To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,
Staff greatly enjoyed the THRASS course over the weekend and everybody learnt a huge amount. Mrs Ritchie (co-author, THRASS) was very impressed with our great school and our dedicated staff. Thank you to our staff for attending, Mrs Ritchie for presenting and our P&C for catering. We will continue experimenting with THRASS and improving our explicit teaching practices in English along the way. THRASS stands for: Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Skills. We will be holding a parent information session for THRASS one afternoon this term once the staff and I have consulted about the direction we will be taking our new training. More info to come. In the meantime please direct any questions to me.
This Friday I will be in Toowoomba at a professional development course. I will not be attending school at all on this day. The senior students will still run parade at 2.45pm (normal time). Next Wednesday, 19th August both Mrs Maller and myself will be away at a finance training day to be held at Nanango SHS.
The Cluster Principals visited our school on Wednesday, and we had many special guests. Thank you to Mrs Lynch for making the library ready for our visitors, and the P&C for catering. My colleagues commented on the great state of our grounds and the behaviour of our students. Great job everyone!
The Harlin State School Market Day is coming up soon. Please direct any queries or offer any assistance to the P&C Executive. We also have the Book Week Dress Up Day coming up soon. I have invited the local papers along to get some shots of our beautiful students.

Parent Contact Details: ALL PARENTS please ensure your contact details are up to date in our school system. I have attempted to make a few calls home recently and have reached disconnected numbers.

As you know Miss Derksen organises the PBL focus for the week. Last week’s was Be Respectful: Wearing your uniform with pride. Great job to the students that received rewards and awards for this last week. We have also been discussing behaviour with students before and after breaks. We currently have a strong focus on Be Respectful: Rubbish in the bin. After eating times the teachers check the eating area and if there is any rubbish all of the students ‘go on the hunt’ and take care of the mess. This has been a very effective strategy and the students are already taking better care of the area.
We have completed a PBL Tic - a short staff survey to see where we are at with our behaviour processes. A visitor to our school in the next few weeks will be completing a PBL Set - an evaluation of our behaviour systems. These two processes will give us a clear focus on ‘where to next’ with our behaviour management processes at Harlin State School. Miss Derksen has been doing a fantastic job of course heavily involved in these processes.
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Book Week starts in the last week of August. “DRESS UP” day will be on Tuesday, 25th August. Come dressed up as either your favourite book character or the book week theme “Books Light Up Our World”. We are looking forward to Alkira visiting and having morning tea with us here at Harlin State School. Would parents please provide a plate to share with our guests. See attached flyer and return to the school box in the office.

DON'T FORGET THE UPCOMING MARKET DAY—SEE THE IMPORTANT ATTACHMENTS

Until next week!
Andrew Skippen A/Principal Harlin SS

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**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET**

**CURRENTLY AT** 94.4%

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**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 3pm; Thursday 8am to 1pm

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From the Senior Room

Our class has been working very well in getting their carnival game organised. I'd like to make special mention to “Girl Power” (Georgia, Jess & Jo-Reese) and “JEEMs”(Emma, Jessie, Emily & Mylie). Both of these teams have been working together as a team from start to finish. They use negotiating skills and cooperate every time they get together. Well done girls! Please ask your child if they need to bring in any resources for their carnival game.

In English, students will be writing a letter to Mr Skippen asking for money to start their business. The money they receive will be used to pay for advertising and prizes for each carnival game.

In maths, teams will be working out expenses that their carnival game will cost them. At the end of the unit they will be submitting a profit and loss statement.

Students will be creating posters using Publisher - please check out their awesome adverts in the newsletter. And yes, they had to pay to advertise in the newsletter!

Last weekend saw the whole staff get THRASSed!!! WOW, what an amazing program to help with spelling, reading and writing. I know I’m excited to teach the class what I’ve learned...with the professional development of the THRASS guru Mr Skippen. Because I see the value in this program, I have changed how spelling activities and homework will work in my classroom. Please be aware that homework from now on will be spelling activities as well as 10 minutes of reading to an adult each day. If you have any questions about the spelling homework when it comes home, please ask me!

