



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



EIGHTH EDITION
16th May 2014

EVENT CALENDAR

TOOWOOMBA
EISTEDDFOD
9th – 22nd May (Part 1)
Venue – Empire Theatre

RELAY FOR LIFE
17th - 18th May
Toowoomba Showgrounds

SUBJECT SELECTION
EVENING
Year 8 & Year 10
Monday 19th May

LIBRARY & INFORMATION
WEEK
19th – 23rd May

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS
BEGIN
Year 8 & 11 Ambassadors
Wednesday 21st May

ICAS COMPUTER
SKILLS COMPETITION
Years 8-10
Tuesday 20th May

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
CHALLENGE
Year 9 Academy
Thursday 22nd May

SWQ FUTSAL TITLES
26th – 30th May

SCHOOL PREMIER LEAGUE
(SPL)
Monday 28th May

BOYS BILL TURNER CUP
CLUSTER DAY
Tuesday 29th May

OCS PRACTICE TEST
Year 12 OP Students
24th – 25th June

Attendance & Achievement

On assembly this week Mr Green spoke about the link between attendance and achievement.

Letters were posted home recently advising parents/carers of the **percentage of their child's attendance** in term one where it was below the school target. It may be that students have missed school for medical or other significant reasons, however when students miss school research tells us that their achievement levels will also be affected negatively.

Consider this ...

90% attendance = 1 day absent each fortnight = 4 weeks absent each year.

80% attendance = 1 day absent each week = 8 weeks absent each year.

Relay for Life

Once again a number of students have signed up to be involved in the Relay for Life community event at the Toowoomba Showgrounds this weekend thanks to the organisation of Ms Wark and her team of supporters.

Let's hope a good amount is raised for cancer research as a result of the efforts of students and staff.

Starts: Saturday 2pm
Ends: Sunday 8am

Students need to sign in on arrival and sign out when leaving. Double socks, bandaids and dressing warm is recommended.

DID YOU KNOW? Ms Bidgood's Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students will serve afternoon tea to cancer survivors and their carers as part of this event.

Information Evenings – Year 8 & 10 19th May

Families of Year 8 and Year 10 students are invited to support their children in selecting elective subjects to be studied from Term Three. Students at Harristown are spoilt for choice given the wide range of subjects available. Teachers and Heads of Department will be available to talk with families. The Information Evenings will include the following:

YEAR 8

5.00pm Academic Academy
Presentation in Lecture Theatre

Subject Displays available in the Auditorium

5.30pm Official Presentation in the Auditorium

6.00pm Presentation concludes

YEAR 10

6.00pm School-based Traineeships & Apprenticeships
Presentation in Lecture Theatre

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6.30pm Official Presentation in the Auditorium

7.00pm Presentation concludes

School-based Traineeships & Apprenticeships
Presentation in Lecture Theatre

A subject selection booklet and accompanying subject selection form will be distributed at this evening and forms will be due back to Ms Monagle.

Principal
Ken 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)

BALKUIN Ian Brackstone
BARANG Lauren Phoenix
BONDA Tim Reuther
DERWAIN Hannah Dalton-Strong

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 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 CANTEEN
4636 8710

SCHOOL OFFICE
4636 8700

Monday – Friday
8.30am – 4.00pm

Winter Uniform

Families have a range of options available at the P&C Shop to outfit their child to protect against the chilliness of winter:

- Fleecy Sweatshirts \$49.95
- Woollen Jumper from \$79.95
- Spray Jacket \$84.95
- Scarves (school colours) \$ 7.95
- Beanies (school colours) \$ 3.95

Students require a note of explanation from parents/carers if they need to access an Out of Uniform Note from Student Managers before school. If a student is sent to the office after this time for an Out of Uniform Note then Deputy Principals will also issue a consequence.

Primary-Secondary Interface

This year Year 11 students will be supporting Year 8s as they participate as ambassadors in our visits to primary schools across Toowoomba and district. First visits begin on Wednesday 21st May.

Year 10 Camp Update

Spots are filling fast with less than 20 available now for students interested to attend this camp. If you are keen to attend make sure you pay a deposit or in full at the P&C Shop as soon as possible.

See Mr Rogers in E1.

Ski Trip

A handful of places have opened up for students interested to attend this fabulously cold experience in the September school holidays. Usually an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students, this year Year 10 students are also invited to participate.

See Mr Martin in Q33.

Homework Centre

Homework Centre operates each Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm in Y Block. If students would like to participate, then they will need to complete a permission form available from the school office.

See Ms Jarvis in Y Block Staffroom

School-based Traineeships & Apprenticeships Available

Aircraft Maintenance Engineering. An amazing opportunity!

Tim Smith Constructions looking for Year 12 student for SAT and roll over to full-time work after Year 12.

See Trish Hamlin in D11.

Casual Work Available

Whitley's Welding Works looking for a student to work 5 afternoons each week from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

See Trish Hamlin in D11.

Accounts Due

For all families who are paying Student Resource Scheme fees by instalment, your next instalment is due now. Please contact the P&C Shop to make payment.

It is our practice at Harristown that any outstanding fees must be paid before senior students are able to purchase formal tickets later in the year or Year 8 & 9 students are able to purchase tickets for the end of year trip to Dreamworld.

USQ Experience Day

A bus load of Harristown seniors from Year 11 & 12 participated in this day on Thursday 15th May. It provided students the opportunity to consider the courses on offer at the University of Southern Queensland, a university leading the way in online education.

You may be interested to know that a **number of scholarships 'go begging'** each year because students do not apply for them!

Community News



Bulk Billing Medical Centre

Access and appointments available to entire community. We are located at 20 Scott Street, Toowoomba

Goolburri
Regional Health Services Pty. Ltd.

Contact us now phone 07 4632 0338