



# HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

*Keeping Hawk Families Engaged*



FIRST EDITION  
4th February 2014

## EVENT CALENDAR

### P&C MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
Venue: G Block G14  
*new members welcome*

### LOCAL COMMUNITY DAY

Formal uniforms only  
Year 12 ENG bring a plate  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Milne Bay Pool  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
9am – 3.00pm

### YEAR 12 BADGE PRESENTATION

Formal uniform only  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
9am – 10.10am  
Parent/carers welcome

### DD SPORTS TRIALS FOR CLUSTER

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

### INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES – PARENT MEETING

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Venue: N7

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Formal Uniform Only  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Venue: HSHS Gyms

### GOLD AND SILVER INVESTITURE

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

### Welcome

A warm welcome to all our Hawk families, familiar and new! 2014 will be another busy, goal-focused year with all our energies supporting students to achieve great results, improving on their past performances. We continue to encourage students to take advantage of the many and diverse opportunities available at Harristown to broaden their skills, understanding and friendships.

### Swimming Carnival

After roll marking in form classes on Friday, buses will transport students from school to and from the Milne Bay community pool. Each House has chosen a theme. Students are encouraged to dress up in their house theme or house colours showing off their team spirit.

House themes this year are:

Balkuin: *Mythical Creatures*

Barang: *Lifeguards*

Bonda: *Buccaneers*

Dherwain: *Rio Carnival*

Students are reminded to: bring a water bottle, wear a hat and keep up sunscreen during the day; bring your togs because every time you swim it means a point for your house!

### School Photos

As always students are to be a model of school expectation when wearing their formal school uniform. Money envelopes will be sent home with each student prior to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please complete and return this envelope ON THE DAY of school photos together with correct payment. Family photos are available for students attending the school. Family photo envelopes are available from the school office.

### Bronze Leadership

Interested in a leadership position in sport? See Miss Ainslee Joss in Q33 for application forms which are due back by 6<sup>th</sup> February.

### Vocal Ensemble

Interested in singing? Interested in harmonising with fellow hawks? See Ms Sharon Matheson or Miss Lisa Brown in N7 on Tuesday mornings from 8:15am.

### Instrumental Music

A meeting will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February for students (new or continuing) who play an instrument. See Mr Jordie McDonald in N6 for details.

### Friday Night Basketball

Interested in playing for the school in the Friday Night Basketball Competition? See Mr Ben McDonald in Q1.

### Army Cadets

The Australian Army Cadets provides young men and women with a multitude of skills beneficial to a great range of careers. To know more or to join - contact Mr Chris Parker in B1.

### Photography Team

If you are a budding photographer and interested in joining the school photography team, please see Mrs Hannah Dalton-Strong in D7.

### Student Lockers

Student lockers are available for hire from the P&C Shop for a cost of \$30. Students are responsible to purchase their own lock and to provide a copy of their key to the P&C Shop. Lockers are situated in C and F Blocks.

### School Ski Trip

A handful of places are still available for the Ski Trip in June-July this year to Perisher. See Mr Glen Martin in Q33 for more details.

### Student Representative Council

Interested in representing your year level? Year 9 particularly is in need of nominations. See your Year Co-ordinator for details. Be quick!

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

### Cultural Trip to Japan

Due to the small number of interested students, this trip will not proceed in 2014. We continue to host study tours from Japan with our first group of twenty arriving on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Senior students will have the opportunity to act as a buddy for our guests. Two additional tour groups are expected later in the year.

### Wet Weather Procedures

In wet weather, supervisors on the ovals, tennis courts and grassed area will direct students to the Yellow Gym where they may eat their lunch in comfort.

### Year 8 Playground Areas

In Term One each year, half of the top oval, nearest the school fence line, is reserved as a Year 8 only area. Year 8s are welcome to use this area until they find their own area within the school. Also available to Year 8s are activities in the Auditorium on most days and swimming on Thursdays with Mr Wayne Greensill. The library has a Games Room open each second lunch and a chess club also meets. See Mrs Alyssa Macdonald in D7 for details.

### School Grounds

Harristown State High school grounds are very popular with sporting groups and visitors during weekends and afternoons. Community members use the cricket nets, courts or ovals to practise or exercise. We would ask community members to ensure areas used are left free of litter. Your consideration and cooperation is appreciated.

### Personal Items *Constable Rebekah*

Students are responsible to keep their property safe. Expensive items are **brought to school at a student's own risk**. Thefts are generally crimes of opportunity. Money and expensive items like mobile phones and iPods should not be left in school bags. They should be carried in a zipped up pocket in uniform skirt or shorts.

Did you know that 80% of bikes stolen are left unlocked? Lock it or lose it. Take a photo of your bike and use it for reporting purposes if necessary.

### Traineeships & Apprenticeships Available

Employers often contact the school to advertise positions. If you are over 15 and are interested in a traineeship or apprenticeship, see Mrs Trish Hamlin in D11.

### Absence Hotline 4636 8789

Every day counts in helping students to achieve their best at school and to maintain contact with their friends. All student absences must be explained. If students are to be absent for an extended period then approval must be sought prior to the absence, unless it is a medical issue.

It is preferred that a parent/carer reply to the SMS message generated on the **day of a child's absence**. This allows the Class Attendance System to be updated directly. Mobile phone numbers must be updated when changed for this method to be effective.

Parent/carers may leave a message on the absence hotline indicating clearly **their child's name, form class and reason for absence**. Alternatively parent/carers may write a note including all relevant details.

### Homework Centre

Students are able to catch up on assignments with the help of staff on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:15pm in Y Block. Permission forms are available from the school office.

### *Community News*

#### Host Families for

#### International Visitors

AJSP is always looking for host families. If you are interested in obtaining blue cards and being involved, please contact:

4630 0732 or 0413 106 445

Email: [toowoomba@ajsp.net.au](mailto:toowoomba@ajsp.net.au)

#### Rockville Rovers Football Club

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muster days are being held on the 1st & 8th February from 9-12pm at Captain Cook Oval. Come and join up for a season of soccer fun. For more info, call Michelle on 0417 071 290 or <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/index.php?id=3> and click on Player Registration.