



# HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged

# HAWK CHAT

THIRTY-FIRST EDITION

20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## EVENT CALENDAR

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Queen's Park

YR 11 & 12 GEOGRAPHY  
EXCURSION

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Bunya Mountains

IMMUNISATIONS – YR 8

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

2016 DD CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

SWQ TAFE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
3.30pm – 6.00pm  
All welcome

SENIOR MCDONALD  
CUP BASKETBALL  
CHALLENGE

28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

SCIENCE COMPETITION

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

SPL Vs CLEVELAND SHS

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING  
CHALLENGE at USQ

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

QATSIF RECONCILIATION  
WEEK GATHERING at USQ

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

EXAM BLOCK Year 11&12

8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June

### Open Afternoon – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Come along from 3.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May to check out what's on offer at Harristown.

After a short introduction by school leaders, our Year 7 & 11 ambassadors will take small groups on a tour of the school. You will see working displays of students learning, hear from students and teachers about subjects and lunchtime activities on offer, talk with staff about support, vocational options and sporting and academic programs available. Tours generally start at 4pm and end at 6pm.

We'd love to see you and your friends there.

### Enrolments for Year 7 in 2017

Enrolments for 2017 are now being accepted. Mr Liam Holcombe and his band of ambassadors have been busy visiting primary schools to spread the word about the opportunity available at Harristown State High School.

In mid-June families who have submitted enrolment paperwork will be asked to participate in group enrolment interviews with their child. These group interviews usually take approximately 45 minutes. While parents/carers work with a Deputy Principal, our student ambassadors lead team building activities with groups of Year 6s enrolling so they can 'get to know' others and feel more comfortable with the prospect of starting high school.

### Relay for Life – Go Team!

Harristown teams are again involved in the heart-warming and feet-numbing experience which is Relay for Life this weekend. Remember ...

Once you choose  
HOPE, anything is  
possible.

- Christopher Reeve

### Academic Academy – Yr 8 Entry

In the second half of this term, the school will be offering information and group interview sessions for Year 8 students and their families interested in participating in the Academic Academy program from the start of Semester 2.

The Academic Academy pathway focuses on providing identified students with opportunities to enhance and build on their academic skills. For some students this may include an accelerated pathway in Senior Secondary. Students in the program also participate in a variety of academic competitions.

### Homework Centre (HWC)

Students are able to take advantage of the help teachers volunteer each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until 4.15pm. Collect a permission form from the office.

Did you know that student notices advise what particular subject help is available at HWC each Tuesday and Thursday?

### NAPLAN Breakfast Thanks

Thanks to the Chaplaincy Committee and South Baptist Church volunteers who assisted with a warm breakfast for Year 7 & 9s prior to NAPLAN each day.

### Stymie That! Bullying – No Way!

The word stymie means to stop or thwart. Statistics say that one in four Australian students is bullied at school. At Harristown we want bullying to stop and so do our students. As a bystander, students often feel helpless to do much about bullying. This website allows students to report bullying anonymously. This website can be a powerful tool in helping others to feel safe. Simply go online and complete the details. The information is then emailed directly to the school of the student being bullied. 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.

Principal  
Ken Green

Deputy Principals

*BALKUIN* Craig Forknall  
*BARANG* Leanne Monagle  
*BONDA* Helen Parker  
*HERWAIN* Dale Potter

Business Manager  
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer  
Judy King  
David Seng

Student Managers

*First point of contact for parent/carers*

Junior Secondary 2016  
(Years 7, 8, 9)

*BALKUIN* Ian Brackstone  
*BARANG* Ian Jibson  
*BONDA* Daniel Schick  
*HERWAIN* Stephen Janusaitis

Senior Secondary 2016  
(Years 10, 11, 12)

*BALKUIN* Nick Clarry  
*BARANG* Sue Burns  
*BONDA* Ben McDonald  
*HERWAIN* Karuna Dang

