Harmony Week
At Harristown we are proud to say we are home to students from 32 countries around the world. This was most evident when all enjoyed the National Dress Parade, particularly when Mr Green joined in the fun by dressing in a national costume of the Middle East. During this week we acknowledge everyone who calls Australia home, from the traditional owners of this land, the Giabal and Jarowair people to people who have travelled far from various countries around the world to settle here in Australia.

Hawks of diverse ethnicities, religions and languages united as one to recognise and celebrate the equality between Australians from diverse cultures in our school and in Australia.

Students have enjoyed an array of activities in celebration of Harmony Week, including badminton, Bollywood dancing, African drumming, cooking demonstrations and a multicultural luncheon.

“Beneath the armour of skin and bone and mind, most of our colours are amazingly the same.” Aberjhani

Responsible Behaviour Plan – an excerpt
At Harristown State High School, our purpose is to prepare our students to be confident in their transition and integration into local, national and global communities through flexible and sustainable learning, whilst providing a positive, safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff.

Essential to effective learning is a safe, supportive and disciplined environment that respects:

- The rights of all students to learn
- The rights of teachers to teach
- The rights of all to be safe

Laptops & Tablets – FINAL CALL
There are still a number of laptops and tablets available for students in Years 9-12 who wish to participate in the NSSCF Program. To have your personal 3G-enabled device for school and home use, you need to:

- collect a charter document from the library
- have your parent/carers read it
- complete an agreement form
- pay an annual fee of $90

Deadline for involvement is 4th April. Money and forms must be in by then.

Sport Arrangements to end Term 1
Wednesday afternoon sport finishes on 26th March. Cross Country will occur on the following Wednesday, 2nd April. The Fun Run, for students not competing in the Cross Country, will be held at school.

Students will work periods 1-6 as usual, then go out to lunch at 12.55pm. Buses will depart for Kearneys Spring at 1.10pm from the bus interchange and return students to school prior to 3.00pm. May the best House win!

Need help with assignments?
Homework Centre operates each Tuesday and Wednesday until 4:15pm in Y Block with volunteer teaching staff.

Library staff can provide individual assistance with your academic study, researching and writing. Simply Book a Study Solution with library staff. Appointments are 25 minutes long and can be booked at the front counter of the library.

Student Driver Parking
Students may park behind the bus interchange, along Hennessy Street in designated parks or along the bottom of the oval on Stephen Street. DO NOT PARK IN STAFF CAR PARKING AREAS.
Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) – what is expected?
The QCE is an achievement-based qualification requiring:

- An AMOUNT OF LEARNING (20 credits)
- In a SET PATTERN (12 units of completed core + 12 credits from core courses of study)
- At a SET STANDARD (sound achievement at exit) + literacy and numeracy requirements met

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.

Next Step Survey
An annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013 is underway between March and June. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

All our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/] or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

Traineeships & Apprenticeships
Traineeships are currently available in Agriculture with several in Hospitality (front and back of house). Lincraft is offering a school-based Traineeship to someone interested in sewing, Tyrepower to someone interested in underbody work.

Apprenticeships are currently available for a baker, 2 chefs and 3 hairdressers within Toowoomba and Westbrook.

An after school and weekend position is available for a Junior Driveway Attendant at BP Bridge St. The Kingsthrope Pharmacy is looking for a school-based pharmacy assistant.

See Trish Hamlin in D11 for details.

Term 2 Sports
Sport choices for Term 2 were distributed in form rolls on Wednesday. You are able to make two choices. Trials for interschool sport will occur in the first week of Term 2. Recreational sports will commence in the first week of Term 2.

External Hirers
Were you aware that the high school facilities are hired by many community groups such as those involved in dancing, soccer, swimming, karate, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, futsal and cricket.

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
What are you doing over the holidays? Do you know what’s happening at the Cobb & Co Museum or at the PCYC?