To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

Well Term 2 has just been ridiculous! Review, Audit, NAPLAN, assessment and reporting... what else!? 

On Friday the NRL Game Development coaches will be visiting Harlin at about 12:15, to run an hour long session with the students who will be attending the mixed footy carnival next Wednesday. Thank you to those parents who returned the permission forms and paid the $4 required for registration and part of the bus costs. Thank you also to Mrs Williams who will be driving our students to the carnival on the TSHS bus. The NRL Game Development Coaches will help to organise fair teams, and we will ensure that for safety reasons the younger students are not playing tackle football with older students.

GOOD LUCK MYLIE!! Mylie is off to the South Burnett Cross Country Carnival on Friday this week. Do your best Mylie! We are already very proud :)

Next week the students attending the Sydney / Canberra Trip will be visiting Esk SS for a student information session. Mr Skippen will be taking the students and Mrs Lynch on the TSHS bus. Parents have already given permission for this trip on the ‘generic permission form’, signed at the beginning of the year. The Year 2/3 class and the remaining year 4s and 5/6s will be taking part in regular learning activities supervised by Mrs Bull and Mrs Philp with the help of Mrs Kusay.

We are holding a community celebration for Mr Williams and his recently discontinued bus run. Mr Williams began driving his buses in January of 1974, and sadly the runs amalgamated with another company’s run at the end of last year. I invite all parents and the wider community to attend a 3pm BBQ on 8 June for Mr Williams and the Williams family to celebrate their long standing position as the Harlin community’s bus company. P&C are generously providing the food. A note will be going home to parents in the near future asking for help with the BBQ and if you will be attending.

We are in need of large (4litre) ice-cream containers! They will be used as trays to safely store our paint bottles and chemicals. We would love it if the kids could bring all empty and clean ice-cream containers in for the next couple of weeks. Thanks in advance.

I have received the full report from our Full School Review. I will bring this to the next P&C meeting, but here are two highlights!

**The school has a welcoming environment with student achievement and wellbeing as the focus of the school.**

The principal and staff members are committed to improving the learning outcomes for all students and articulate high expectations for student learning.

The Acting Assistant Regional Director had contacted me to let me know that the team at Harlin has done well and we should be proud!

There is SO much coming up over the rest of this term. Please ensure you check the DATES TO REMEMBER section on the left edge of our newsletters to keep up to date.

Until next time
Andrew Skippen

Prep to Yr 3 Parents: Permission slip attached for Under 8’s Day.

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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   (Payments by 1pm on Tues, Wed, & Thurs)

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**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**ACTUAL:** 95.3%  **TARGET:** 95%
From the P/1 Class

Prep and Year 1 students have had a busy couple of weeks. In history, the students have been talking, writing and drawing events from their past.

To assist the students understand a baby’s life, Mrs Cooper was kind enough to visit with Renarda’s baby brother, Laird, and give an insightful and entertaining talk about Laird and her daily routine looking after him.

Year 1 students have been writing some amazing stories in their daily writing books. Most Prep students are also attempting to write words to accompany their drawings. Their handwriting and letter awareness is really improving and they are enjoying relating the consonant and vowel phonemes on the THRASS chart.

In Maths all students have been investigating location and direction. They have been having a great time giving positional language directions to their classmates to locate hidden objects. If possible, I would appreciate any donations of small, empty, clean cardboard and plastic food containers that would be suitable for setting up shop activities later this term. I thought a shop would be an engaging way the children could learn about money.

Mrs Lynch would also really appreciate any donations of large boxes big enough for children to crawl through and old hobby horses or the heads of old hobby horses for the fun run.

Thank you again to the ladies who have been changing the students’ readers and also assisting the students with reading! I know the students are enjoying reading to you!

We would like the Prep /Yr1 class to bring in their swimming bags that they made with Mrs Blacklock last term so we can display them at the upcoming Toogoolawah Show.

