### School Calendar:

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**Month of May ~ Happy Birthday Everyone!**

- Bree Anna 10th
- Leearna 10th
- Toby C 11th
- Nate B 15th
- Piper 15th
- Gemma 16th
- Tamelie 28th
- Kira 28th
- Jonathan 29th

**Where is Donna Hiding?**

When next you visit the school office you may notice a few changes!

Every year we are all being asked to do more with less; and given that Admin hours for schools are never enough to achieve all we wish to achieve - we felt that we needed to try and improve our work systems and productivity as best we could ......so.....

The main office will still be manned every morning, and Donna will still be onsite four days a week as per usual (not on Thursdays).

However, when she is not needed at the reception desk, Donna will be working in the Principal’s Office – which is now a shared office space for the Principal and the Admin Officer.

This will hopefully not only reduce possible distractions but improve Donna’s work area and privacy for any of the more sensitive work she may need to complete.

Please help us with this new plan by trying to time any payments or administrative requests to mornings between 8:30 and 9:00am.

Don’t forget you can always leave payments and messages in the collection box at the staff room. Please write details clearly on your envelope and seal firmly.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data – School Students with Disability

Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year. All Australian governments have agreed to this.

The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia. An information sheet for parents/carers has been included with this week's newsletter.

If you do not want your child to be included in this data collection, please notify the school in writing by Wednesday 4 June.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Staff have participated in another training session for PBL and have completed a survey regarding the current practices within our school. Please remember that updates and opportunities for parental engagement in this process will be provided at P&C meetings.

Sports Day – High jump and distance events

In the last newsletter we mentioned that high jump trials for students aged 9 to 13 will be held on Monday 16 June. Years 6 and 7 will jump between 9:00 and 10:00 and Years 4 and 5 between 10:00 and 11:00.

At the P&C meeting, it was decided to continue the practice of running distance events the Friday before our carnival. This means that distance running events for all students will be held on Friday 20 June from 1:45pm.

5&6 yr olds will run 100m
7 yr olds will run 200m
8 yr olds will run 400m
9-13 yr olds will run 800m

Sports Day – tuckshop

This year the tuckshop will only be open for first lunch between 11am and 11:30am. If people wish to buy food for second lunch they can do so during this time and keep the food in their own eskies. A menu will be sent home at a later date.

We can’t make kids behave. We can’t make them learn.

BUT...

We can actively put things into place in our schools to increase the likelihood kids will behave in positive ways.

Prep/One have been working hard on developing our handwriting and sentence writing in the last few weeks.

We are writing sentences every day from our Super Sentence Sack and are getting very good at finding nouns, verbs and adjectives in sentences.

We especially enjoy Silly Sentence Friday!

In maths in the coming weeks we will be learning about weight, mass and units of measure. We have been investigating what things are made of in Science, and will be looking at what materials float and sink this week in preparation for our assessment task of designing and building our own boat.

Mrs Tommo has returned from leave and back hard at work in Prep/One. I know all the children missed her! We would like to acknowledge the great work that Miss Kate has been doing in our room over the past two weeks. It was a pleasure having her work with us. Please keep practising sight words with your children at home, and reading each night.

4/5 have completed their news feature articles about flying fox colonies inhabiting trees in the vicinity of residential areas.

While most students ‘went in to bat’ for the flying foxes and their rights to share the environment and their ever decreasing habitat with humans, some students are adamant that the flying fox colony was ‘due for a tree change’. All this has made Mrs Jennings quite batty! There are puns everywhere!

We are enjoying our Geography lessons thus far. Students are polishing up their skills in the use of legends, north point, alphanumeric grid references and scales on maps of Africa and South America. We have enjoyed learning about the human and environmental features of the landscapes that are so different to our Australian ones. This complements our Maths Investigation into finding the distance of a round Australia trip using calculations from scaled maps.

From the Principal

A family of learning for over 100 years.
Update from the 6/7 class

Mid-term assessment is well underway in all subject areas. Please ensure that students are well rested and have had a good breakfast so that they are ready for the tasks they need to complete.

75% of our class has an attendance rate of between 95-100%. Congratulations to these students. A high attendance rate means that students are learning and not missing crucial information and instruction. Please ring the absence line 40 893 760 if your child will be away.

Over the past few weeks in History, the students have been learning about the changes in women’s rights during the 20th century. They found it very interesting that before 1969, women were paid a lower wage than men doing the same work and that many women had to resign if they married or became pregnant. The students have also been busy working on their assessment tasks. They have written annotations on a timeline to show the changes and continuities in women’s rights and have also written paragraphs to explain this information.

Last week, the students examined two historical sources to identify the different points of view about the rights of women during the 1960s.

In The Arts, the students have enjoyed applying their understanding of cool, warm and complementary colours when painting a simple portrait line drawing. Next week, they are going to start learning a dance routine which will be lots of fun.

Update from the 2/3 class

It has been wonderful to receive so much excellent classroom support from many dedicated teachers and parents who have developed an amazingly effective system which is giving students quality reading time at their specific developmental level.

Since this time is such a highly organised, co-operative and strategic operation with students going in many different directions, we all commence activities precisely at 9am. Power snack is at 8:55am. Students arriving late are asked to leave their food until lunchtime. Please have your child/ren ready at school by 8:55am. Thanks for your support in this request.

The next English Unit is roughly based on dragons and how they are portrayed in stories. At the end of this term – 24th June, we will have a “Fairytale and Dragon Dress Up” day.

Students will be asked to wear their dragon training gear – eg shield, helmet, jeans, warm jacket and shoes. (Some costume suggestions are included in the picture below.)

I am really hoping that parents and guardians are accessing my planning calendar. Type in the address into your computer browser:

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=harbee9%40gmail.com&ctz=Australia/Brisbane

or capture this QR Code on your phone/ipad:

![QR Code](image1)

or this easier version for your smartphone to read:

![QR Code](image2)

By having quick access to this calendar, you will be able to study, pre-teach or discuss at home, what is happening in class for that week. I am also including on the calendar some websites for you to visit. If you bookmark this address, it is updated every Monday. Just press refresh on your browser to update to the latest version, then switch to the week view for ease of viewing.

If you do not have a computer, iPad or smartphone, I can help! Please see me ASAP and I will organise a calendar for you. Thanks.
P&C News:

Thanks to the volunteer parents from grade 4/5 for their help in the Mother’s Day Stall – it was a great success! If you could spare an hour or two on Saturday 14th June to help at the Hot Dog Stall at the Car & Bike Show to raise funds for the school it would be wonderful – please let us know.

Don't forget that shirts and textbooks can now be purchased on Friday mornings from the P&C office – if the office is unmanned, come and find us over at the tuckshop and we will be happy to help.

School uniform shirts have been reduced to $15 each, so if you need a new shirt for school photos, get in quick. Orders and money can be left in the collection box in the staff room in a sealed envelope, and will be filled on Friday’s 😊