



# HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

## Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



SIXTH EDITION  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

### EVENT CALENDAR

**JAPANESE TOUR GROUP**  
Visiting from 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Ms Zaun, Co-ordinator  
Y Block

**DISCIPLINE AUDIT**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**MAYORAL LEADERSHIP  
MORNING TEA**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**DARLING DOWNS SPORTS  
TRIALS**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Venues – various

**HARMONY DAY**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**RED FOOD DAY**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**HAWK A&I TABLE**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
10:30am in Library

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
part of Shave for a Cure  
Free Dress - \$2 donation

**SENIOR BALL**  
Year 11&12 Students  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**2014 NEXT STEP SURVEY**  
Involves Year 12s of 2013  
Between March – June

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Venue – Kearneys Spring

**YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP  
ACTIVITY**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Venue – Emu Gully

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> April. Money and forms must be in by then.

### Sport Arrangements to end Term 1

Wednesday afternoon sport finishes on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Cross Country will occur on the following Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

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 OFFICE  
4636 8700

Monday – Friday  
8.30am – 4.00pm

### 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/](http://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 Kingstrophe 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](http://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](http://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?**