To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

This weekend the P&C are holding the annual Working Bee. If you are able to attend please let Mrs Maller know. Thank you in advance to those parents who are choosing to give up some of their weekend to help keep our school beautiful. Thank you also to Karreman Quarries for donating new sand for our play area. This will be delivered on Friday afternoon.

Book Week was a smashing success! Thank you to Mrs Lynch for all her work organizing the week and the sale of books to our wonderful community. Thank you also to Mrs Nikki Williams for being here throughout the week to help manage the sale of books and the organization behind the week. Our visitors from Alkira were blown away by the number of students we have at Harlin now. The costumes that the students and parents put effort into were fantastic as well. Well done everyone!

This week I say a HUGE thank you to the wonderful teacher aides and administration officer at Harlin. Being School Support Staff Recognition Week, it is a fine time to show our appreciation to the amazing work these ladies do. Without the initiative and hard work shown by these ladies we would be without Lego club, library, speech activities, book week, student learning support programs, school magazine, weekly newsletters and notes, updated school policies, the end of year celebration, newspaper articles, excursion days and functional classrooms—just to name a handful of things! THANK YOU TO THE FANTastically AMAZING and WONDERful Mrs Maller, Mrs Philip, Mrs Lynch, Mrs Enks, Mrs Lipp and Mrs Wendt. You are all a vital part of our school and the teachers and myself could not do our jobs without your input, support and initiative. Keep up the great work.

Next week is Electricity Safety week, and the lower years students have received some great little goodies in the mail. Mrs Doherty and I will be doing some activities with the children during the week next week.

This week I have received some concerning reports from children and parents about students on the bus. Please be aware that I have encouraged the students to let me know if there are further issues. And I have been in contact with various stakeholders regarding the raised concerns. For parents, the best course of action is to contact Coast and Country Buses, but I would also appreciate being informed about any concerns. Thank you to those parents who have communicated with me about this.

Can I please encourage parents to remind children that before school all students must sit in the eating area until Smart Moves at 8:15am. This is a safety rule and applies to all students on site. This week there were some students who decided to ignore this and unfortunately they received consequences. I intermittently spot children doing the right thing in the morning, and I love giving out GOTCHAS at this time. It’s much nicer than having to be a cranky old thing!

Until next time
Andrew Skippen

Explicit Improvement Agenda:
25% of all students achieving at U2B in Spelling and Reading in NAPLAN year levels.
80% of all students achieving a C or higher in English report card data.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
* BE SAFE   * BE RESPONSIBLE   * BE RESPECTFUL   * BE RESILIENT

Office hours are:
Monday 8am to 1pm; Tuesday 8am to 11am; Wednesday 8am to 1pm; Thursday 8am to 1pm (Payments by 1pm on Mon, Wed, & Thurs)

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From Prep/ Year 1 Room
What a great day the children and I had last week when Denyse Ritchie visited our classroom to share her broad knowledge on teaching THRASS to early years’ students! The children thoroughly enjoyed the many engaging hands-on THRASS activities that Denyse demonstrated for using in reading, writing and spelling. Since the visit, I have been implementing many of these activities to enrich Prep/Year 1s’ reading, writing and spelling program.
In Maths, the children have been investigating capacity and mass using balance scales and a range of different materials and objects to measure. There were no complaints from Year 1 when they were down in the playground doing measurements of capacity using sand from the playground sandpit. Prep and Year 1 have also been learning about data collection and devising simple questions to ask their classmates about their favourite pizza toppings. The children then used make-believe pizza kits to prepare the different pizzas requested. They had a lot of fun!
I wish to thank Mrs. Golinski for offering to help the children with reading. Your help will be very much appreciated!

Until next time

Meryl Doherty

From 2/3 Classroom
This week saw our students taking part in more Geography activities, based on analysing the use of various places. It’s been an interesting unit so far, and has certainly shown us a fair bit about climates and places in Australia and nearby countries.
During maths time on Tuesday the year 3s were doing 3 digit addition with regrouping. I encourage parents to practise these at home with the students. Find below an example:

Last week we had 5 students doing the year 4 words for spelling, due to the fact that they blitzed the pre-test! These students did amazing work on fairly independent spelling activities last week. Great job.

This week we’ve been doing some reading tests (PROBE and PM). We’ve seen great improvement in EVERY student tested so far, with some students improving by 2 or 3 levels! Well done kiddies!

Our new students are also settling in well and our girls have been showing me some wonderful kind and inclusive behaviour this week as the new girls find their place at Harlin. Parents, please encourage the students (the girls especially) to make an effort to include the new girls in play and work activities—as it can be very hard moving to a new school and making new friends.

Andrew Skippen
From the Year 4, 5, 6 Class

Just like the rest of the school, the senior room has been busy, busy, busy! We have welcomed another new student to our school, Stella who is in grade 4 and is fitting into Harlin like she has been here all her school life.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs Lipp, she has been doing some science cooking with the seniors. The recipes she has been using have been focusing on how matter can be changed by heating and cooling. We will be doing more experiments in the coming weeks....but maybe not ones that the class can eat!

I have been super impressed with all my maths groups over the last two weeks. Their weekly maths results have been outstanding! Let's keep up the good work. To finish off the term, group 3 will be revisiting area and perimeter and group 1 & 2 will be consolidating addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies as well as looking at missing numbers.

I hope everyone has a great weekend and I know I’m looking forward to the upcoming car rally that the P&C are holding on the 11th of September!!

Kerry Derksen

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BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION
DRESS UP DAY AT HARLIN SS
Congratulations Students of the Week
Week 7
Georgia, Sienna R, Ashleigh, Abigail C, Abby F, Renarda

GOTCHAS
Week 7
Congratulations
Tom, Angus, Hannah, Abby F, Jack M, Liam O.
At Harlin we are: Safe Respectful Responsible Resilient

Week 8: Being RESILENT at school

⇒ Accept consequences without arguing or complaining
⇒ Accept others as equals
⇒ Think before responding
⇒ Join in all activities

Students receiving GOTCHAs last week for demonstrating positive school behaviours:

Tom, Angus, Abby F, Jack M, Liam O and Hannah

Week 9: Being RESPECTFUL around the classrooms

⇒ Keep the area clean – in and around the classroom
⇒ Walk quietly around the school when it’s learning time
Hi Parents/Carers

Remember our Working Bee at Harlin State School on Saturday 3rd September. If you can give a few hours of your time between 8am and 2pm, many hands make light work. Thank you to Karreman Quarries for the donation of the sand for the sand pit.

We still need more volunteers for the Car Rally on Sunday 11th September. Thank you to those who have offered to help. Listen out for the advertisement on River 949 next week! You can find the Nomination Form on the school web page.

John Annan (P&C Secretary)

Community Notices

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 3rd Sept M
Doors: 7.00 pm Movie: 7.30 - 9.35 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., 10th Sept - no pictures

Upper Brisbane Valley Chaplaincy
Bush Dance
Saturday, 10th Sept.
(Special Guest:
John & Darlene Murphy
Plus
'The Tumbleweeds'
6.00 pm for BBQ
( Brats & Beef $2, Brisket Burger - $6)
Dancing Starts at 7.00 pm
Great fun for the whole family.
Alexandra Hall, Toogoolawah
Admissions: Children - $5.00
Family - $10.00
Snapper included
Carnivals available
Inquiries: Catherine Kuss, School Chaplain - 0428 630 430)