Have a great weekend
Kerry Derksen

Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network Story Arts Festival

On Wednesday 16 September

Just a reminder that the Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network will once again host the StoryArts Festival in September at a variety of venues in Ipswich, Woodlands and Esk. Authors and illustrators include Oliver Phommavanh, James Foley, Andrew Plant, Nina Rycroft, Lesley Reece, Shamini Flint and James Moloney. Harlin SS Year 3 – 6 (Senior Class) will visit the Esk venues this day. More information in future newsletter.

Hilary Benson (Visiting Teacher/Librarian)

From the Junior Room

In our Geography unit this week we’ve looked at weather patterns in different parts of the world. It has been interesting learning about places that have weather patterns different to those we are used to.

This week our spelling words are mostly long vowel words. The students studied the meaning of the words on Tuesday and used the International Phonetic Alphabet to identify the common sounds. The rest of the week the kids will be using the THRASS chart to analyse and synthesise their words. Our wonderful volunteers and staff have commented on the great improvement the students have been making over the term in writing and spelling. Good work kids!

Our mathematics this week has been all about measurement. We studied Mass, Length and Area. The year 1s went around the school yard with their ruler to measure the length of objects using informal units. Year 2 used their workbooks to cover areas around the classroom and playground. We made sure we were very careful so we got an accurate measurement.

We’ve nearly finished our writing unit on Information Reports. We are currently working on our assessment. The report is about Elephants! We did some whole class research using google, wrote notes and have started our first drafts. We have some excellent little writers in years 1 and 2.

The preps had Miss Eb on Tuesday, and did the letter ‘v’. They made craft ‘vases’ and a couple of the boys could tell me about the sound ‘v’. Great job preps! Our usual prep aide Mrs Wendt has these little ones working hard. Every time I walk into the prep room they are all on task during Maths and English. Go preppies!
Congratulations to the Students of the Week
Senior Class: Alex & Charlie
Junior Class: Abigail & Rose

Georgia, Emma, Evie & Jo-Reese—Congratulations girls on receiving your GOTCHA prizes for demonstrating positive school behaviour—BEING RESILIENT.
**Market Day**: Sunday 30th August. 7:30am to 12 noon.

There will be many opportunities for people to help out either before the day, or on the day itself. Remember: Many hands make light work.

Look out for the advertising flyers and the "help needed" list in the newsletter

Plenty of space for stallholders, so if you know someone who may be interested, spread the word.

Any enquiries, please contact Jacinta (0427281700)

**Market Day Raffle**: There will be multi-draw raffle drawn on Market Day, with tickets available for sale before the day. Lots of great prizes. Tickets available from the office. To get a book of tickets, please contact Helen (54235085) or Ngaio (0407986155).

**Catering**: Thank you to all our home bakers who helped with the food for the Cluster Meeting and the THRASS training. We received lots of compliments about your yummy food.

**Fathers’ Day Stall**: 9am Friday 4th September. Enquiries to Trish Ashton

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**: has started. If you, family or friends shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers to help us. Stickers may be left at the office.

**Next meeting date**: Wednesday 26th August at 2 pm in the library

**Next Market Planning Meeting**: Wednesday 26th August at 1pm in the library (just before the P&C meeting)

Ngaio (P&C Secretary)

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**Toogoolawah PICTURES**

Sat., 15th Aug
‘ANT-MAN’ pg
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.45 pm

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8   Family: $25
Snack Bar: Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Sat., 22nd Aug
**Ladies Night** - 6.30 pm
‘Magic Mike’ ma
Tickets: $25 available at 57 on Cressbrook, T’wah.
Inquiries: 0427 741 826
At Harlin we are: Safe Respectful Responsible Resilient

Being resilient – join in and have a go!

- Ask to join in with others
- Be a good person and allow others to join in
- Let others know the rules of the game or activity
- Keep trying – don’t give up
- If you see someone struggling, help them out

Next week’s rule of the week:
Being safe outside the classroom

Students receiving GOTCHAs last week for demonstrating positive school behaviours:

Harry, Abby F, Evie, Liam, Abagail C, Jo-Reese, Emily, Georgia, Rhanni, Rosie