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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 3, and a very special greeting to students and families who have recently enrolled and are thus new to our Harristown State High School community - our fledgling Hawks.

We trust that you find our school a place of **excellence** and **opportunity**, where a love of learning, and of achievement, are embedded in our school culture.

Balkuin Blitzes

Congratulations to Balkuin House as the inaugural winners of the 'Every Day Counts' trophy for gaining the greatest number of points for attendance for Term 2.

The final points tally was as follows:

Balkuin	31
Dherwain	26
Bonda	24
Barang	23

Not every house can win overall, but each house had winning weeks in its own right.

Barang was the best attending house for the last week of term.

Bonda had an excellent 'second half' and was the best attending house for the 6th, 8th and 9th weeks of the ten-week term.

Dherwain had an excellent **first** half of term and were the early undisputed leaders as the best attending house for the first four weeks of term, and then the 7th week.

Balkuin was the house to model consistency. Despite only one week, the 5th, as the best attending house, their ranking was always high, rarely falling below second place in any given week.

I find it of statistical interest that even if the competition were *not* based on the weekly 4, 3, 2, 1 points system, but was based purely on a single term report at the end of term, the rank order for Term 2 came out to be the same, and still a very close contest.

This, however, would not, to me, be as exciting as knowing the weekly state of play.

End Semester 1 Reports

I trust all families have received their son or daughter's most recent report and are pleased with his or her progress.

There are no scheduled formal parent-teacher interviews to commence Term 3, however all parents/carers are still most welcome to contact teachers through our school office to arrange an interview should they wish.

I encourage any parent/carer contemplating this to do so.

Accelerated Academic Academy (AAA) Induction Ceremony

It was a pleasure and privilege for me to be one of three speakers at our fifth annual Accelerated Academic Academy (AAA) Induction Ceremony held in our assembly hall on Friday.

Of special note and interest was our third guest speaker, Georgia Bayntun.

Georgia is currently in Year 12 and is also a Balkuin House Captain, however the significance of Georgia's guest appearance was that she was one of the 2008 Year 8 students who were among the very first AAA 'entrants'.

Georgia, as with others in the Academy, has now achieved what she originally set out to achieve when she commenced her AAA journey.

Georgia not only completed a number of Year 12 subjects by the end of her Year 11 year, but also commenced a University subject *this* year, and gained a High Distinction for this subject, as did others in the AAA.

Excellent results such as these are the envy of many tertiary students who may have finished Year 12 a significant time ago, and yet our current Year 12 students are already achieving this measure of success.

My congratulations to all our new AAA Year 8 inductees, to our current AAA students in Years 9, 10 and 11, and also to our Year 12 students completing their AAA journey as the pioneers of this excellent program.

My thanks to our Head of Department for the AAA, Mr Jon Williams, to Deputy Principal, Ms Leanne Monagle, to all staff involved, to past Principal, Dr Regan Neumann, for his vision and initiative in program establishment in 2007 and 2008, and to all our parents and carers who have enthusiastically supported this program.



History has indeed been made at Harristown State High School.

In Closing

In just four weeks' time, during Week 6, our students will take to the stage of our Creative Technology Centre on South Street to entertain and enthrall everyone privileged to be in attendance at this year's drama production of "Little Women".

The play by Peter Clapham is based on the much loved novel of the same name by American author Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888).

According to Wikipedia, the ultimate source of truth, the book was written and set in the Alcott family home in Concord, Massachusetts.

It follows the lives of four sisters - Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March - and is loosely based on the author's childhood experiences with her three sisters.

Student interest and desire to be involved has been exceptionally high, thus prompting an unprecedented season of eight performances presented by four different casts.

As with any such production, students and staff have already given an enormous amount of time to make this production an amazing success, with much hard work still to occur before opening night.

Please refer to additional information provided within this newsletter to ensure that tickets are able to be purchased.

Kenneth Green
Principal

DRAMA PRODUCTION

"Little Women" will have four public performances, each commencing at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 August, Friday 17 August and Saturday 18 August.

A 2.00pm matinee performance is also scheduled for the Saturday.

Tickets (allocated seating) will cost \$12 for adults and \$10 for students/concessions, and will be available for purchase by phone (4636 8747) or in person from our P&C Shop.

Sales commence after Friday 26 July or at the door before each performance.

There will also be four free of charge community performances for primary schools and senior citizens groups.

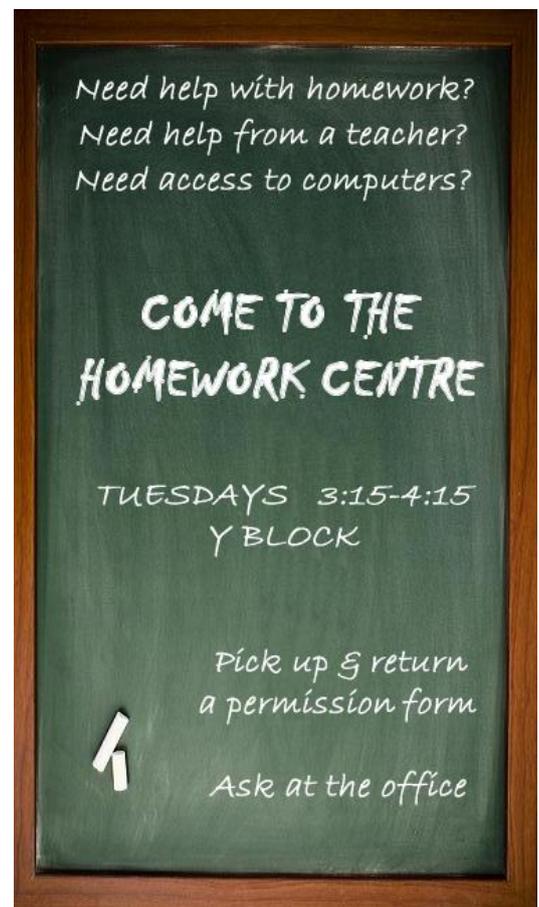
If further information is required, please contact our Head of Department for The Arts, Helen Mullins, at the school or via email hmull1@eq.edu.au.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new".
Albert Einstein

