**In Our 60th Year…**

2015 marks Harristown’s 60th 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
- 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 responsible and truthful. Check it out at 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
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 5th 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 be 5 by the end of the year to play. Please visit our Clubhouse situated on 0437 649 944.

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