



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Keeping Hawk Families Engaged

HAWK CHAT

FIFTY FOURTH EDITION

6th February 2018

EVENT CALENDAR

School Photos
Thursday 9th February

New QCE System
Information Session
Monday 12th February

Certificate II Tourism
12th – 16th February

Yt 8 & 9 - Clontarf Camp
13th – 15th February

12 yrs Central Zone
Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 14th February

Yr 10 Meningococcal
Vaccination
Thursday 15th February

Hawk A&I Meeting
Thursday 15th February

Yr 12 Visual Art Workshop
Friday 16th February

Yr 7 Vaccination
Monday 19th February

Debating Society –
Debate #1
Thursday 22nd February

Yr 8 Geography
Excursions
26th Feb – 1st March

Leadership Training Day
Gold & Silver Leaders
Monday 26th February

Balunjali Camp
27th & 28th February

Principal Welcome

Happy New Year to all!

A huge and warm welcome to all students and their family members, and a special welcome to all families who are *new* to our school.

I'm excited about this year, and I know that you will be too. I trust that all families had some quality time in December and January to rest, relax, and prepare for the year ahead.

Our Harristown SHS vision is ... *'Engage, Achieve, Excel ... an agenda for excellence'*, directed towards attaining *excellence in everything, everywhere, every lesson, every day*, for all our students, staff and community.

Our specific goals and targets for this year will centre on the four key priorities ...

- Wellbeing
- Engagement
- Literacy, and
- Learning

We will work on each of these goals within our framework of seeking to be a *High Reliability School* and to gain accreditation for Levels 1 and 2 – **'A Safe and Collaborative Culture'**, and **'Effective Teaching in Every Classroom'**.

On behalf of all who take great pride in being a member of the Harristown State High School family, I am delighted again to welcome you, either again or for the first time, to the *Home of the Hawks*, and the *Destination School* for students and families in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs.

Ken Green
Principal

Infrastructure Update

Please stay tuned, and see below, for information regarding the current development of our facilities as we seek to cater for increased enrolments each and every year.

Work is in progress to build a three-story administration and teaching block on the corner of South and Hennessy Streets, where our main staff carpark is currently located, and, in other areas of the school, create an additional Visual Arts teaching space, and modify and refurbish four existing teaching spaces to create two **'state of the art' Science laboratories**.

Public consultation is an important part of this process. Proposal plans relating to the proposed Ministerial infrastructure designation may be viewed at <http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/aboutus/Consultations/CommunityInfrastructureDesignations/Pages/default.aspx> during the public consultation period, closing on Friday 16 February 2018.

Submissions about the proposed Ministerial infrastructure designation can be made during the public consultation period, to the Planning Minister, The Hon Cameron Dick, via: mail addressed to the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning – Planning Group, PO Box 15009, City East, QLD, 4002, or email to infrastructuredesignation@dilgp.qld.gov.au

Debating Society

WHO: Invitation to all
When: Thursday 22nd February
TIME: 7pm
WHERE: Lecture Theatre
Topic: The date for celebrating Australia Day should be changed from the 26th January.

Don't miss the first DEBATE of 2018!!!

Principal
Ken Green

Deputy Principals
BALKUIN Craig Forknall
BARANG Leanne Monagle
BONDA Ian Brackstone
DERWAIN Dale Potter

Business Manager
Elaine Fickling

Guidance Officer
Judy King
Sue-Ellen Taylor

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

Junior Secondary 2017
(Years 7, 8, 9)

BALKUIN Melissa Hollman
BARANG Ian Jibson
BONDA Daniel Schick
DERWAIN Liam Capewell

Senior Secondary 2017
(Years 10, 11, 12)

BALKUIN Nick Clarry
BARANG Sue Burns
BONDA Ben McDonald
DERWAIN Gavin Priest

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

Indigenous Education News

First of all, a warm welcome to all new and continuing students and parents! Although we are only two weeks in, many things are already happening. Congratulations are extended to our newly selected Indigenous captains; Kiarah Woodbridge and Jessica Langton, who will lead a team of talented and motivated senior students: Raylene Smith, Richard Hayden and Jasmine Gray, all of whom have big plans for this year, so watch this space!

OATSIF funds have been received by the school for Semester One and can be accessed by students to pay fees and purchase items, as soon as agreement letters have been signed by parents/carers and returned to Elaine Fickling at the office, so please look out for these in the mail.

OATSIF scholarship funds are for qualifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Indigenous Students in Years 11 and/or 12 through the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (OATSIF). For further information, contact Bronwynne Jones at the school.

Students who have enrolled in the Certificate 2 Tourism course will be starting with a mandated Language, Literacy and Numeracy day, which all must attend on Wednesday 7th February. The next two weeks will see students complete the course. Monday to Friday (12th – 16th), students will be completing course work at school and the following week on Tues 27th and Wed 28th, they will be going on a two-day camp to Stradbroke Island. If your student has enrolled in this course, please ensure they attend every day to successfully complete the Certificate. Further enquiries about the course can be directed to Stacey Trindall (CEC) at the school.

Everyday Counts

The reality of regular absences are

Time away	Period of time	Attendance %
1 day	Every 4 weeks	95%
1 day	Every 2 weeks	90%
1 day	Every week	80%
2 days	Every week	60%

Creative Generation

This year's Creative Generation team is currently being finalised with dance auditions being held on Monday, 5th February and nominations for all other categories already submitted. As in previous years, the four shows will be held at Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre. Please note the school holiday performance dates – Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July. Watch for details of the upcoming information evening being held later this term for all parents of students who have successfully nominated for the team. Please direct any questions regarding Creative Generation to the Arts Head of Department,

Ms Mullins, hmull1@eq.edu.au

Music Excursions

It is an exciting start to the year in the Arts with four excursions already underway:

Year 12 Visual Art workshop – Friday, 16th February

Year 11 and 12 Dance workshop with Bangarra Dance Theatre – Friday, 16th February

All Dance students – performance by Bangarra Dance Theatre – Saturday, 17th February

Years 8 – 12 Instrumental Music students - DDSW Music Camp – Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th March

If your students is eligible and interested in attending one of the above excursions, please ensure payment is made to the P&C shop by the due date provided on the letter to parents.

Drama Production

Auditions have just been held for this year's drama production "**Children of the Black Skirt**" with the first rehearsal happening on Wednesday, 7th February. **Please note that this year's drama production is earlier than in previous years.** There will be four shows in total – evening shows on Wednesday 23rd, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May and a matinee performance on the Saturday. Put it in your diary now – **you won't** want to miss this great production!