Mrs Doherty

From the 2/3 Class

NAPLAN is out of the way. Thank you to those parents who supported their children in letting go of any anxieties around these important tests. Results will be received some time next term (hopefully!) and this will be great data to judge how the class is going. It will also be great to use this data to help inform future teaching and learning activities, along with the usual student work.

This week we finished off History. The kids found learning about Mexico’s “Day of the Dead” very interesting! Over the remainder of the term we will do some Art and Technology, as well as the usual Mathematics and English activities.

We have been discussing in class lately the need to show respect to all teachers on class, not just Mr Skippen and Mrs Hallas. Please have a talk with your child at home and ensure they understand that respect for adults is to be given to all adults and children at school.

Mr Skippen
From the 4.5.6 Class

This week the senior room has been electrifying, with students enjoying science sessions making their own circuits from batteries, wires, light bulbs and buzzers. A few enterprising students wondered what would happen if they buttoned most of the battery containers together and wired them up to several light bulbs. You can see from the photo that the result of their experimenting ‘lit up the room’. Well done, you budding young scientists!

![Students working on circuits](image)

Year 5s put their skills to work in the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They came out declaiming the tests a ‘piece of cake’, but are glad NAPLAN is over for another 2 years. Well done on your efforts, Year 5.

In History, the students studied the achievements of Sir Henry Parkes, the ‘Father of Federation’, and wrote newspaper articles about his significant contribution to the federated Australia we enjoy today. The students will find their History and Civics and Citizenship studies very handy when they visit Canberra and Parliament next month.

Some wonderful ‘Biggest Pyramids’ were designed and built in Maths, and students were very excited when their volume and capacity estimations were proven very accurate using rice. Again, well done, mathematicians.

Next week we look forward to a Rugby League day in Kilcoy on Wednesday. The students attending will gain valuable skills to take back to their clubs and on to secondary school.

We have had a busy 5 weeks, in which we have learned a lot and done some very worthwhile activities and assessment. Miss Derksen will be very pleased with our progress.

Mrs Bull

P&C News

Hi all

Not much to report on since last time. The construction of the cricket pitch that was to be put on the oval has stalled due to sports grant funding not allowing this because it is classed as a structural foundation. The next P&C meeting will sit down and decide whether it can be funded by the P&C.

Andrew has informed that the school review went very well, so thanks to everyone who helped in any way!

Next P&C meeting is on 25th May at 2:00pm at school

Until next time
John Annan
P&C Secretary

Mrs Lynch is seeking the following items to ensure we have a FUN day again this year
If you could donate any of the following items I would be grateful.
No need for items to be new, the whole idea is to recycle.
Old paddle pools, i.e. plastic clam shells, old electric wire strapping, Star pickets, used hobby horse (stick like), large quantities of flour and cardboard boxes big enough for a child to get into.
Please bring these items to the library.
Thank you in advance. Lin Lynch

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Congratulations to the Students of the Week

Week 3
Noah, Dusty, Abagale A; Abigail C; Quinn

Week 4
CJ, Jake, Caleb, Rhanni, Abby F, Liam O, Renarda

GOTCHAS
Week 4
Congratulations to Luke, William, Mylie, Quinn, Charlie H, Thomas
Some upcoming programs are listed below. If you would like to making a booking for any of these events please contact me.

**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

Tony Coonan  
Education Officer

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### Toogoolawah PICTURES

**Sat., 14th May - m**  
Doors: 7:00 pm  
Movie: 7:30 - 9:40 pm

**Sat., 21st May - ma**  
Doors: 7:00 pm  
Movie: 7:30 - 9:25 pm

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

### COAST & COUNTRY BUSES

**1300 4 BUSES**  
(1300 428 737)

Coast & Country operates the school bus run each school day.  
If parents have any concerns with the bus run please contact 1300428737.

### MASSAGE

Head, Neck and Shoulder (½ hr) for $30, special offer until the end of April, 2016. Phone HARMONY HOLISTIC CENTRE, Fernvale, to make a booking, on 0400 741 111.