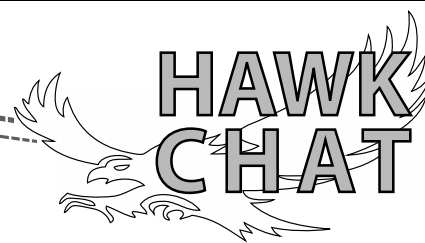




# HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

*Keeping Hawk Families Engaged*



FOURTEENTH EDITION

4th February 2015

## EVENT CALENDAR

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Milne Bay Pool

### JUNIOR SECONDARY PARENT FEEDBACK EVENING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
7pm – 8pm  
Lecture Theatre

### PHOTO DAY

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Formal Uniforms required

### USQ INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 7-12  
First come, first served  
Meals provided

### HAWK ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY TABLE

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
10.30am – 12.00 noon  
Morning tea provided  
Staff Common Room  
Parent/carers all welcome

### GOLD & SILVER LEADERS' RETREAT

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

### CLONTARF FOUNDATION INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
10am – 11am  
Y Block

### YEAR 7 CAMP

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Pay deposits now \$50  
At P&C Shop

## School Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in achieving leadership positions:

### SILVER LEADERS

#### BALKUIN

Emmie Baker, House Captain  
Tom Crimean, House Captain  
Jayde Austin, House Vice-Captain  
Shaun Alexander, House Vice-Captain

#### BARANG

Sarah Glass, House Captain  
Samuel Kleidon, House Captain  
Tayla Gray, House Vice-Captain  
Jordyn Kuhn, House Vice-Captain

#### BONDA

Bridget Naumann, House Captain  
Zayden Pidgeon, House Captain  
Alissa Reinke, House Vice-Captain  
Alex Ryan, House Vice-Captain

#### DERWAIN

Emily Wright, House Captain  
Gerome Burns, House Captain  
Keely Beutel, House Vice-Captain  
Payman Tarar, House Vice-Captain

## JUNIOR SECONDARY LEADERS

#### Girls

Kira Thompson      Mackenzie Stuart  
Maddison Burns      Hsarshee Htoo

#### Boys

Benjamin McNalty      Lochie Tolputt  
Jack Halpin      Callum Ward

## Student Representative Council (SRC)

Nominations for SRC close on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to represent your year level, see your Year Level Co-ordinator before Friday to register your name.

## Changing Subjects

If you need to change a subject, you must do it within the first 2 weeks of school. The reason for this is to ensure that students engage with subjects for the longest time possible. How can you achieve well if you miss too much?

## What happens on Wednesdays for Year 12s?

All Year 12 students are expected at school for the full day on Wednesdays.

In periods 7 and 8 OP students will be involved in a Queensland Core Skills Test (QCS) Preparation Course with Ms Bidgood and her team. Non-OP students will be involved in a Hawk Development Program with Mrs McAleer and her team. This development program will focus on achieving the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and setting goals to ensure the best results possible for 2015.

A letter was sent home with the Year 12s noting important dates related to QCS preparation, like 22<sup>nd</sup> April being an all day workshop with the Mighty Minds Team.

## 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 student 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](http://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](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

Principal  
Ken Green

Deputy Principals  
*BALKUIN* Craig Forknall  
*BARANG* Leanne Monagle  
*BONDA* Helen Parker  
*DERWAIN* Greg Sellars

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  
*DERWAIN* Brodie Love

Senior Secondary  
(Years 10, 11, 12)

*BALKUIN* Mick Floyd  
*BARANG* Sue Burns  
*BONDA* Col Peake  
*DERWAIN* 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  
4636 8700

Monday – Friday  
8.30am – 4.00pm

## Indigenous News

Did you know that at Harristown we currently have the following numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled?

Year 7	32 students
Year 8	32 students
Year 9	42 students
Year 10	31 students
Year 11	47 students
Year 12	34 students

Students represent a broad cross-section of Indigenous tribes including: Kamilaroi, Manadandandji, Bidjara, Kooma, Waka Waka and Bigambul to name a few.

Our Indigenous families meet regularly over the course of the year at our Hawk A&I Advisory Table to discuss issues they consider important and to make recommendations to the Principal.

Harristown Indigenous staff include:

Stacey Trindall	CEC
Jeff Chesters	Teacher Aide
Jackie Patterson	Teacher Aide
Jamara Burns	Teacher Aide
Christine Mailman	Teacher Aide
Elizabeth Connor	Teacher

Tony Knott works with Helen Parker to manage the Indigenous Education portfolio at Harristown.

## Lunchtime Opportunities

The Games Lounge operates every 2<sup>nd</sup> break in the Library:

- Wii/PS3 (Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- Dungeons & Dragons Club in J2 (Mon)
- Lego Club in J2 (Tues)
- Social Chess, board & card games (Wed)
- Book Club (Thurs)
- Chess Club, learn to play and competitions (Fri)

Other lunchtime activities include:

- Auditorium Activities (Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Swimming (Tues, Thurs)
- Zumba in the gymnastics gym (Mon)

## Swimming Carnival Information

Get with the spirit on Friday and dress in your house colours and themes:

Balkuin	Green	Fairytale Creatures
Barang	Blue	Super Heroes
Bonda	Red	<b>80's Sport Stars</b>
Dherwain	Yellow	Hawaiian

At 8.50am students are to meet in their house groups in the following areas to have rolls marked and wrist bands collected:

Balkuin House	Auditorium
Barang House	Blue Gym
Bonda House	Lecture Theatre
Dherwain House	Yellow Gym

**Don't forget that every student** participating earns house points.

The house swim is a great chance to get involved. Each house is allocated 5 minutes to get as many staff and students as possible down the 25m course to earn house points:

1 point for a student  
10 points for a teacher  
20 points for a Year Co-ordinator  
20 points for a Student Manager  
30 points for a Head of Department  
50 points for a Deputy Principal

Remember:

- No crepe paper
- No body paint
- No denim or cotton

Remember to:

- Wear a hat
- Drink plenty of water
- Slap sunscreen on often
- wear correct, modest swimming attire to participate

## Community News

South Toowoomba Hawks Soccer Club is looking for enthusiastic, soccer-mad boys & girls of all ages for 2015 Season.

Our club Sign On Day will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-12pm at Harristown Park.

For more information go to  
[www.southtoowoombahawks.com.au](http://www.southtoowoombahawks.com.au)