To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

School Review

The school review team worked hard over the two day review at Harlin. Thank you to Mr Daniel Smith (Principal, Croydon SS) and Ms Jenny Hart (School Reviewer). They investigated and unpacked the National School Improvement Tool in the context of Harlin. The feedback from our review was overwhelmingly positive and when I have the formal report in a few weeks we will begin unpacking our future improvement journey at P&C meetings and staff meetings. Thank you to those parents, P&C executive members, students, staff and community members for taking part in interviews with the reviewers. Also thank you to the Acting Assistant Regional Director Mr Peter Tanzer and the Executive Director of the School Improvement Unit Mr Liam Smith for visiting Harlin during the review to assist with the process. OUR REVIEW IS A GOOD NEWS STORY! WOO HOO!

School Photos

Country School Photos have been in contact with the school and have told us they have been busy making sure the best quality photo is delivered to everyone who ordered. We are expecting the School Photos in the week of 16th May.

Celebration

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 had 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.

Friends For Life Program

The Senior Class are participating in a program called Friends For Life, presented by two visitors from Anglicare and our Chaplain Mrs Kusay. This program is run on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:30. Mrs Kusay is trained in presenting this program and is working closely with the Anglicare visitors in the presentations. Thank you to the Somerset Regional Council’s Youth Development Officer for assisting in getting this program up and running. See Mrs Kusay if you wish to know more!

Lastly, 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.

Until next time
Andrew Skippen
Principal Harlin SS

Linguistics/THRASS word of the week:
THRASS: Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Skills!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
ACTUAL: 95%
TARGET: 95%
YAHOO!

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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**From the P/1 Class**

It was wonderful to see Prep/Year 1 students looking so happy and eager for learning after the Easter holiday break!

In English, Prep/Year 1 have been looking at different characters in books and identifying different words that describe the characters and their actions. They have been having a lot of fun role playing the book “Crunch the Crocodile”. The children have also been learning reading and comprehension strategies.

In Maths, we have been investigating both 2D and 3D shapes using lots of hands-on resources. In art, Prep also painted some amazing shape monsters!

In History, we have been discussing and learning how people tell stories or use artefacts such as photos or objects to remember the past. They are enjoying drawing, writing and relating some of their past experiences.

In Design and Technology, the Year 1 students have been having a great time planning, designing and making a model possum house or new enclosure for Mrs. Perry’s wallaby. They are taking great pride in their creations so far!

Finally I would like to thank the ladies who have so generously offered to assist with reading. The children will really benefit from your generosity!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable long weekend!

Meryl Doherty

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**From the 2/3 Class**

It’s been a big couple of weeks for the year 2 and 3 students, and there have been many interruptions. I am looking forward to things settling down for the class after NAPLAN, which is in two weeks. The year 3 students have been preparing. Thank you to the wonderful Mrs Lipp, Mrs Hallas and Mrs Allen who have ‘held down the fort’ while I have been attending to matters outside the classroom. The student learning is continuing at a great rate!

Spelling lists for the term have been sent home, if you child has been bringing the homework folder to school. I have informed the students that they will be receiving 20 points to add to our total, if they complete their homework this week. Once we reach 1000 points we will organise a class reward. Please encourage your child to bring their homework folder to and from school each day, and to complete their fortnightly homework.

We did some great ANZAC Day activities last week, and the students have started to get a good picture of what ANZAC Day is all about.

It was great to see how attentive they were to Mr Cook at last week’s ANZAC Day ceremony.

Andrew Skippen

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**Fun Run is back by popular demand**

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
Hi everyone,

The P&C meeting held last Wednesday brought a big breakthrough with the voting and agreement on a final budget amount for our shade structure for the tennis court. This will allow us to get some designs drawn up and get this project off its feet and on to our tennis court!

Thanks must go out to the parents who provided the wonderful food for our ANZAC celebrations and also to those who helped out at the school review this week.

The idea suggestion form that went out the other week has already shown its potential with a few coming back with great thoughts on further fundraising. Please keep the thoughts rolling in! **Also don’t forget about the Mother's Day Stall on Friday 6th May. All gift are $5 and the stall will be held in the morning at 8am.**

John Annan
P&C Secretary

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**From the 4/6 Class**

The senior room has been abuzz with academic activities during the first few weeks of term, particularly working on an information booklet completed in time for the ANZAC remembrance.

The booklet was compiled from a terrific study kit sent to us by the Courier Mail, and allowed students to discover many interesting facts about World War 1, using their literacy, maths and investigative detective skills. Much of their information was sourced from the wonderful collection of WW1 books Mrs Lynch had on display in the library.

In particular, the students learned and wrote about the significance of the Dawn Service, poppies, and the slouch hat, why the herb rosemary is worn, why we lay wreaths, and what receiving parcels full of ANZAC biscuits from home meant to the soldiers. Students were touched by the bravery of John Simpson and his donkey, and by the significance of Unknown Soldier memorials.

We were very fortunate to have Jake bring and display his extensive collection of war memorabilia in for all Harlin students to look at – students in every year level were intrigued. Thank you, Jake and your Mum.

Neatly following on from the ANZAC booklet, students this week began a History unit on Federation, looking particularly at the role Sir Henry Parkes, the Father of Federation, took in this nation-building event of 1901.

We have had great sessions THRASSing out our spelling lists, and the Year 6 students began designing their ‘Biggest Pyramid’, to build from sheets of A3 paper and fill with rice to calculate volume and capacity in maths.

All in all, an exciting 3 weeks. But we do all miss Miss Derksen!

Mrs Bull
Congratulations to the Students of the Week
Week 1
Amity; Renarda; Liam; Jack; Alex

GOTCHAS
Week 1
Congratulations to CJ; Amity; Renarda; Liam; Rose; Abby & Abigail
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

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**Toogoolawah PICTURES**
**Sat., 30th April - pg**
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.25 pm

Sat., 7th May - pg
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.40 pm

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

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**COAST & COUNTRY BUSES**
**1300 4 BUSES**
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