



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



TWENTY-NINETH EDITION

21st March 2016

EVENT CALENDAR

HARMONY WEEK

21st – 24th March

VISUAL ART EXCURSION

Tuesday 22nd March
GOMA & Qld Art Gallery
Year 11 & 12 Arts students

CLONTARF

SUPERTRAINING

Tuesday 22nd March

INTERHOUSE CROSS

COUNTRY

Wednesday 23rd March

EMU GULLY ADVENTURE

Thursday 24th March
Year 9

TOOWOOMBA SHOW

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th April

TERM 2 BEGINS

Monday 11th April

YEAR 12 QCS MIGHTY

MINDS WORKSHOP

Wednesday 13th April

CLONTARF FOOTY CAMP

14th-15th April

Years 7 & 8

PARENT-TEACHER

INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 19th April

3.30-6.00pm

Bookings essential

Have a safe and restful holiday break.

Mr Green

Mid-Semester Reporting

Mid-semester Reports will be sealed in envelopes addressed to parents/carers and, for the first time, will be sent home with students on Thursday, 24th March.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive an Effort and Behaviour rating while students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will also receive an Achievement rating. This rating is a report on progress and is based on evidence gained from classwork and/or assessment. This is the first time the school has implemented this rating on a Mid-Semester report so feedback would be appreciated.

Parents/Carers please collect these reports from students when they return home on Thursday 24th March so that they are not sitting in school bags over the holidays. 😊

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews between parents/carers and teachers on Tuesday 19th April are vital if we are to work as a team to support students to achieve their best. Please book interviews with teachers online at <http://sobs.com.au>. Bookings open after Wednesday, 30th March and close on Monday, 18th April.

Updating Contact Details

As phone numbers, addresses and carers change, updating contact details is important if school staff are to be in contact in an emergency situation. Please be vigilant in keeping these details up-to-date.

For health's sake, please remember ... we are an **aerosol-free** school.

USI Numbers to do VET Certificates

ALL appropriately-aged students have received an email from Ms Matheson about Unique Student Identifiers (USI). Please apply for these online using your medicare card and personal email address at www.usi.gov.au. Take a photo of your USI together with your medicare card and email it to kmazz1@eg.edu.au. Store your password somewhere safe.

Interhouse Cross Country

- Date: Wednesday 23rd March
- Departure: 1:00-1:10pm from HSHS bus interchange
- Return: 3:00pm
- Venue: Kearneys Spring
- Cost: Nil bus cost
- Dress: School Sports Uniform
- Sun Safety: Hat, Water bottle and Sunscreen are compulsory

Parents are welcome to attend the cross country to support students running. Students not running the Cross Country will remain at school and participate in the Hawk Walk.

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.

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
DHERWAIN Dale Potter

Business Manager
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer
Judy King
David Seng

Student Managers

Remember for any school issues Student Managers are the first point of contact for parents/carers. Check your school magnetic calendar for details.

Earn Extra QCE Credits at Lunch

Every Thursday at second lunch Ms Watson is available to assist students who would like to earn extra QCE credits by achieving Microsoft Academy certificates online. There are basic and more challenging units to do in Word, PowerPoint, Excel and more. THESE CERTIFICATES ARE FREE IF STUDENTS COMPLETE COURSES BY MAY. So students, register before the holidays and get to work!

Traineeships & Apprenticeships

AusAppPathways is a FREE APP that will help students and jobseekers explore the many careers that can begin through an apprenticeship or traineeship pathway. You may obtain the app through www.ausapp.com.au. It will take you to the App Store or Google Play.

Community News

Family and Child Connect
13FAMILY (13 32 64)
Every family needs a little help now & then. This service is provided jointly by Mercy Community Services & Lifeline. Enquiries welcome.

Maidenwell Marathon Weekend
The inaugural Maidenwell Marathon weekend will take place on the Easter Weekend, 26th and 27th March in beautiful country at the foot of the Bunya Mountains. A range of distances is available from 2.2 kms to 56km. For more information check out <http://www.runmaidenwell.com>

Science Magic Holiday Program at Cobb+Co Museum. Hold on to your eyebrows and brace yourself for a live show with explosive chemical reactions!
When: Tuesday 29 March - Friday 8 April 2016 (weekdays only)
Time: Activities run between 10am-3pm
Live shows at 10am, 11.30am and 1pm

EVERY DAY ATTENDING SCHOOL COUNTS

If you only miss just....	that equals....	which is....	& over 13 years you miss out
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

What about being LATE to school?

If you miss just....	That equals....	Which is....	& over 13 years that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 minutes per day	1hr 40 minutes per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years

If you want to be successful at school then YES attendance does matter!