



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



TWENTIETH EDITION

26th June 2015

EVENT CALENDAR

TERM 3 BEGINS
Monday 13th July

CREATIVE GENERATION
STATE SCHOOLS ON
STAGE
Friday & Saturday
17th & 18th July

CRATES ON WHEELS
EXHIBITION
20th July
Auditorium Foyer

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR
ACOSTA FEV
Arrive Wednesday 22nd July
Depart Sunday 2nd August

NAIDOC WEEK
27th – 31th July

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR
Utsonomiya High School
Arrive Wed 12th August
Depart Wed 19th August

THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN
ROCK MUSICAL
Friday & Saturday
14th August at 7.30pm
15th August at 2.00pm
15th August at 7.30pm
Empire Theatre

HOUSE ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL
Thursday & Friday
30th & 31st August

YEAR 12 QCS TEST
Tuesday & Wednesday
1st & 2nd September

Attend & Intend

At our last full school assembly Mr Green, Principal, made a particular point of talking to students about the importance of not just attending school, but intending to do their best each and every day.

With this in mind, as part of students' Healthy Hawks in week one of next term, form teachers, acting in their role as coaches, will be leading students through a process of reflection to consider their results and attendance in Semester One. Then students will be guided to set goals for Semester Two.

Open Afternoon

Open Afternoon was a great success with more than 150 people being welcomed into the school by Harry the Hawk and our seniors. Many staff and students were available to demonstrate what Harristown is all about.

Mr Green spoke about his vision and goals for the school. Emily-Jane Harvey, Tarnah Plant and Matthew Bailey shared their Harristown experience and their visions for their own futures. Mr Green was most impressed by a young **gentleman's comment to his friend** moving from station to station, 'This place is going to be awesome next year!' Congratulations to all who made this such a special experience for those taking part.

QCS Practice Test

With windows and doors covered in newsprint, desks spread exact distances apart, clocks set and IDs displayed on desks, the scene was set!

On Tuesday & Wednesday, 23rd & 24th June, all OP eligible Year 12s and those seeking a selection ranking, participated in a practice Queensland Core Skills Test. These tests will be marked and the results returned to students as feedback of what to work on for their upcoming QCS Test.

Homework Centre Feedback

Students are improving their results, sometimes by a whole grade! Teachers and students agree that going to the Homework Centre has made a difference to student outcomes. The centre is used regularly by students from all year levels.

Permission forms are available at the Student Counter. Homework Centre operates on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until 4.15pm.

Importance of Sleep

Turn off that device and get some sleep! Sleep is extremely important.

It increases:

- Concentration
- Attention
- Decision-making ability
- Creativity
- Social skills
- Health

It decreases

- Mood changes
- Stress
- Anger
- Impulsivity

Disability Data Collection (NCCDSSD)

This nation-wide data collection relies on the professional judgments of teachers about their students. It requires teachers to identify how many students with broad disabilities require support and, consequently, the level of support required for extended periods of 10 weeks or more. This data is provided without names attached, so the data provided is anonymous. It is associated only with our particular school.

If parents/carers request **their child's data** is not to be included in the data collection, the school will honour this request. Please contact Mr Holcombe if this is your wish.

Principal
Ken Green

Deputy Principals
BALKUIN Craig Forknall
BARANG Leanne Monagle
BONDA Helen Parker
DHERWAIN Dale Potter (Acting)

Business Manager
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer
Judy King

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

Junior Secondary
(Years 7, 8, 9)

BALKUIN Ian Brackstone
BARANG Angela McMahon
BONDA Tim Reuther
DHERWAIN Brodie Love

Senior Secondary
(Years 10, 11, 12)

BALKUIN Mick Floyd
BARANG Sue Burns
BONDA Sally Wark
DHERWAIN Karuna Dang

Year Level Coordinators

Yr 7 Liam Holcombe
Yr 8 Tony Knott
Yr 9 Daniel Schick
Yr 10 Jamie Krisanski
Yr 11 Peter Dayus
Yr 12 Amy McAleer

P & C SHOP
4636 8714

Monday – Friday
8.15am – 3.15pm

SCHOOL CANTEEN
4636 8710

7.45am – 3.30pm

SCHOOL OFFICE CONTACTS
4636 8700
from 8.30am – 4.00pm
341-367 South St Harristown
PO Box 156 Drayton North
Qld 4350

School Fees Now Due

All remaining school fees, including those fees where families opted to pay over three instalments, are due to the P&C Shop at the beginning of Term 3. A speedy response to the payment of fees is always appreciated.

Certificate II in Tourism

More than twenty of our Indigenous students are participating in either the Certificate I or II in Tourism with a focus on Australian Indigenous Culture, particularly as it relates to the culture of Wavebreak and South Stradbroke Islands, home of the Balunjali people. Students completing will earn valuable credits towards their Queensland Certificate of Education

Certificate I in Financial Literacy

Nineteen of our senior students have participated in a Certificate I in Financial Literacy earning them a qualification and, for many students, 2 additional credits toward their Queensland Certificate of Education. This opportunity has only been possible through our partnership with The Smith Family. Thank you Smith Family and thank you Ms Radcliffe!

First Coat Arts Festival

First Coat is a home-grown festival **celebrating Toowoomba's rich arts** and culture. Check out the murals on buildings at the following addresses:

Beech Lane Baty Lane
Bellevue Street Olcott Lane

How many more can you find around town?

Crates on Wheels' Exhibition

Harristown will host an exhibition of artworks from local artists in July. This travelling exhibition consists of works from the Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery Collection. The artworks will be delivered by the Gallery and some of their staff will assist our students in correctly installing the exhibition in a professional way. Be sure to see the show - there'll be some fantastic works on display!

Sports News

Check out Hawk Chat, next edition.

INVITATION

JOIN OUR HOMESTAY FAMILY PROGRAM

We seek English-speaking families to provide a caring, supportive home environment for International Secondary School students.

Host families receive an allowance each fortnight to cover the costs associated with providing meals, accommodation and access to all amenities.

Requirements include:

- A private furnished room
- Access to bathroom and laundry facilities
- All meals
- Internet access
- Access to transport to and from Harristown SHS
- Care and supervision
- Members of the host family 18 years and over are required to obtain or hold a Suitability Notice for working with Children (Blue Card)

For more details please contact Christine Apsey, Homestay Co-ordinator by phone 46368700 or email capse1@eq.edu.au.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

