



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged



SEVENTH EDITION
31st March 2014

EVENT CALENDAR

TERM 2 BEGINS
Tuesday 22nd April

QCS WORKSHOP
Year 12s
Wednesday 23rd April

ANZAC DAY
Friday 25th April

SCHOOLS PREMIER
LEAGUE (SPL)
Monday 28th April

PARENT-TEACHER
INTERVIEWS
Book online
Tuesday 29th April

BILL TURNER CUP (BOYS)
Tuesday 29th April

BILL TURNER CUP (GIRLS)
Thursday 1st May

GOLD & SILVER AWARD
CEREMONY
Thursday 8th May

TOOWOOMBA
EISTEDDFOD
9th – 22nd May (Part 1)
Venue – Empire Theatre

VACCINATION CONT.
Monday 12th May

NAPLAN NATIONAL
TESTING PROGRAM
Year 3, 5, 7 and 9
13th 14th 15th May

USQ EXPERIENCE DAY
Year 11 & 12
Thursday 15th May

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS
Year 8 & 11 Ambassadors
Monday 19th May – June

Shave for a Cure

A total of more than \$1500 was raised by the recent Student Representative Council's Crazy Hair day when several students and staff including Mr Green, Mr Parker and Constable Rebekah shaved their heads. Funds raised were donated to cancer research. Thanks to all who participated.

Creative Generation

Congratulations to our African Drumming group who have been invited to participate this year.

National Youth Week 4-13th April

"Run the Streets" is an exciting new event debuting during the National Youth Week festivities. There will be heaps of stuff to keep you entertained, with games of street basketball running all morning, Hip-Hop workshops, a DJ and sausage sizzle. All for FREE!

Come and check it out on 9th April from 10am – 12pm at Wine Drive Park at Wilsonton Heights and on 10th April from 10am – 12pm at Harlaxton Park, Harlaxton.

"Crash the Streets" is making a comeback in Youth Week and this time it's going to be HUGE! Workshops will kick off on 11th April from 2pm to 5pm (registration at 1.30pm) with everything from skateboarding, graffiti art, DJ skills and parkour!

The street festival will begin at 5pm and run all night. There'll be freestyle motocross demonstrations by FMX KAOS, free giveaways, the PCYC skate park, Toowoomba Regional Council's Youth Connect stage hosting play station battles, DJs, live bands and more.

For more information contact
Toowoomba Police Citizens' Youth Club
on 46328316.

Holiday Ideas

You may consider some outdoor activities such as:

- Hiking up Table Top
- Bush walking through Ravensbourne National Park
- Visiting falls at Crow's Nest
- Enjoying water sports at Cressbrook, Cooby or Perseverance Dams
- Spending a day at the Bunya Mountains spying wildlife
- Enjoying the walks available on Redwood Park Open Day, 5th April. See www.fep.org.au

Or something closer to home that might see you in Mum or Dad's good books, for example:

- Cleaning your room
- Mowing the lawn
- Vacuuming the floors
- Washing the car
- Walking the dog

Or some no-cost options like:

- Listening to music
- Reading a book or an ebook
- Reorganising your study area
- Playing board games

What about learning a new skill or checking out what activities community organisations have on, like:

- Teen Hands on Workshops or Science Magic at Cobb & Co Museum; see www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au
- DISCO activities; see www.disco.org.au
- Some of the free or very cheap activities organised by the Toowoomba Youth Service; see www.toowoombayouthservice.org

Perhaps you are the spiritual type who may enjoy participating in Easterfest, the Easter Music Festival held in Queen's Park. This is a drug and alcohol free event. See www.easterfest.com.au

Principal
Ken 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)

BALKUIN Ian Brackstone
BARANG Lauren Phoenix
BONDA Tim Reuther
DHERWAIN Hannah Dalton-Strong

Senior Secondary
(Years 10, 11, 12)

BALKUIN Mick Floyd
BARANG Sue Burns
BONDA Col Peake
DHERWAIN Karuna Dang

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 CANTEEN
4636 8710

SCHOOL OFFICE
4636 8700

Monday – Friday
8.30am – 4.00pm

Parent-Teacher Interviews Tips

Parent-Teacher interviews are particularly important to help your child succeed in school, **so shouldn't** be missed! These may be a little daunting, particularly if parent/carers were not the most enthusiastic students in school, so here are some tips to help make the most of these interviews:

- Be prepared; take a few moments to jot down questions
- Approach the interview with a positive, relaxed attitude
- Walk away with an agreed plan
- Plan to communicate, decide how best to keep in touch
- **Don't let issues brew, stay in touch with your child's Student Manager.** They can speak to teachers and get back to you about any issues.
- Be as involved with the school as you can be; volunteer at the canteen; attend P&C or Hawk A&I Table meetings
- Remember teachers like to talk about the good stuff too!
- Discuss the interview with your child and follow through with ideas for improvement and really congratulate him/her on strengths

Primary-Secondary Interface

At Harristown we have a strong interface with our feeder primary schools with more than 25 visits planned for Term 2.

Year 5 children from our cluster schools are invited to visit the campus to familiarise themselves with people, places and programs here.

Year 6&7 students will participate in a numeracy workshop in celebration of National Literacy/Numeracy Week when primary children will work alongside our Year 8s to solve problems. Later Year 6 Teams across the cluster will compete in an Olympiad activity. Furthermore talented Years 6&7 children in the Southern Vale Cluster primary schools will be invited to extend their knowledge and skills in particular areas over 4 weeks. Principals are contacted directly about each event.

Term 2 Sports

Recreational sports and trials for interschool sport will commence in the first week of Term 2.

Community Hirer News

The following community groups hire facilities at Harristown State High School:

GKR Karate meet Thursdays from 6.00-7.30pm and Saturdays from 9.00-10.30am. Contact Kelvin 0450 011 620

Step Up Gymnastics meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30-6.00pm and Fridays from 3.30-5.00pm. Contact Linda 0414 431 160

Australian Futsal Association meet Thursdays from 6.00-8.30pm. Contact Lue 0407 963 109

Community News – Girl Guides

Friendship, fun, challenge and achievement! Are you interested in camping, rock climbing, cooking, canoeing, craft and more?

Toowoomba Girl Guides have the unit for you: Junior Guides ages 5-10 years; Girl Guides ages 11-17 years. Adults also welcome as members or volunteers in a number of roles. Our units are open to new members at any time. You are welcome to visit a unit to see how you like it. For more information or to register interest, contact Judy Walters 0417 433 545.

Community News – Toowoomba Basketball Association

Get into Hoops Holiday Clinic for beginning players aged 6-14 years from 7-9th April from 9am-3pm. **Mounatineers' Head Coach, Farley, will lead this clinic at St Joseph's College off Coronet St.** Cost - \$170 for 3 days or \$60 per day. Minimum 30 participants.

Register online:
www.Toowoombabasketball.com.au
Contact: development@toowoombabasketball.com.au