and the Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run. After the preparation for cross country, the Fun Run presents a great opportunity for school staff, students and their families to keep running for fun. This year the event will be held on Sunday, 12 July and Somerset Regional Council encourage our local school communities to get involved.

With the option to register in either the eight kilometre or three kilometre run, the course starts in Fernvale and finishes in Lowood and culminates in a festival with activities, community stalls, presentations and delectable food options for finishers and spectators alike. Along the course itself, participants will take in the outstanding views of the Brisbane Valley, Brisbane River and the historic Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, which the event traverses. It is a beautiful way to spend a mild winter morning and can be enjoyed by athletes, amateurs and parents with strollers. Help your school to be active and healthy by encouraging participation in this exciting event and get a team together. Registering together had been made easier by the introduction of a team registration option.

Visit the event website for more information about the registration options available.

For more information about how you can get involved with this great community event, please contact Somerset Regional Council on (07) 5424 4000