



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



SECOND EDITION 12th February 2014
EVENT CALENDAR
SCHOOL PHOTOS All Students Photographed Formal Uniform Only Thursday 13 th February
NATIONAL SORRY DAY Thursday 13 th February
FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL Friday 14 th February Venue: HSHS Gyms
GOLD AND SILVER INVESTITURE Wednesday 19 th February Venue: HSHS Auditorium 10:10am -11:20am
USQ INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS 19 th & 20 th February Years 8-12 welcome Bus provided
HAWK A&I TABLE Friday 21 st February Venue: Library 10:30am – 12 noon
LIFELINE BOOKFEST 1 st and 2 nd March Venue: Founders' Pavilion, Showgrounds Saturday – 8am to 5pm Sunday – 8am to 2pm Free Admission
P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 4 th March Venue: Library New members welcome
JAPANESE TOUR GROUP - ACOSTA Visiting from 16 th March Ms Zaun, Co-ordinator Y Block

2014 - What to Expect
Expect success says the principal, Mr Green. He has challenged all students to expect success and to improve their results from Semester One to Semester Two this year. Year 12s have been challenged by their Year Co-ordinator, Ms McAleer, **to make this year of 'lasts' a year of preparation for the future.**

Swimming Carnival
And the winner is ... Balkuin on 599 points, then came Dherwain, Barang and Bonda. House Spirit went to Balkuin. Miss Joss, the Co-ordinator congratulates all house leaders, students and teachers for great participation. More students and staff participated in the House Swim than in other years in recent memory.

Student Representative Council
Year Level Meetings this week will be devoted to hearing the speeches of those nominated for the SRC. Each year level requires 2 boys and 2 girls. Results will be communicated directly to students in the coming few days.

Drama Production Auditions
Auditions for Year 11 and 12 students will be held again on Monday and Tuesday in second break. The audition is simply reading a short dramatic text. Students should meet Mr Tim Reuther in G Block Foyer.

Cultural Captain Applications
As a cultural captain one would need to be aware of multicultural and cultural issues in our school community and organise and participate in a range of activities such as Harmony Day and the Toowoomba Multicultural Festival. Applications are available from Ms Zaun in Y Block and must be returned by Friday, 14th February.

Subject Changes
Subject changes must occur by Friday, 14th February. If in Year 11 or 12 see Ms King or, if in Years 9 or 10, see Ms Monagle.

Sports Parade
Every Wednesday at 8:30am the bell sounds for Sports Parade. All students in an interschool team are required to go to the Blue Gym at this time. Students are advised where they will be playing and if they are required to catch a bus. If students are not in attendance, then teams may have to forfeit afternoon games.

Football Academy Trials
Year 8,9 or 10 boys, interested in **trailing for the Boy's Football (Soccer)** Academy, are to add their names to the whiteboard list inside the Trade Training Centre door.

Homework Centre
Permission forms for Homework Centre may be found at the office. Homework Centre is situated in Y Block each Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:15-4:15pm, beginning Wednesday 19th February. Students of all ages are welcome to sign up and to attend when they need support. This may be each week or just around the time that assignments are due.

Stymie that!
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. If you need to talk to someone you can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 or go to www.kidshelp.com.au

Principal
Kenneth Green

Deputy Principals
BALKUIN
Craig Forknall
BARANG
Leanne Monagle
BONDA
Helen Parker
DHERWAIN
Tracy Priebe

Business Manager
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer
Judy King

Student Managers
First point of contact for parent/carers

Junior Secondary
(Years 7, 8, 9)
Ian Brackstone *BALKUIN*
Lauren Phoenix *BARANG*
Tim Reuther *BONDA*
Hannah Dalton-Strong
DHERWAIN

Senior Secondary
(Years 10, 11, 12)
Mick Floyd *BALKUIN*
Sue Burns *BARANG*
Col Peake *BONDA*
Karuna Dang *DHERWAIN*

Year Level Coordinators
Yr 7 Liam Holcombe
Yr 8 Mark Burchardt
Yr 9 Daniel Schick
Yr 10 Simon Rogers
Yr 11 Peter Dayus
Yr 12 Amy McAleer

P & C SHOP 4636 8714
Monday – Friday
8.15am – 3.15pm

SCHOOL OFFICE
4636 8700
Monday – Friday
8.30am – 4.00pm

Vaccination Program 2014
Every Year 8 student is being offered vaccinations for diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough as well as chicken pox and human papillomavirus. Year 10 male students are offered vaccinations in diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough and human papillomavirus. Year 10 female students are offered diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough vaccination. Vaccination clinics will be held here at school on Thursday 27th February, Monday 12th May and Monday 13th October 2014. Signed consent forms must be returned to the school by Friday 14th February, even if students do not wish to have the vaccination. This ensures that the parent/legal guardian has received the consent form. Find out more by calling 13 HEALTH (13 432584) or visiting www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation.

Emergency Drills
Students can expect that an evacuation drill will take place in the coming days. Such drills help students and staff to become very proficient in the expectations during an emergency evacuation or lockdown. Reminder: all mobile phones should be turned off during these procedures.

Signing in Late to School
Students need to sign in at the student counter. If students do not have a note or the school has not received a phone call about the lateness, then students are issued with a detention. Students must present to H7 at second lunch for 20 minutes from 1.20-1.40pm.

Local Community Day
Emity Bayntun, School Captain, reports that on Thursday 6th February, Year 12 English students were addressed by a panel of five local speakers who gave an insight into issues and challenges for Toowoomba city and residents. The panel consisted of Sara Hales, the Community Liaison Manager at Wellcamp Airport; John Gouldson, an elected Toowoomba Regional Councillor; David Barton, who works for Mercy Family Services; Peter Rookas, the CEO at Toowoomba Hospital Foundation; and Wayne Beeston, the Regional School Sports Officer for Education Queensland.

Traineeships & Apprenticeships
Mission Australia has 3 positions in Certificate III in Business for Indigenous students
See Trish in D11

Clayton from Aurora visits D11 fortnightly from Tuesday 25th February to talk about traineeships in Hospitality, Business or Retail

Lions Youth of the Year Quest
Applications are due this Friday. Students should see Ms Clifford in E1 for details.

Debating
Year 10 and 11 students, interested in debating this year, should see Ms Clifford in E1.

Year 11 History Club
Budding historians will find this club most useful with assignments, test preparation or just chatting about the latest amazing archaeological discoveries. If interested, see Ms Ryan in B1.

Signing Out Procedures
This is a tricky two-step process. Take a note from home to the student counter to be issued with a slip. This slip advises teachers that you are allowed out of class at a certain time. Then, return to the student counter to actually sign out and leave the school.

Habits of Mind
Successful people aren't born that way. They become successful by establishing the habit of doing things **unsuccessful people don't** like to do. **Successful people don't always like** these things themselves; they just do them.

Distribution of Hawk Chat
Initially Hawk Chat is being distributed to the eldest child in each family. From the third issue it will only be distributed to students interested in taking a copy home. Extra copies will be available from the school office or on the school website.

Community News

Lifeline Bookfest – see calendar
Toowoomba's biggest recycled book sale. Enquiries 1300 991 443.