



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



FORTY-SECOND EDITION

23rd January 2017

EVENT CALENDAR

AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY

Thursday 26th January

YEAR 12 INDUCTION

Friday 27th January

Auditorium

BBQ BREAKFAST

Tuesday 31st January

Year 7 families & staff

starting 7.15am

in Courtyard near Library

LEGAL STUDIES

EXCURSION

Wednesday 1st February

District & Supreme Courts

Brisbane

LOCAL COMMUNITY DAY

Thursday 2nd February

Year 12 English students

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING

CARNIVAL

Friday 3rd February

Milne Bay Pool

Buses provided from school

P&C MEETING

Tuesday 7th February

Library 7pm for 7.30 start

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thursday 9th February

All in formal uniform

HARRISTOWN DEBATING

SOCIETY'S FIRST DEBATE

Thursday 9th February

Lecture Theatre at 7pm

School Focus in 2017

The principal, Mr Ken Green, has outlined the **school's focus** for 2017:

- Teaching and Learning
- Engagement and Achievement
- Reading and Writing
- Mental Health and Well Being

These 4 areas will form the basis of much planning, professional development, conversations and continuing effort on the part of staff throughout the year.

Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup

Congratulations to Harristown's Under16

Boys Honours Volleyball team crowned National Champions in December at the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup held in Melbourne. 8 Harristown teams contested the titles, with our 70 students joining over 5000 athletes from around the country to take part in what is the biggest school sporting event in the Southern Hemisphere. Our champion boys were supported by a range of other strong results including Silver to the Under 16 Girls team. Harristown finished 8th overall in the Champion School race of 132 schools.

Congratulations also to Gai Gai, Jack Innes, Jake Jarick, Bevan Fry, Sophie Thornton and Lucy Leadbetter who were invited to, and took part in, Volleyball Australia national camps over the Christmas break, with all boys selected to be a part of the National Youth Squad and subsequently selected to represent Australia in Thailand later this year. Well done, Hawks!

We farewell Gai who makes his way to Canberra to take up a place at the Australian Institute of Sport for his senior years. All the best, Gai!

Swimming Carnival

Energy levels and inter-house supremacy starts to ignite with the Harristown State High School swimming carnival kicking off in Week 2. There will be plenty of colour, splash and excitement as Balkuin look to continue their dominance and strive for a hat trick of swimming championships. With Barang, Bonda and Dherwain narrowly missing out on lifting the trophy last year, no doubt they will be out to hold aloft the first of our Inter-House trophies. Swimming will consist of Open 100m races in freestyle, 200m individual medley race, 50m races in all 4 strokes and 25m house swims, comprising of all keen students AND teachers to swim as many laps as they can in 5 minutes. Good luck to all swimmers!

Mr Mark Burchardt, Sports Coordinator

Student PRIDE Planners

Planners will be distributed to students on the first day of the school year. These are used daily in classes and are an important organisation tool and should be kept neat and tidy.

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, call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.

EVERY DAY COUNTS ... *We (teachers) have 194 days to make a difference to the success and achievement of a student in our school. Every day attending school counts!*

Petrea Walton, Deputy Director General (State Schooling)

Principal
Ken Green

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

Business Manager
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer
David Seng
Sue-Ellen Taylor

Student Managers
*First point of contact for
parents/carers*

Junior Secondary 2017
(Years 7, 8, 9)

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

Senior Secondary 2017
(Years 10, 11, 12)

BALKUIN Nick Clarry
BARANG Sue Burns
BONDA Ben McDonald
HERWAIN TBA

Year Level Coordinators
2017

Yr 7 Lachlan Smith
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

Updated Mobile Phone & Other Personal Digital Devices Policy

To renew our focus on learning,
Harristown has made some changes.

The use of mobile phones and other
personal digital devices (OPDD) is strictly
prohibited without permission from a
Deputy Principal. Parents/carers are
directed to the school website (not the
student planner) for an updated version
of this policy.

Students will be reminded to turn off
devices and place them out of sight at
the ringing of an 8.30am bell. Students
have the option of presenting their
device at the student counter for safe
keeping during the day. Devices will be
confiscated if visible without permission.
Devices can be collected at the student
counter after 3pm by the student on the
first infraction. A notification will be
forwarded to parents/carers by SMS to
collect devices in all other instances.

Updated Uniform & Personal Presentation Policy

Harristown SHS is a uniform school.
Parents/carers are directed to the school
website (not the student planner) for an
outline of the formal and sports
uniforms, as well as our updated Uniform
and Personal Presentation Policy. We are
committed to providing assistance to
students and their families to enable
them to be in correct uniform each day.
To this end, if students are wearing a
non-uniform item, then they are to
report to the Trade Training Centre from
8.30am to exchange this item. Items
need to be exchanged again after 3pm.

Changing Subjects

Students in Years 8-12 will have the first
fortnight to make changes to subjects.
Years 8-11 students need to see Ms
Monagle during breaks and Year 12
students need to see the guidance
officer.

Introducing Guidance Officer

We welcome Sue-Ellen Taylor to our
Guidance team at Harristown this year, 2
days each week. David Seng will work
from the office taking Mrs Judy King's
place while she is working at District
Office this term. Please make an
appointment at the office to see David.

Making Friends at High School

Making new friends can be daunting but
it can also be really rewarding.

Be confident

Take a deep breath and find your voice.
Smile, and ask someone their name, if
they've seen a new movie or if they like a
sport or activity. Sit in the middle of the
classroom and surround yourself with as
many new friends as possible.

Be yourself

Try and make friends with more than
one circle of friends. Don't change who
you are to fit in or please other people.
Many people can tell if you aren't being
genuine — don't try too hard to fit in.
There isn't another person like you, so
remember that and embrace your
uniqueness.

Start conversations

Don't be afraid to approach people,
introduce yourself and start a
conversation about something you have
in common. Ask a question or even give
a compliment or two. Don't forget to
remember people's names, and be a
good listener.

Get involved

By joining an after school or lunchtime
activity you like, you meet a whole
group of people who will have at least
one thing in common with you! Smile,
join in and introduce yourself.

Enjoy your new friends

Do something small but nice for them,
like save a seat or congratulate them on
an achievement. If you can, try and meet
up with your friends outside of school
and really get to know them. Just
remember to always be yourself.

Community News

West Wanderers' Football Club

Soccer registrations are now open.
Situated on the southern side of
Toowoomba at Nell E Robinson Park on
Hume Street, between Alderley and
Stenner Streets, you are able to register
online at www.westwanderers.org
Further details regarding Muster Day will
be forwarded to you upon registration.
Enquiries: juniorvp@westwanderers.org

*Solving Problems: How far would we
get if we talked to each other rather
than talked about each other? ☺*

Mr Ken Green, Principal