



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



THIRD EDITION 20th February 2014
EVENT CALENDAR
HAWK A&I TABLE Friday 21st February Venue: Library
YEAR 11 BIOLOGY TRIP Monday 24 th February
RED FOOD DAY Thursday 27 th February
HOUSE AFTERNOON TEA & SCHOOL INFO SESSION Monday 3 rd March A/Tea Time: 4:45-5:30pm Info Time: 5:30-6:00pm Students catering
GOLD & SILVER STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY Monday 3 rd March
P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 4 th March Venue: Library New members welcome
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Saturday 8 th March
BRONZE LEADERS' INVESTITURE Wednesday 12 th March
Pi DAY Friday 14 th March
JAPANESE TOUR GROUP – ACOSTA Visiting from 16 th March Ms Zaun, Co-ordinator Y Block
HARMONY DAY Friday 21 st March
SENIOR BALL Wednesday 26 th March

Leaders' Induction

Melissa Hollman, guest speaker at the **Gold & Silver Leaders' Induction**, completed her senior education at Harristown in 2010, earning Dux of the school and an All Rounder Award. Having achieved an OP1, Melissa is now studying to become a teacher, inspired by her teachers. She encouraged students to take advantage of all the opportunities available at Harristown. Principal, Mr Green, spoke to students about **'attitude' determining 'performance'**; the challenges of leadership and the importance of the pledge that they would make.

Year 12 Wednesday Afternoons Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test preparation for Year 12 students takes place on Wednesday afternoons in period 7 and 8 in Semester 1 and Term 2. Students will be required to undertake a practice, under test conditions on Tuesday 24th June and Wednesday 25th June 2014. If students are unavailable, due to involvement in a school-based traineeship/ apprenticeship or work experience, and are OP eligible or are interested in gaining a ranking for tertiary entrance, then they are able to attend QCS Test Preparation on Thursday mornings in D03 from 8.00am to 8.45am with Ms Bidgood.

Student Laptops & Tablets
Students not wishing to continue using their NSSCF laptop or tablet under the signed agreement, have until the end of February to return the device to the technicians in the library. Otherwise annual costs will be incurred as per their signed Charter Agreement.

Prayer Breakfast
Our chaplain, Peter Murphy, invites all interested to participate in a prayer breakfast in the Common Room on Tuesday 25th February. Please see Peter in Q42 if you would like to attend so that catering can be arranged.

Stymie that!

Since this reporting website went live here at Harristown eleven reports of bullying have been received and addressed by staff. Students are reminded to add as much detail as possible 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.

Getting Students Out of Class

In emergency situations parent/carers are encouraged to contact the office for assistance in communicating with their child/children. Parent/carers would appreciate that in a school of 1530 students; it is difficult to have one of two administration officers leave their post to go to class to deliver a message or to retrieve a student. We are happy to assist in an emergency situation but bus arrangements and left lunches or assignments are not emergencies. To avoid these situations, please plan ahead or ask students to check at the office if parent/carers have dropped off anything left at home or students may come to the office to make a phone call for a small cost. Students should have mobiles turned off and out of sight during the school day but they may seek permission from their Deputy Principal to use their mobile phone to contact home.

Engraving Day

Constable Rebekah has organised a bike/scooter engraving day on Monday 24th February at the bike compound. Mobile phones and ipods can also be engraved.

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

Attendance at School – Why is school so important?

- Students who attend more, get better results than those who do not
- Students learn important skills for later in life – being on time, self-discipline and organisation
- Students make stronger friendships that can last a lifetime
- Students feel they understand the school work better
- Being away from school can put young people in unsafe situations

The law says that until a student finishes Year 10, or turns 16 years of age, they have to attend every day at school. After this time, and until the student turns 17 years of age, they must either be earning or learning. If a student is not doing this, the police may be contacted and parents may be taken to court and fined.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
 Nelson Mandela

If your child is facing difficulties in coming to school, then contact the school and ask for assistance. There are a range of people who can help, including an Engagement Officer who is able to come to your house and meet with you and your child.

Before & After School
 Students should walk directly to and from school, not dally in the park using the swings. Please note that the areas around the Scout Hut and tank near the Bus Interchange are out of bounds to students.

We share the Bus Interchange with our local primary schools. The bus shelter closest Hennessey Street is reserved for Harristown Primary School students.

Students are reminded to use school crossings and to cross once, being mindful of the traffic.

Year 9 Emu Gully Activity
 Forms are due in as soon as possible to **Mr Schick in M6**. Don't miss out on this great team building activity!

Traineeships & Apprenticeships Available

School-based Apprenticeship in Panel Beating & Engineering (Boiler Making)

Mission Australia has 3 positions in Certificate III in Business for Indigenous students in Year 11

See Trish in D11 for details.

SPORT

Basketball

Friday nights

Permission & medical forms due
 See Mr McDonald, Q1

Netball

Laura Geitz Shield – Year 8&9

Carnival Sunday 2nd March

Uniforms can be collected once fees are paid.

See Mrs Fraser, Q1

Volleyball

Tuesday nights

Interested in playing?

See Mr Lau, Q1

AFL

Girls Youth Cup

See Mr Marshall, Q1

Rugby League
U16's and U18's

Saturday 22nd February

Youth Girls Sevens Development

Squad Trial at Downlands College

aimed at creating two squads of 15 players. If selected, girls need to

commit to a training program from end February to July.

See Mr Tucker, B02

ARTS

Vocal Ensemble

Needs your voice!

Meets 1st break Thursdays in N7

See Miss Brown, E1

See Ms Matheson, D11

Drama Production

Successful 'auditionees' will be

announced Thursday 20th February on lists outside G26

First rehearsal Wednesday 26th

February in G30