Year Level Coordinators  
2016

Yr 7 Liam Holcombe  
Yr 8 Valma Cahill  
Yr 9 Paula Beare  
Yr 10 Jamie Krisanski  
Yr 11 Peter Dayus  
Yr 12 Ange Clarry

P & C SHOP  
4636 8714

Monday – Friday  
8.15am – 3.15pm

SCHOOL CANTEEN  
4636 8710

7.45am – 3.30pm

SCHOOL OFFICE

4636 8700  
from 8.30am – 4.00pm

341-367 South St Harristown  
PO Box 156 Drayton North Qld  
4350

## Traineeships & Apprenticeships

Full Time Positions - Toowoomba

**Butcher - Certificate III in Meat Processing (Retail Butcher)**

Roof Plumber - Certificate III in Roof Plumbing  
Chef – Certificate III in Commercial Cookery  
Carpentry – Certificate III in Carpentry

School-based Apprenticeships

Hospitality - Certificate III in Commercial Cookery

Signwriter – Certificate III in Signage

Forest Products Worker – Certificate III in Saw Doctoring

Stable Hand and Track Rider

School-based Traineeships

Hospitality - Certificate III in Hospitality

Hospitality - Certificate III in Hospitality Operations

Hospitality - Certificate III in Hospitality (Front of House)

Aged Care - Certificate III in Individual Support

Business - Certificate III in Business (retail)

Business – Certificate III in Business

Digital Media & Information Technology

See Jeanine in D11 for more details.

## Helping Hands – Awesome Leaders

As part of their Leadership Training, Gold and Silver Leaders were involved in make prosthetic hands for amputees in a developing country. To make it more difficult, our students needed to do it one-handed themselves, so they could understand what it is like to do a task as an amputee.

## Junior Secondary Social

**And forward, or was it back, to the 80's' they went! Students and teachers** really got into the theme giving all a taste of what it might look like to be 80 years old. A fun night was had by all thanks to Year Co-ordinators and others.

## Sporting News

Congratulations to 15 yrs and under Volleyball Teams who both finished 4<sup>th</sup> with three HSHS players being selected for the Qld team and two others picked as shadows.

Applications for the Rugby League Academy in Years 8,9 & 10 are due in to Mr Seddon in L4.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

This reading challenge has started. Record all finished book at the library at the front desk during breaks. Try to read for 10 minutes every night.

## Exam Block Expectations

Senior students are expected to:

- wear school uniform
- attend exams relevant to them & not make other appointments such as driving lessons
- sign in at the library if working on assignments between exams
- provide a medical certificate if not able to participate in an exam
- not to be seen in groups socially or at the shops while in uniform

## Walk Together Toowoomba – YouTube Series

This exciting new YouTube Series involved 16 schools in the Toowoomba region, celebrating the cultural diversity that is making Toowoomba such a colourful and unique regional city. As part of this creative music and film production Harristown will create their very own YouTube Episode with the help of Josh Arnold and Small Town Culture. The monumental project, highlighting the beautiful, innocent and diverse young people that are taking Toowoomba and Australia into a brighter future, will conclude with an event on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. So stay tuned!

## Clontarf

QantasLink CEO, John Gissing, **Wagner's chairman and Brisbane West Wellcamp** airport developer, John Wagner joined Gerard Neesham, Clontarf Foundation Chief Executive at Harristown High to hear firsthand from students, Joseph Orcher and Corban Kanaveilomani and Braiden and Alex Hinch who are benefitting from being involved with the Clontarf Academy. **Through the Qantas Group's** Indigenous school-based traineeship, students can gain work experience in **the airline's airports, cabin crew and engineering operations** at major cities and in some regional locations.

## USQ - our local university

Recently at USQ Year 11 Visual Arts students enjoyed a printmaking workshop, while EAL/D students enjoyed a taste of Paramedicine. USQ will host the Science & Engineering Challenge as well as the QATSF Reconciliation Week Gathering in June.