To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

What a great school we have at Harlin. Our students have only had positive behaviour recorded this week and with Miss Derksen and myself out at training on Monday our students were on their best behaviour for our relief teachers. Well done to everyone.

Chaplaincy week was celebrated on Tuesday with Mrs Kusay and her family putting on a BBQ for our students. Our sausage sizzle was fantastic and we students enjoyed an ice cream after that. Thankyou P&C for the poppers, we had some very happy and excited students on Tuesday.

I am having the last three weeks of term off long service leave and venturing overseas with my family. In my absence Kerry Derksen will be acting principal and Mrs Denise O'Connor will be teaching our juniors Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Hallas will remain with our class on the Wednesday.

Miss Derksen and I are holding parent/teacher interview next week and if you require an appointment please see Narelle in the office. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s learning and how they are coping with school and where they are sitting compared to our DDSW benchmarks.

I have a site meeting with facilities regarding our new building on Wednesday and where it will be positioned.

I would also like to welcome Georgina Bull our prac student who is settling in very nicely with our senior classroom.

Our Junior Secondary information session was held Tuesday night at school and thank you to everyone who attended. This session pointed out the focus areas for Junior Secondary and gave parents and students a chance to raise any questions and concerns with Mr Troy Harris (Head of Junior Secondary) and Miss Athina Humphries from Toogoolawah State High school. The administration team from Toogoolawah State High school under the guidance of Mrs Beu are providing ample opportunities to ensure our students transition to the program is as smooth as possible. We are very appreciative of this and it is important to note that all of our staff regarding Junior Secondary Transition have undergone extensive training to make this a positive experience.

Next Tuesday the Junior class will be attending Under 8’s Day at Toogoolawah State School. The bus will be leaving school at 8:30am sharp. Activities start at 8:50am through to 11:30am. If there is any reason your child should not participate please advise the school office. Please make sure your child has a hat, painting shirt, water bottle and packed lunch.

Kay Rye
**P&C News**

**Next meeting Wednesday 28th May, 6pm**

**CAKE STALL 16th MAY:** Thank you to all the fantastic bakers and families who donated things for our street stall. It was very well supported and raised $587 for our school. Amazing Effort! Thank you Jody for coordinating the stall and Jen, Bec and Kimberly for helping on the day.

**WORKING BEE:** Date Claimer Sunday June 15th. We have a list of gardening jobs, some whipper-snipping to do and some gutters to clear. Many hands make light work!

**PIE DRIVE:** We will be holding a pie drive this term and forms should be attached to the newsletter. We are trying a different bakery this year, Simply Pies from Kunda Park. The pies are larger (900 gm rather than 600 gm), but the pricing is similar giving better value for money. Toogoolawah Kindy used this bakery last year and the pies were delicious. Forms will be due back by Friday 13th June. Delivery will be Wednesday 25th June.

**POSSIBLE FUNDRAISER:** We have been contacted by a group organizing a Veteran's Rally (car and bike), who would like to stop at Harlin for Morning Tea on Sunday 29th June. This would raise about $600 for the school. However, because this is the first Sunday of the school holidays and because we’ve had a lot of fundraising this term, we’re not sure whether families would be willing or able to help cater this morning tea.

We would appreciate an indication of whether your family would or wouldn’t be able to help so that we can phone the organizers with our answer. Please text or email, 0407986155 or ndeer3@eq.edu.au, or speak to Helen, Ngaio or Andrea before Wednesday’s meeting. Alternatively, drop a note or message into the office. Thanks

**MEETING DATES THIS TERM:** 28th May, 18th June. NB: Time changed to 6pm for winter.

Not everyone can get to the meetings, so if you would like a copy of the minutes emailed to you, please email Ngaio at ndeer3@eq.edu.au

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**From the senior class**

We'd like to welcome prac teacher Mrs Bull to our classroom. She will be with us until the end of the term. The students have welcomed her with open arms and can't wait till she starts teaching them. Next Thursday the senior class will be going to watch Toogoolawah High School's musical 'Battle of the Bands'. They are looking forward to going and seeing live theatre. I know the high school students and teachers have put in a lot of effort to get this performance looking good.

In English this week, students have been analysing comic hero's and villains. At the end of the unit students will be making their own comic strip that solves a moral dilemma. Students have also begun reading novels during reading groups, Mrs Bull has been helping them in developing a passion for reading.

In maths this week we have been re-visiting number facts. The upper maths group has been learning about divisibility rules. The middle group has been learning about prime and composite numbers and the lower maths group has been learning their 3 and 4 times tables.

In geography, students have been learning about diversity in our environment. They will be completing assessment items in class related to the geography concepts taught this semester over the next few weeks.

Students were given a moon diary to complete at home so they can view the moon cycle. I hope everyone has been looking at the moon at night!

Hope you have a good weekend!

Kerry Derksen
Community Notices

Toogoolawah PICTURES
FRIDAY, 23rd May
'The Grand Budapest Hotel' in
Special Guests &
Vintage Car Parade by
Veteran Car Club, Qld
Doors: 7.00 pm
Movie: 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8    Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
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