



# HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged

# HAWK CHAT

FORTY-FIRST EDITION

5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## EVENT CALENDAR

### P&C SHOP

Uniforms & Resource Hire  
from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
8.15am – 3.15pm

### SCHOOL OFFICE REOPENS

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### FIRST DAY 2017

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Year 7 to Auditorium  
Year 8 to Lecture Theatre  
Year 11 to Yellow Gym  
8.45am start  
In formal uniform

### FIRST DAY 2017

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 9 to Auditorium  
Year 10 to Yellow Gym  
Year 12 to Lecture Theatre  
8.45am start  
In formal uniform

### AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### YEAR 12 INDUCTION

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### BBQ BREAKFAST

Year 7 families & staff  
starting 7.15am  
in Courtyard near Library  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

### INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Milne Bay Pool

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Wrapping up a Great Year

2016 has been another great year signalled by the following events:

- Arts' Showcase
- School-based Apprenticeships & Traineeships Thank you Breakfast to Employers
- Sports' Awards Night
- Carols by Candle Light
- Clontarf Academy Awards Night
- Year 12 Graduation & Formal
- End of Year Excursions for Years 7-11

## Instrumental Music Program

Approximately 80 students each year are **involved in the school's** instrumental program, with lessons conducted on site for strings, brass, woodwind, percussion and bass guitar. Lessons are conducted on a rotational basis so students do not miss the same lesson each week. The fee for 12 months is different for students who provide their own instrument from that of those who wish to hire a school instrument. This fee covers repairs to instruments, the purchase of new instruments and the provision of curriculum materials.

An application to join the music program must be completed.

Instrumental teachers report on student progress as part of the usual cycle of school reporting.

After an appropriate period of tuition, students are invited to participate in school ensembles to perform in various competitions throughout the year.

What a great way to learn a new skill and make new friends!

## Safe Travels & Happy Holidays

Enjoy your holiday break and stay safe until we see you again next year. ☺

## School Policy Review

Over the course of the past several weeks, there has been a great deal of talk about how the school may review the Dress Code and the Mobile Phone Policy. Stay tuned in early 2017 for updates.

## New Blouse for Girls

The formal blouse has been updated so that the band no longer accentuates **the wearer's hips**. It is now available for \$65 to purchase at the P&C Shop.

Current blouses with good wear left in them may still be worn by students. We encourage girls to update their formal blouses when it is time to invest in a new one.

## National Volleyball Championships

**Check out Harristown's Facebook page** to see the results of our 8 teams playing in Melbourne this week.

## Contact Details must be Current

Please ensure that your contact details on the school system are accurate.

**Your child's health may depend on us** being able to contact you.

## 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 students 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.

Principal  
Ken Green

Deputy Principals

*BALKUIN* Craig Forknall  
*BARANG* Leanne Monagle  
*BONDA* Helen Parker  
*HERWAIN* Dale Potter

Business Manager  
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer  
Judy King  
David Seng

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

Junior Secondary 2017  
(Years 7, 8, 9)

*BALKUIN* Ian Brackstone  
*BARANG* Ian Jibson  
*BONDA* Daniel Schick  
*HERWAIN* Stephen Janusaitis

Senior Secondary 2017  
(Years 10, 11, 12)

*BALKUIN* Nick Clarry  
*BARANG* Sue Burns  
*BONDA* Ben McDonald  
*HERWAIN* Karuna Dang

Year Level Coordinators  
2017

Yr 7 Lachlan Smith  
Yr 8 Valma Cahill  
Yr 9 Paula Beare  
Yr 10 Jamie Krisanski  
Yr 11 Peter Dayus  
Yr 12 Ange Clarry

P & C SHOP  
4636 8714

Monday – Friday  
8.15am – 3.15pm

SCHOOL CANTEEN  
4636 8710  
7.45am – 3.30pm

SCHOOL OFFICE  
4636 8700  
from 8.30am – 4.00pm

341-367 South St Harristown  
PO Box 156 Drayton North Qld  
4350

### Want to improve your results?

There are several things you might do to improve your results:

Do homework whether it is set by the teacher or you are **reviewing your day's** class work.

Time manage your assignment work so you complete it on time having submitted drafts for the teacher to give you feedback on how to improve.

Pay attention to the feedback your teachers give you and act on it.

Use your Student Planner to record your homework, your due dates for assignments and also your results for assessments.

Attend Homework Centre operates each Tuesday and Thursday after school to assist students who have a signed permission note from parents/carers.

Book a 45 minute session with a librarian to learn how to use the library effectively for research.

Have a dedicated place with good lighting to do your homework.

Follow a routine so that study is done every day for an appropriate amount of time, depending on your year level. You can expect to study for longer in Years 11 and 12, than in Years 7 and 8.

Attend school every day. Be here so that your teachers can help you.

### Host Families Urgently Required

Japanese Students (13-17 years old) attending Harristown High from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April urgently need host families.

Requirements include:

- No other Japanese staying in family
- 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room
- Over 18s in the household must have blue card or be willing to apply
- Safe travel to and from school

\$350 paid for 10 nights.

Contact

Jodie: [ajspjodie@gmail.com](mailto:ajspjodie@gmail.com) 043197490  
Susan: [ajspSusan@gmail.com](mailto:ajspSusan@gmail.com)

### Seeking Homestay Families for 2017

Harristown SHS extends an invitation to families to join our Student Homestay 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/from Harristown SHS
- Care and supervision
- Members of the host family 18 years and over are required to obtain/hold a Suitability Notice for working with Children (Bluecard)

For more details please contact Christine Apsey (Homestay Co-ordinator) 46368700 or [capse1@eq.edu.au](mailto:capse1@eq.edu.au)

### SMADD Camp

SMADD (Song, Music, Art, Drama and Dance) is a performing and visual arts camp for 2016 Year 7-12 students scheduled from 9-14<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

If you are interested please see Miss Runham in P1 Staffroom for more information.

### Camp Cooby Holiday Programs

Camp Cooby is for ages 6-17 years and is only 10 minutes from Highfields.

Activities available include:

Rock Climbing, Brain Fun, Canoeing, Eco Walks, Aquaponics and High Ropes.

For more information, contact 46966244 or book via the website:

<http://www.campcooby.com.au/holiday-program/>