To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

Thank you to the community and staff for a warm welcome. Many of you will have heard that I have come to Harlin State School as the acting principal. Prior to this I was acting principal at Benarkin State School. I am very excited to lead the students in their education and am looking forward to becoming a part of the Harlin State School community. Please make sure you come and say hello when you’re at the school! I’m also very excited to be working with the Prep – 2 class this term. What a great group of students. I must also say a big thank you to Mrs Rye for the handover meeting we had at the end of term 2, which has helped me prepare for my new role at Harlin. Good luck at your new school Mrs Rye!

Staffing

Please note that Tuesday and Wednesday of week 2 I will be out of the school at Professional Development. Also, welcome back to our teaching staff, Miss Derkson (M-F), Mrs Hallas (T, W) and Ms Perry (Thursdays). The usual school routine will continue, however one change is that Ms Perry will be covering PE and some subject specific areas on Thursdays. We are very happy to have Ms Perry in this support role. Our usual volunteers are welcome at their usual times!

Teacher aide rosters have not changed. We will continue to ensure that our support staff are utilised to support student achievement.

Cooyar State School Athletics Day

Cooyar Athletics Day is TOMORROW Thursday 16 July. The bus will be leaving Harlin at 8:00am SHARP. It is imperative that all students catching the bus are at school at 7:45am at the absolute latest. Please ensure your child has their lunch (unless they’ve ordered tuckshop), water bottles, hats and sunscreen, and some warm clothes. If your child has any medication that needs to be brought along (such as asthma puffers) please ensure that these are signed in to the school medication register so that we can bring them along to Cooyar.

School Opinion Survey

Please find attached to this newsletter the school opinion survey and relevant information. This opinion survey is an integral part of our school’s improvement data. Please take the time to fill out the survey so that we can use the information to make Harlin the best school it can be!

School Dentist

The School Dentist will be offering examination and treatment at either Toogoolawah State School or Toogoolawah State High School next term. If you are interested in this service please pick up the form from the school office and return by FRIDAY 17TH JULY.

Andrew Skippen

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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 1pm
Thursday 8am to 1pm & Friday 9am to 11am
**From the Senior Room**

Welcome back to term 3! I can’t believe half the year has already gone.

Our rewards day trip to Australia Zoo was a lot of fun! We were a bit concerned when we got there that the rain might of ruined the day, Mrs Hallas bought us all ponchos - and of course, the rain went away. My favourite part was seeing the gorgeous giraffes.

Students are looking forward to Cooyar sports day tomorrow - let’s hope that the weather is kind to us and that the icy cold wind doesn’t blow through us. Thank you to all the parents who are taking the gear and setting it up for us.

This term, our class will be working in small groups to create a business plan for a carnival game as a part of the new curriculum - Business & Economics. Only year 5 & 6 will be assessed in this subject, however I feel it will be of great value for the 3 & 4’s to participate in this project. We started the unit today and the class are very excited.

Thank you to the parents who have made sure their child has come to school with new supplies.

Looking forward to a great term

Kerry Derksen

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**From the Junior Room**

In the junior class this week we have been getting to know one another! Mr Skippen is a superstar because he already knows all of the students’ names!

The students have been super lucky this week because we are still organising homework. However we will be all set for week 2.

Mrs Hallas and Mr Skippen are checking on the student reading levels so we can make sure our class improvement for term 3 is on track.

We’ve started working on writing “Information Reports” this week. The students are practising the genre and learning about what we use Reports for. This will be our focus for the beginning of the term in writing. We’ve also done some THRASS this week. These kids are THRASS legends! We’ve practised consonants, vowels, correct articulation and have been continuing to learn the THRASS chart.

In Maths we’ve been doing plenty of Number activities. We’ve been practising skip counting in 2, 3, 5 and 10. Also partitioning into place value parts for three digit numbers and writing two digit numbers. These kids have worked hard!

In the afternoon session we’ve been doing some technology work. The students have all drawn an insect and are getting ready to create a production plan for their design. We would love for parents to send in all kinds of junk so we can build our creatures. Please do not send toilet paper rolls! Please do send: cardboard boxes, milk cartons/bottles (washed out), plastic containers, styrofoam, and any other junk we can make stuff out of! Please send these in ASAP :)

I would love to meet any parents whom I have yet to say g’day to. If you’ve got 5 minutes in the morning or afternoon please do come and say hello!

Next newsletter I hope to have ready a class timetable for your information.
Pie Drive: is here!! See forms in this newsletter. Forms with payment are due back in by Wednesday 22nd July (NEXT WEEK!!). Delivery Date is Friday 31st July. Any enquiries to Beck O’Neil (0487500351) Please make cheques out to Harlin SS P&C. Thank you.

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: starts again of the 15th July. If you, family or friends shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers to help us.

Next meeting date: Wednesday 29th July at 2 pm in the library
Esk District Cricket Club will be running a MILO in2CRICKET program after school from 3.15 to 4.30 at Esk State School beginning in September. The program involves fun, safe activities that teach kids the basic skills to play cricket, in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

The cost of the program is $80.00 which includes afternoon tea and a pack containing a backpack, MILO, Aussie Cricket Crew membership, bat, hat, shirt and ball.

Contact Hilary Benson on 0419028154 if you are interested.

Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 18th July
‘INSIDE OUT’ pg
Doors: 7.00 pm Movie: 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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

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