To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

We’ve been flat out this week! The entire staff has had a massive week and there have been a number of ‘unexpected surprises’ to make school even busier. THANK YOU to our wonderful staff for their fantastic work ethic and dedication.

I attended my first P&C meeting at Harlin yesterday. What a great turn out. Thank you to the P&C Executive for running such a structured meeting and supporting our school. We have received an amazing level of support financially and otherwise for camp, THRASS, the Cluster meeting coming up, general donations and the Market Day. We are a VERY lucky school to have such support.

NAPLAN results have been received and student reports are being sent home with this newsletter. This only concerns years 3 and 5 students and parents. If you wish to have your child’s results explained then please see Mr Skippen or Miss Derksen and we will be happy to have a chat with you. Please ensure you bring your child’s NAPLAN report if you are requesting a meeting. We achieved some outstanding results. Well done to Alex Humphreys and Miley Beacham for their outstanding results! TOP EFFORT YEAR THREES AND FIVES!

I was hoping parents would be happy to help us follow up on an issue we’re having in the school toilets. As parents would be aware it is difficult to monitor the student behaviour in our toilets, and it has been reported to me that there have been children regularly standing up on the toilet seats and playing around. I would greatly appreciate it if parents could follow up on a conversation I will have with ALL students today: Toilets Are For Toileting.

Our Maintenance Register through BAS has nearly been completed. Our bubblers have been replaced, pumps replaced, painting’s done, locks are changed and heaps more. Thank you for your patience while this work has been completed over the last 12 months. If there are ever any concerns with school infrastructure or grounds please do report them directly to Mr Skippen for consideration.

I must also thank our parents this week. There have been some questions that have needed to be asked this week and I greatly appreciate the direct approach the parents took to bringing their concerns to my attention. This is another reason that HARLIN IS A GREAT SCHOOL. Trust and honesty between staff and parents / community are imperative to the running and success of our school.

We’ve had a slight improvement in our attendance data this week. Great job to the kids that are coming to school all day, every day!

REMINDER: PARADE THIS WEEK IS AT 9AM THIS FRIDAY FOR THE TSHS VISIT AND NEXT FRIDAY, AS THE STAFF ARE DOING PD ON THAT AFTERNOON. WEEK 5 WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL.

Until next week!
Andrew Skippen A/Principal Harlin SS
From the Senior Room

Well done all grade 3 students - everyone of them handed in their homework, this is excellent to see. I'd love to see other grades being able to match this effort this week.

I taught students last week how to write an email....when I checked my emails on Monday morning it was excellent to see how many students have sent me emails with attachments, group emails and using the emoticons. If your child wishes to send me their homework on email that would be fantastic. My email is kderk3@eq.edu.au

Senior room camp to Mudjimba on the Sunshine Coast is booked in. We will be leaving on Wednesday the 18th of November and returning on Friday the 20th. Formal letters including costing and a camp program will be given to the students soon.

Student of the week: William, Jessika, Jo-Reese and Georgia.

Have a great weekend
Kerry Derksen

From the Junior Room

This week the kids have nearly finished their insects. We've been writing reflections and evaluations. Clever stuff! The next subject to be covered outside English and Maths will be Geography.

We've been THRASSING our little faces off in the Junior Room. This week we learned that the vowels are NOT A, E, I, O and U! We learnt that those are called "vowel indicators". When we say vowels we talk about 'phonemes' (speech sounds). There are actually 20 of them and they are all made with an open mouth. 'a' like ant is a vowel. So is 'o' like nose!

We had two clever kids get 100% on their spelling pre-test last week. This means they got to do the year level above for this week! Well done Isabella and Charlie H!

We did an informal Maths test this week as well. I was very impressed with Elexis who was doing her work very well! Also Charlie F achieved very well in the year 2 test.

This week we've been having a big focus on lining up quietly. The students know the expectations and we have discussed it each and every day. We are having a win with this one! We have also been practising working quietly when required. This has been a challenge with such a large class but we are having great success and HEAPS of rewards. Keep up the good work little ones!

The other focus on school behaviour is treated others with respect. We learnt late last week that when students are teased or hurt, they feel unsafe. And when students feel unsafe, they can't learn! Nobody in the class wanted to stop anyone from learning and this week the students have displayed a good understanding of this expectation.
Hi!

Just a quick hello to keep you informed about some of the activities I am involved in.

Our senior girls have been continuing on in the GIFT program, covering some interesting topics such as healthy eating and goal setting. Next will be budgeting and etiquette. At the end of the course we will be having a small celebration. Although I have a couple of ideas, I welcome any suggestions. Please let me know.

The senior boys are very excited to start their boys thing! This will start on Tuesday 11th August during school hours. They will be looking at 10 values such as respect, responsibility, patience, trustworthiness and thankfulness. They will also be constructing something related to each value. I know the boys can't wait!

Our SUPACLUB continues to grow as we had 14 children last Tuesday. We have been learning about Joseph, a young 17 yr old, who has been mistreated by his brothers and sold off as a slave. The story is gripping them, but the lessons learnt through the story can really get them thinking e.g. all our actions have an effect on others. All the children enjoy participating in the games, not wanting them to stop.

Last Saturday morning, there was an Activity Morning including learning to knit, card making, foil artwork, photo frame etching and games. The following dates are for the remaining 3 mornings: 29th August, 24th October and 28th November. The morning is from 9am-12, in the Linville Hall, with a gold coin donation. I would love to see more Harlin children there as we have a lot of fun!

Finally, I have the Chaplaincy Bush Dance on Saturday 5th September. This is a major fundraiser for the Chappies in the Upper Brisbane Valley and any support given is very much appreciated. I would really love to have some parents from Harlin attend and to help with the BBQ prior to the dance. Could you consider the following requests and return the form to the school office box.

Thank you,
Catharina Kusay School Chaplain

Chaplaincy Bush Dance

Family Name ______________________

Our family will possibly be attending Yes/No
I could help with cooking on the BBQ  Yes/No
I could help with food preparation  Yes/No
I could help with serving  Yes/No
I could supply a plate for supper  Yes/No
Students of the Week

Pie Drive: Pies arrive tomorrow and can be collected from 2:30pm. Thank you to everyone who has placed an order. Any enquiries to Beck O'Neil (0487 500351)

Market Day: Sunday 30th August. A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th August (next week), at 2pm. All welcome.

Any enquiries, please contact Jacinta (0427281700)

THRASS Workshop catering: The P&C is providing meals for the staff who are participating in the THRASS training on Friday and Saturday, 7th and 8th August. Staff from Harlin, Linville and Benarkin will be involved. We need afternoon tea on Friday and morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Saturday.

If you are able to help with donations of cake/slice/fruit platter etc or if you are able to help prepare/serve lunch on the Saturday, or have suggestions, please contact Ngaio (0407986155)

Fathers’ Day Stall: 9th Friday 4th September. Enquiries to Trish Ashton

Woolworths Earn & Learn: has started. If you, family or friends shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers to help us. Stickers may be left at the office.

Next meeting date: Wednesday 26th August at 2 pm in the library

Ngaio (P&C Secretary)
At Harlin we are: Safe
Responsible
Respectful
Resilient

Being SAFE

› Keeping hands and feet to yourself
› Play safe games with friends
› Use sporting equipment safely

Next week’s rule of the week:
Being respectful – wearing our uniform with pride

Students receiving GOTCHAs last week for demonstrating positive school behaviours:

Emily, Tom C, Abby F, Rhanni, Hayley, Jack M