



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged

HAWK CHAT



TWELFTH EDITION
18th September 2014

EVENT CALENDAR

USA VOLLEYBALL TOUR
Thursday 18th September –
Monday 6th October

FORMER ORIGIN GREATS
Thursday 18th September
Suncorp Stadium Brisbane
6.45am – 3.00pm

ARTS DAY
Friday 19th September

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS
Saturday 20th September
1.00pm Parade

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Labour Day
Monday 6th October

VACCINATIONS
Monday 13th October

BRIBIE ISLAND FISHING
CAMP
Monday 13th October –
Thursday 16th October

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL
SCHOOLS CUP
Friday 17th –
Sunday 19th October
Brisbane venues

STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday 20th October

PARENT-TEACHER
INTERVIEWS
Tuesday 21st October
3.30pm – 8.00pm
Book online

PRESENTATION NIGHT
Tuesday 28th October
7.00pm at Empire Theatre

Carnival of Flowers Parade

Interested students are meeting to march as a Harristown family on Saturday, 20th September, from 1.00pm to 4.30pm, as part of the Carnival of Flowers Parade. Students will march in full uniform. Last year as we all walked through the streets many in the crowd joined in the singing of the school song, such is the longevity of the hawk spirit long after students have left Harristown. Enjoy your holidays!

FOGS Career Expo

Fifty of our Indigenous students headed to Brisbane on Thursday 18th September for the Former Origin Greats (FOGs) Career Expo. Previously conducted at the USQ, this career day has provided great networking opportunities for students in the past with some students picking up traineeships as a result.

2014 USA VOLLEYBALL TOUR

Bon Voyage to the Senior Girls Volleyball Academy group who travel to the USA for over two weeks. They will spend their September holidays playing in the Steeltown Classic Varsity tournament, the Cave Classic Junior Varsity tournament as well as against Hilltop High, Torrey Pines High, Costa Canyon High and Francis Lewis High Schools. They will visit Disneyland in LA, Seaworld in San Diego as well as Times Square in New York. It should be an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime trip. Embrace it, girls!

Email Addresses Needed

We would like all parent/carers to update contact details with an email address if you have one. Please email your **name and your student's name** to:

the.principal@harristownshs.eq.edu.au

Bard Stars

A huge congratulations to Jadzia and Brittania Clifford-Pugh, Campbell Patterson and Jacinta Taylor, who did us proud representing Harristown SHS at the regional finals of Shakefest: a secondary school Shakespeare festival at USQ on Sunday 7th September. Campbell and Jadzia presented a witty musical take on the *Taming of the Shrew*, Jacinta created a MasterChef-inspired film entry based on the gory *Titus Andronicus* and Brittania and Jadzia performed a dramatic dance routine representing the Tybalt/Mercutio duel from *Romeo & Juliet*. Thanks also to the wonderful supporters.

Year 12 Hospitality Restaurants

Three classes of hospitality students have been treating parents and friends to their delicious fare over the course of Term 3. Year 12s designed their own menus and table settings to a chosen theme like Winter Wonderland. Meals were worthy of the masterchef kitchen. Well done to students for completing 15 hour days at school demonstrating the skills learned during the two years working towards a Certificate I in Hospitality.

Junior Leadership Positions for 2015

Approximately 40 students have nominated to be considered for the eight 2015 Junior Secondary Leadership positions. These positions are offered to cover all areas including arts, sports and other events within the Junior School. The process of leadership selection is quite involved. It includes completing a written application addressing selection criteria, speaking in front of the Year 8 cohort, then being part of a voting process. Shortlisted students from this voting process will be interviewed by a panel of teachers.

Successful junior leaders will be announced at Presentation Night.

Principal
Ken Green

Deputy Principals

BALKUIN Craig Forknall
BARANG Leanne Monagle
BONDA Helen Parker
DHERWAIN 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 Lauren Phoenix
BONDA Tim Reuther
DHERWAIN Hannah Dalton-
Strong

Senior Secondary
(Years 10, 11, 12)

BALKUIN Mick Floyd
BARANG Sue Burns
BONDA Col Peake
DHERWAIN 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

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be conducted in the school Auditorium on Tuesday 21st October from 3.30pm – 8.00pm. Information about how to book online is included with mid-semester report cards.

Teachers are keen to share with parent/carers how students are working and what each can do to improve results for Term 4 reports.

Bridge to Brisbane

Well done to the 51 students and 3 staff who travelled to Brisbane to compete in the annual Bridge to Brisbane on Father's Day. The Hawk team, made up of Year 12 Physical Education students completing their assessment, ran in the 5km section of the event and finished an amazing 3rd out of 1175 teams, securing \$250 along the way.

The experience was enjoyed by all with students agreeing they were glad to be part of something so big and away from Toowoomba. It was good to see various past students competing independently this year after being involved as a Hawk in last year's inaugural excursion to the Bridge to Brisbane event.

Arts Day

Arts Day provides another fantastic display of Harristown talent. This day in the calendar is not to be missed. Not only do we see great acts on show but also the great hawk spirit as audience members support students who have put themselves out there to perform in front of their peers. Go hawks!

Year 8 News

Year 8 students participated in physical activities on Wednesday 10th September to celebrate Health & Physical Education Day. Activities included a tug-of-war, ball games, Swedish longball and catch the flag.

Students participated with enthusiasm & vigour. Great work!

The Game Shuttle

Congratulations to cast, crew and staff on a fabulous drama production this year. Accolades came from far and wide. One message received from guests at the community performance on the Wednesday was:

'On behalf of the guests and staff of the Senior Citizens Day Respite Centre we would like to congratulate you, your teachers and students for a great production. It was very different to what we have seen before. Our guests went home happy and full of praise for your students.'

Targeting Litter

Mr Martin, a fresh voice, spoke to the Assembly this term 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!**

Football News

Boys & Girls Senior Football teams made the Red Lion Cup Football final on Wednesday 17th September at Middle Ridge Park. Harristown boys' team squared off against Toowoomba Grammar, while the Harristown Blue team played the Harristown white team in the girls' decider.

On Thursday 18th September, Senior & Junior Boys played Kelvin Grove College here at school in the final Schools Premier League game of the year. Looking to finish with three strong victories! **Check out Harristown's** facebook page for results.

Senior Girls Football team will play Palm Beach Currumbin in the Schools Premier League (SPL) grand final on Thursday 16th October in Brisbane.