To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

Thank you for a fantastic week one. The kids really enjoyed Sports Day at Cooyar and we thank Mrs Seccombe at Cooyar for her organisation of the carnival. Also thanks to Mrs Maller for her hard work on our end to get us organised. Our school’s behaviour was one of the best at the carnival and I observed excellent sportsmanship at the events. Congratulations to the students that received sporting awards and senior students that are continuing on to the next level of sporting carnival. See Miss Derksen or Mrs Maller regarding this if you have any queries.

It is already shaping up to be a busy term. We have booked a THRASS course for 7 and 8 of August for our whole staff to attend. I have also invited some other local schools. I have had a great deal of experience with THRASS and Mrs Rye and Miss Derksen attended part of the course last term at Benarkin SS, and were very keen to bring the course to Harlin.

Find attached to this newsletter the latest classroom timetables for Harlin SS. If you have any questions regarding your child’s classroom timetable please see their teacher directly.

Mrs Rye contacted me during the week last week and asked me to pass on her appreciation to the community at Harlin for the support she received while principal. She has received a permanent appointment at Seaforth State School. I spoke to our Assistant Regional Director who has indicated that the process for a permanent appointment for a new Harlin SS principal will be carried out later this year. See me directly if you have any questions regarding this.

There will be a special 9:00am parade on Friday 31/8 at Harlin SS. This is because the Too-oolawah State High School administration team will be visiting in regards to the transition to Secondary School for our upper years students.

It has been a very busy start to the term for me and I have not had the opportunity to meet all parents. I apologise for this and hope to meet and chat to everyone in the near future. Please make the time to drop in and say “g’day” when you can.

Our school sign was out of action this week. A big thank you to Mr Stafford Granzien for dropping everything to come and fix the sign.

Our wonderful staff have been working hard this fortnight too, and I can’t thank them enough for their support during my start at Harlin State School. Please note that we have been very enthusiastic towards our approach to behaviour management at the start of this term. The lower years students have been doing an excellent job and I have visited the upper years students during class who have ALL been on task and cooperating wonderfully.

Until next week!
Andrew Skippen A/Principal Harlin SS
From the Senior Room

First of all, well done to everyone who competed at Cooyar last week. It was great to see our Harlin kids demonstrating good sportsmanship throughout the day. A big well done to Emma and Luke who were age champions and to Mitchell who was runner-up age champion. We have quite a few kids who will be representing our school at Yarraman in a few weeks - well done!

Student of the week from our class: Thea and Emily!

I am certainly very impressed with the effort of the senior class this week with their speaking program presentations. It has been great to see students using palm cards and props when delivering their speeches. Mrs Maller has walked in on a few and has commented on how well students were prepared and how well they spoke. Let’s keep up the great work.

Our business unit is underway with teams working super well. This week students will be working in their teams to come up with games, and survey to the rest of the school. Make sure you ask your child what the name of their company is and why they chose it.

Have a great weekend
Kerry Derksen

From the Junior Room

In Maths recently we've looked at fractions. The students were folding, cutting, drawing, counting and comparing. Very clever kids. The preps have been revisiting their numbers and I have seen some excellent work from all of the students. Late last week we practised how to spell Skippen!

In English we've been keeping up with our good work from last week. The kids are getting their clever little heads around Information Reports and we've been doing heaps of writing.

It was great to see the little people participating at Sports Day. We tend to miss out on some of the events that the big kids participate in but the behaviour I observed was up to scratch and events were participated in enthusiastically.

We've had a big focus on behaviour the last two weeks. We have discussed classroom expectations and playground expectations. We know that:

In the classroom we; cross our legs on the mat, sit quietly when asked, when the teacher talks we listen, keep our hands and feet to ourselves, speak to others kindly, do our best work.

In the playground we; keep our hands and feet to ourselves, speak to others kindly, wear a hat to play, sit down while eating, go to the toilet and get a drink before re-entering class, get back from lunch straight after the bell.

This is not 'new', but it is very good to revisit school and classroom expectations regularly. These expectations and the classroom rewards and consequences are also consistent with the school Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

Homework was sent home on Monday. Please ensure your child’s homework book and folder is returned to school every morning. We will continue the usual routine for homework. Please see the note attached to the students' folders for some slight changes. It is imperative that parents work with their children on homework. This will support your child’s learning and also gives you as parents some understanding of the work the students are doing at school.
Pie Drive: Orders were due in yesterday. Thank you to everyone who has placed an order. Delivery Date is Friday 31st July. Any enquiries to Beck O’Neil (0487500351)

Market Day: Sunday 30th August. Preparations have begun. Thank you to the team who have started the planning.

If you have some ideas, please contact Jacinta (0427281700)

Fathers’ Day Stall: coming up. date TBA. 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 29th July at 2 pm in the library

Ngaio (P&C Secretary)

ATHLETICS DAY AT COOYAR SS

Congratulations to Harlin State School’s Athletics Age Champions
Emma Little (12 yrs),
Luke Williams (10yrs)
& Runner Up Age Champion
Mitchell Watson (9 yrs)
Readers Cup
Congratulations to the participants and winners of the Somerset-Lockyer Region Readers Cup held on Friday the 19 June. Readers Cup is organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. It is a state wide competition for young readers. The Readers Cup Challenge is an annual event that could not function without the commitment to literature of the Teachers and Teacher-Librarians from schools all over the region. These dedicated people work with their students to provide them with the resources, advice and encouragement to compete in this competition. This event was supported by The Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network, the Somerset Regional Council libraries and The Book Garden through their generous donation of book prizes for the winners of each round and the overall winners. Oliver Phommavanh book Con-nerd, guest author for the 2015 StoryAtrs festival, was a favourite with the readers.

Hilary Benson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TOOGOOLAWAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL - POSITION VACANT – PERMANENT SCHOOL CLEANER
School Cleaner (permanent) 4.5 hours per week. Hours are worked 2.15 hours per day, Tuesday and Wednesday (2.45pm – 5.00pm). An Application Package containing relevant information is available by collection from our school office.

The successful applicant, must hold a current ‘Suitability Card’ or ‘Blue Card’ or make application for, and be able to obtain, a Suitability Blue Card from Blue Card Services. The successful applicant must also sign a probation acceptance slip prior to commencing in the role.

Closing date for applications is 4.00pm Monday 3 August 2015. Details are provided in the application package however further enquiries can be made by phoning the School Business Services Manager, Tracey Tinney on 5423 4444

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 25th July
‘MINIONS’ pg
Doors: 7.00 pm Movie: 7.30 - 9.20 pm

Sat., 1st Aug
‘TERMINATOR GENISYS’ M
Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8 Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954
At Harlin we are:

Safe
Responsible
Respectful
Resilient

Being RESPONSIBLE

- Complete set tasks to the best of your ability
- Be neat in your bookwork
- Have all the equipment you need
- Remember your log on and passwords
- Remember your homework

Next week’s rule of the week:

Being respectful – keeping hands and feet to yourself

Students receiving GOTCHAs last week for demonstrating positive school behaviours:

Rhanni, Alex H, Charlie F, Siena H