



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



FIFTH EDITION 13 th March 2014
EVENT CALENDAR
Pi DAY Friday 14 th March
FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL Friday 14 th March Venue - Blue Gym
JAPANESE TOUR GROUP – ACOSTA Visiting from 16 th March Ms Zaun, Co-ordinator Y Block
DISCIPLINE AUDIT Thursday 20 th March
MAYORAL LEADERSHIP MORNING TEA Thursday 20 th March
DARLING DOWNS SPORTS TRIALS Thursday 20 th March Venues – various
HARMONY DAY Friday 21 st March
HAWK A&I TABLE Friday 21 st March 10:30am in Library
SENIOR BALL Year 11&12 Students Wednesday 26 th March
2014 NEXT STEP SURVEY Involves Year 12s of 2013 Between March – June
CROSS COUNTRY Wednesday 2 nd April Venue – Kearneys Spring
YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY Friday 4 th April Venue – Emu Gully

House Afternoon Tea and Information Session

What a buzz! A warm and friendly atmosphere was generated as parent/carers and staff got to know one another on Monday 3rd March.

Senior Hospitality students presented themselves well, under the guidance of Mr Williams and his team, as they tempted all present with some delicious sweet and savoury treats.

Parent/ carers learned how to use the **school's website to glean information**. After a busy day at Emu Gully getting muddy in the name of team building, Gold leaders, Emity Bayntun, Lachlan Porter, Kathryn Pamogas and Ben Sauverain spoke. They talked to families about their reasons for choosing Harristown and how Harristown is helping them to achieve their goals beyond school.

Common message to students: *"take advantage of the great range of opportunities at Harristown, making memories to cherish and friendships that may end up lasting a lifetime."*

Parents & Citizens' Association

Thank you to citizens in the school community who have taken on the following roles within the P&C this year:

President John Geitzel
 VPs Michelle Wayman, John Pugh
 Secretary Sue Achilles
 Treasurer Graham Taylor

It was pleasing to welcome four new people to the P&C meeting this month. New faces are always welcome. The P&C continues to employ Tracy Waters as canteen convenor as well as others who are supported by a small band of regular volunteers. Please contact Tracy at the canteen if you are able to help.

United Nations Regional Youth Conference

Congratulations to Jeanluc and Jean-franc Mugabe who were invited to attend this conference this year at Mt Tambourine. UN Youth Ambassadors have visited Harristown many times but this is the first time our students have attended the conference. Students from all over Queensland took part.

Discipline Audit

Education Queensland schools will undergo discipline audits beginning in 2014. Mr Boyd Jorgensen, a principal from the Sunshine Coast Region, will lead the process at Harristown. He will speak with students, parents and staff and review school data to provide feedback about strengths of the school in building discipline and possible areas for improvement across five domains:

- Principal leadership,
- parent and community engagement, data-informed decision making,
- clear consistent expectations
- explicit teaching of behaviour to all students.

NAPLAN

In May, Year 9, together with Year 3, 5 and 7 students, will engage in this nation-wide assessment program focussing on reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. At Harristown there is a focus on explicit instruction and Dimensions of Learning in every classroom, every day. Students who require help to reach national benchmarks in reading and numeracy are being supported through the Great Results Guarantee funding being made available to schools from 2014.

Support Committee

Referrals can be made to this committee for any student who may require additional support for any reason. Enquiries to Student Managers.

Principal
Kenneth Green

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

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

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

CANTEEN
4636 8710
8.00am – 2.00pm
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) – some extra information

As mentioned in the last edition of Hawk Chat, students must achieve a set standard within a set period of time in a set pattern of study to earn 20 credits.

If at the end of Year 11 or earlier, students move from Mathematics A to Prevocational Mathematics or from English to English Communication, then the Queensland Studies Authority view this as continuous core attracting 4 credits in each case. The same is not true if a student moves from a less challenging English or Mathematics into a more challenging English or Mathematics.

See Mr Forknall or Mrs King for further clarification.

To understand more about the QCE look on the Queensland Studies Authority website
<http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/> or attend Subject Selection Evenings.

Applying for a Job

A local employer approached the school recently to pass on a message to students looking for part-time work. His advice included:

- Be well groomed (in school uniform is fine)
- Be prepared (have a resume, even if you **haven't had a paying job**)
- Take your latest school report card (make sure all absences if any are explained and that you have good effort and behaviour comments)
- Be communicative (have good eye contact, speak enthusiastically)
- Know why you want the job and be able to talk about this
- Know what you are good at and how you would work well for the particular employer
- Have some questions for the employer demonstrating you are really interested in the job
- Smile and be polite (use the employer's name)

Traineeships & Apprenticeships

See Trish in D11 for details.

Queensland Training Awards

Any student engaged in a school-based traineeship or apprenticeship (SAT) is eligible to enter. Last year Chris Bevan and Breanna Suey made it to Regionals. Why not have a go if you are a SAT student? See Trish in D11 for details.

International Students

We welcome two international students to Harristown this semester; Ayano Nasu from Japan and Susie Su from China.

Harmony Day Assembly

Share Hawk Pride celebrating our cultural diversity by participating in a national costume parade. See Ms Zaun in Y Block or Kathryn Pamogas, Cultural Captain.

Dress Code

Student Managers continue to challenge students about dress code violations, particularly in relation to inappropriate shoes, jumpers, jewellery and nail polish. If students do not arrange for an out of uniform note before school from Student Managers, then they can be issued with a note and an accompanying detention from their Deputy Principal.

Stymie that!

Students are reminded to add as much detail as possible to notifications of bullying about what is happening and who is involved. Thank you to those bystanders who have acted to help someone else.

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.

Community News

Southern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club would like to invite any under 16 players to play the 2014 football season with our club. Please contact Neil Roberts on 0448 874 450.