



# HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

*Keeping Hawk Families Engaged*



THIRTEENTH EDITION  
30th February 2015

## EVENT CALENDAR

Senior Induction  
Ceremony  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> February  
2pm

YEAR 7 Families BBQ  
Come meet the teachers  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
7.30am  
G Block Courtyard

P&C Meeting  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
7.30pm  
Library

YEAR 8 Families BBQ  
Come meet the teachers  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
7.30am  
G Block Courtyard

YEAR 12 COMMUNITY  
DAY  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Periods 1-4  
English students only

SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

BASKETBALL  
Friday nights  
See Mr McDonald in Q1

PHOTO DAY  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Formal Uniforms required

YEAR 7 CAMP  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Pay deposits now \$50  
At P&C Shop

### In Our 60<sup>th</sup> Year ...

2015 marks Harristown's 60<sup>th</sup> year of operation. It also marks the first year that Year 7 students are part of the secondary school sector. We are making history here at Harristown!

### Great First Day

Year 7s and 8s had a fabulous first day. They looked fantastic in their formal uniforms. They enjoyed exploring the full extent of the grounds all to themselves, without the Year 9 to 12 students on Tuesday. So many friendships have been formed already. Teachers were very happy with the great start students made in all year levels this week.

We also had a number of teachers having their very first day of high school too this week. And what a great bunch of enthusiastic staff we have here at Harristown. This day would not have been so successful had it not have been for the support of our junior and senior school leaders. Thanks guys!

### School Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in achieving leadership positions:

#### GOLD LEADERS

Alysha Hart School Captain  
Matthew Bailey School Captain  
Taylor Reeves School Vice Captain  
Caleb Harvey School Vice Captain  
Jadzia Clifford-Pugh Arts Captain  
Olotesi Koka Arts Captain  
Taylor Hansen Sports Prefect  
Jack Liddelow Sports Prefect  
Emily-Jane Harvey Year Level Prefect  
Felicity Farquharson Year Level Prefect  
Nick McNalty Year Level Prefect  
Phoenix Robinson Year Level Prefect

### Introducing our Primary Colleagues

The employment of primary teachers in the secondary school setting is another historic first at Harristown. We are pleased to welcome the following teachers to our teaching staff. We hope to learn from them as they work with Year 7s to support their successful transition to the high school setting.

Mrs Karen Parker (Drayton State School)  
Mrs Dale Klease (Drayton State School)  
Mrs Bev Campbell (Cambooya State School)  
Mrs Keren Thomas (Toowoomba East State School)

We also welcome the following staff with primary school training:

Mr Eugene Sedden  
Mrs Tamie Schick

### Stymie That! Bullying – No Way!

The word stymie means to stop or thwart. Statistics say that one in four Australian students is bullied at school. At Harristown we want bullying to stop and so do our students. As a bystander, students often feel helpless to do much about bullying. Today students will receive information on how to report bullying anonymously. This website can be a powerful tool in helping others to feel safe. Simply go online and complete the details. The information is then emailed directly to the school of the **student being bullied. Remember: don't play jokes or waste people's time; be responsible and truthful.** Check it out at [www.stymie.com.au](http://www.stymie.com.au). If you need to talk to someone you can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 or go to [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

Principal  
Ken Green

Deputy Principals  
*BALKUIN* Craig Forknall  
*BARANG* Leanne Monagle  
*BONDA* Helen Parker  
*DERWAIN* Greg Sellars

Business Manager  
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer  
Judy King

Student Managers  
*First point of contact for parents/carers*

Junior Secondary  
(Years 7, 8, 9)

*BALKUIN* Ian Brackstone  
*BARANG* Angela McMahon  
*BONDA* Tim Reuther  
*DERWAIN* Brodie Love

Senior Secondary  
(Years 10, 11, 12)

*BALKUIN* Mick Floyd  
*BARANG* Sue Burns  
*BONDA* Col Peake  
*DERWAIN* Karuna Dang

Year Level Coordinators

Yr 7 Liam Holcombe  
 Yr 8 Tony Knott  
 Yr 9 Daniel Schick  
 Yr 10 Jamie Krisanski  
 Yr 11 Peter Dayus  
 Yr 12 Amy McAleer

P & C SHOP  
4636 8714

Monday – Friday  
8.15am – 3.15pm

SCHOOL CANTEEN  
4636 8710

SCHOOL OFFICE  
4636 8700

Monday – Friday  
8.30am – 4.00pm

### New School Hats

For \$17 students have the opportunity to purchase a two way school hat; on one side it looks like Harristown blue while on the other side it looks like your House Colour. Get in quickly while stocks last and be prepared to be sun safe and show your house spirit every day, not just at the swimming carnival.

### Using Student Planners

Form teachers will be instrumental in helping students to make the most of their student planners. This planner takes on a whole new format this year. It includes essential information for students and parents about school expectations, as well as a list of who's who amongst our staff, information about time management, study techniques, setting personal learning goals, research skills, relationships and habits of minds.

Parents please show your support by talking with your child about how they are making the student planner work for them to achieve their best in 2015.

### Swimming Carnival

Go hawks! Which house will come out on top? Who will win spirit this year?

Participation is the key to success with every participant earning a point for their house. So get in the spirit and register for as many events as you can.

Students who would like to help out on the day, please see Mr Wilkes, Sports Co-ordinator in Q33 before Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

### Lunchtime Opportunities

The following facilities are open at lunch times for student use:

Yellow Gym  
 Blue Gym  
 Library  
 Pool (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

### Sport in 2015

Sport will now be split over three afternoons:

Year 10	Wednesday
Year 8 & 9	Thursday
Year 7	Friday

### What will the musical be?

Arts staff members have been in a huddle for a number of weeks now scouring the land for the perfect school musical to be performed this year. What will it be? Stay tuned!

Every student will have the opportunity to sign up for auditions when the time comes. We can promise that this will be the opportunity to make your mark and to make memories you will cherish for a lifetime!

### Email Addresses Needed

Parents are asked to ensure contact details are always up to date. Forms are available from the office for this purpose. Mobile phone numbers are used to advise parents of unexplained absences. Email addresses will enable us to send home newsletters. They are also useful to enable speedy contact between parents and teachers.

### Litter is everyone's business

Last year Mr Martin, Head of Department (Health & Physical Education & Sports Academy) spoke to the Assembly about an issue that he said '**threatened the Hawk Spirit; a filthy, scummy, disgusting issue!**' Remember:

1. **Rubbish is everyone's problem.**
2. **It's never acceptable to drop rubbish.**
3. **It's not the cleaners' job.**
4. Our neighbours are entitled to complain.
5. Claim the right to sit in a clean spot.
6. Bins love your rubbish. They **scream, 'fill me up'.**
7. **Don't be rash! Put it in the trash!**

### Community News

Soccer Registrations for West Wanderers Football Club are now open. West Wanderers is situated on Hume Street, up towards K-Mart. Children must 5 by the end of the year to play. Please visit our Clubhouse on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February between 9am and 12pm for more details or assistance with signing up. Please visit [www.westwanderers.org](http://www.westwanderers.org) for more details or contact our Registrar Jon Haynes on 0437 649 944.