



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



FOURTH EDITION
28th February 2014

EVENT CALENDAR

HOUSE AFTERNOON TEA & SCHOOL INFO SESSION

Monday 3rd March
A/Tea Time: 4:45-5:30pm
Info Time: 5:30-6:00pm
Students catering

GOLD & SILVER STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY - EMU GULLY

Monday 3rd March

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4th March
Venue: Library
New members welcome

UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

7th – 9th March
Venue: Brisbane

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 8th March

YEAR 8 FIELD STUDY EXCURSIONS

Monday 10th March
(week beginning)
Sports Uniform to be worn

BRONZE LEADERS' INVESTITURE

Wednesday 12th March

JAPANESE TOUR GROUP – ACOSTA

Visiting from 16th March
Ms Zaun, Co-ordinator
Y Block

HARMONY DAY

Friday 21st March

SENIOR BALL

Year 11&12 Students
Wednesday 26th March

Clear Message from the Principal
This week on assembly the Principal, Mr Green, spoke about a number of students having been excluded from the school after being found with illicit or prescription drugs prescribed for others. Mr Green said that the school's consequences are clear when it comes to proven involvement with drugs. Harristown is a great school with great students and staff. We take pride in our growing reputation as the school of choice.

House Afternoon Tea and Information Session – Why come?
Parent/carers new to Harristown are encouraged to attend this activity next Monday to:

- meet Student Managers, your first point of contact
- **make connections with children's teachers**
- find out more about the school
- **learn how to use the school's website** to glean information
- hear from student leaders
- consider making a contribution to the school through the P&C and/or the Hawk A&I Table

Parents & Citizens Association Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Held next Tuesday 4th March in the school library, this important decision-making group elects people to senior positions at this AGM. The group is **keen to induct some 'new blood' into the P&C body** as many of the current members no longer have children attending the school. If you are interested to make this type of contribution, please attend the meeting and make your interests known.

Student Laptops & Tablets
Students who are part of the NSSCF Scheme should be bringing their laptops and tablets to school every day to make the most of these learning resources.

Applying for a Job

A local employer approached the school recently to pass on a message to students looking for part-time work. His advice included:

- Be well groomed (in school uniform is fine)
- Be prepared (**have a resume, even if you haven't had a paying job**)
- Take your latest school report card (make sure all absences if any are explained and that you have good effort and behaviour comments)
- Be communicative (have good eye contact, speak enthusiastically)
- Know why you want the job and be able to talk about this
- Know what you are good at and how you would work well for the particular employer
- Have some questions for the employer demonstrating you are really interested in the job
- Smile
- Be polite (**use the employer's name**)

Stymie that!

In the past week several more reports of bullying have been received and addressed by staff. Students are reminded to add as much detail as possible 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. If you need to talk to someone you can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 or go to www.kidshelp.com.au.

Homework Centre
Homework Centre operates each Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in Y Block.

Principal
Kenneth Green

Deputy Principals
BALKUIN Craig Forknall
BARANG Leanne Monagle
BONDA Helen Parker
DHERWAIN 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)
 Ian Brackstone *BALKUIN*
 Lauren Phoenix *BARANG*
 Tim Reuther *BONDA*
 Hannah Dalton-Strong *DHERWAIN*

Senior Secondary
(Years 10, 11, 12)
 Mick Floyd *BALKUIN*
 Sue Burns *BARANG*
 Col Peake *BONDA*
 Karuna Dang *DHERWAIN*

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

CANTEEN
 4636 8710
 8.00am – 2.00pm
 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) – the Basics!

Mr Forknall discussed the QCE with Year 11s this week. On completion of Year 12 students all receive a Senior Statement detailing all their learning achievements. Some students also receive a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.

A QCE is only achieved by those students who satisfy the following within the 9 year period from the time of registration at 15 years of age:

Pre-requisite for Eligibility

- A pass in one semester of English
- A pass in one semester of Mathematics
- 12 units of completed core subjects (3 subjects studied successfully over 4 semesters)

In addition students must achieve a set standard within a set period of time in a set pattern of study to earn 20 credits.

To understand more about the QCE look on the Queensland Studies Authority website
<http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/> or attend HSHS Subject Selection Evenings.

Year 12 Interviews

Deputy Principals have recently completed interviews with all students who failed any subject at the end of Year 11. The purpose of these interviews was to check if students were on track to achieve their goals by the end of Year 12. All subject changes and N ratings for missing assessment should now be complete.

Year 8 Geography Excursions

As part of the Australian Curriculum all Year 8 Geography classes will participate in mandatory field study work in the week beginning 10th March. Classes will be bussed to Mt Kynoch or Picnic Point. Students must wear sports uniform and appropriate shoes to be allowed on buses as there is a degree of walking involved. These students will be ambassadors for the school, hence the high expectation related to appropriate dress and behaviour.

Traineeships & Apprenticeships Available

School-based Apprenticeship in Panel Beating & Engineering (Boiler Making)

Mission Australia has 3 positions in Certificate III in Business for Indigenous students in Year 11

See Trish in D11 for details.

Indigenous News

The Hawk Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Table was pleased to take receipt of two beautiful artworks commissioned with David McCarthy. These works will be scanned onto metal and be displayed at the two school entrances to alert visitors of the pride we have in our Indigenous culture.

Lions Youth of the Year

Congratulations to Myra De Smet and Nyakuoy Yak for their participation. All the best to Nyakuoy as she continues to the next round of competition as **Wilsonton Lions' Club's entrant.**

EAL/D Girls Getaway Weekend

For more information please see Ms Radcliffe in Y Block Staffroom.

Maintaining Currency in Vocational Education & Training (VET)

Industrial skills teachers participated in a regular INTAD Meeting this week to continue to keep up with industry knowledge and improvements.

SPORT

Netball

Laura Geitz Shield – Year 8&9

Carnival Sunday 2nd March

Uniforms can be collected once fees are paid.

See Mrs Fraser, Q1

Year 8 Interform Volleyball Comp. Come join in the fun Year 8s.

ARTS

Vocal Ensemble

Needs your voice!

Meets 1st break Thursdays in N7

See Miss Brown, E1

See Ms Matheson, D11