Event Calendar

**Hawk & I Table**
- Friday 21st February
- Venue: Library

**Year 11 Biology Trip**
- Monday 24th February

**Red Food Day**
- Thursday 27th February

**House Afternoon Tea & School Info Session**
- Monday 3rd March
  - A/Tea Time: 4:45 - 5:30pm
  - Info Time: 5:30 - 6:00pm
  - Students catering

**Gold & Silver Student Leadership Activity**
- Monday 3rd March

**P&C Annual General Meeting**
- Tuesday 4th March
  - Venue: Library
  - New members welcome

**International Women's Day**
- Saturday 8th March

**Bronze Leaders' Investiture**
- Wednesday 12th March

**Pi Day**
- Friday 14th March

**Japanese Tour Group - Acosta**
- Visiting from 16th March
  - Ms Zaun, Co-ordinator Y Block

**Harmony Day**
- Friday 21st March

**Senior Ball**
- Wednesday 26th March

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**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.
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