CALENDAR

Date	Details
JULY	
Mon 23 - Fri 27	NAIDOC Week
Tuesday 31	Tmba Chronicle Careers Expo
Tuesday 31	ICAS English
AUGUST	
Thursday 2	Australian Maths Competition
Fri 3 - Sun 5	Qld Volleyball Senior Schools Cup
Tuesday 7	Red Lion Cup
Thursday 9	Interhouse Athletics Carnival Lessons 7 & 8
Friday 10	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
Mon 27 - Fri 31	Year 10 Camp



HAWKS LIBRARY

... discover in July

Ideally a book would have no order to it, and the reader would have to discover his own.
Mark Twain



In the Library this month we are discovering

- **Characters** - Hawks dressed as their favourite book character to support the HSHS character day on July 18
- **Hawks READ** - during Assembly and the form class reading lesson

National Year of Reading 2012

We ask:

- What have you discovered in your reading?
- Have you discovered new authors, or old favourites?
- Have you discovered the cutting edge ideas?
- Have you used Trove to discover the past and to think about future discoveries?
- What discovery relating to your reading are you most intrigued by?

Come and join us as we discover reading.
Hawks Library

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

For any enquiries relating to Vocational Education, please see Ms Matheson or Trish Hamlin in D011.

This is the time of the year that the LARGE Companies advertise for employers for 2013. These positions are directed at our year 12 students. I will advertise these as they come through both in Hawk Chats, on notices and on the board outside D11.

Please come and see me. Most of the positions must be applied for on line. I have the information you will need.

I have just received notification of a Electrical Apprenticeship through GWES. The student must be in year 11 and studying a Science and at least Math A. These are very rare so please see me in D11 ASAP>

At the moment there are a lot of Hospitality School Based Positions available both front of house (waiter, barista, register food preparation) Back of House (chef)

Cert III Disability Services with Endeavour Foundation is excellent for a career on its own or if you are thinking of doing Nursing.

Please take advantage of these excellent opportunities. Come and talk to me in D11.

SATs: School-based Apprenticeships or Traineeships (SATs)

DGT = Downs Group Training

GWES= Golden West Employment Solutions

Year 12 positions for 2013

Ergon Energy	www.ergon.com.au
Hastings Deering	12 Diesel mech, 2 Auto mech, 2 heavy vehicle mech

Apprenticeships: See Trish in D11 if you are interested in any of these.

Cert III	Electrical	GWES
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Traineeships: See Trish in D11 if you are interested in any of these.

Cert II	Automotive Mechanical Service person/Tyre fitting	DGT?Beaurepairs
Cert III	Disability Services	Endeavour Foundation
Cert III	Hospitality/Front and back of House	Subway All Stores
Cert III	Hospitality/Front and back of House	Shingle Inn
Cert III	Hospitality/Front of House	Park House Café
Cert III	Hospitality/Front and back of House	Range Tea & Coffee House
Cert III	Hospitality/Front and back of House	Seasons on Ruthven
Cert III	Hospitality/Front or back of House	Kingfisher Café
Cert III	Hospitality/Front or back of House	Angel Café
Cert III	Hospitality-Commercial Cookery	La Porchetta
Cert II	Hospitality - Front of House	Cold Rock
Cert II	Retail	City Beach
Cert II	Retail/business	Michelle's Kmart plaza
Cert III	Security Traineeship	Pride Security
Cert III	Warehousing Operations	Reece Plumbing



OPERATION SHOPPING TROLLEY

Operation shopping trolley is an initiative to supply non-perishable food items for the basement located in the heart of Toowoomba city. The basement provides meals and food parcels to people in need within our local community. Our school community has come together and shown great Harristown Pride, donating loads of food items to support this great organization. On June 13th the chaplaincy captains, Joseph Dukes and Darcy Inskip presented Tiffany Spary (Social worker at the Base) with 15 grocery bags filled with non-perishable items. Tiffany was so thankful for the food items and expressed what a positive impact Harristown's donation would have. Thank you to both students and staff who jumped on board and helped make a difference.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BRISBANE CHAMBER CHOIR

Event details are as follows:

Who: Brisbane Chamber Choir is performing contemporary classic choir music in a performance titled 'laughter & lament'.

Description: Enjoy the sonic delights of Australia's modern composers exploring the sacred landscape of contemporary choral music, as Brisbane Chamber Choir performs 'laughter & lament'. The Brisbane Chamber Choir is an exciting choral ensemble comprising singers of diverse backgrounds who are committed to performing repertoire that challenges its members and surprises the public. For more info visit www.brisbanechamberchoir.org

When: Saturday 28 July, 7pm

Where: St Luke's Church (Cnr Ruthven & Herries Sts)

Cost: Adults \$15, Concession \$10, **School students free.** Tickets available for purchase at the door.

ALL STARS SOFTBALL

All Stars Softball Club Inc. need players for T-Ball / Softball - male and female for U/6, U/9, U/11, U/13, U/15, U/17, B Grade, A2 and A Grade. Musters are 5th and 12th August from 1.00pm - 3.00pm at Kearney's Springs Sporting Complex, Ruthven Street (near the big gum tree). Just look for the red, white and blue.

Contact Sandra Gierke on 4632 3665 or Jean Cameron 4632 7942 or Samantha Musch 4638 7230 for more information. If you miss the musters it is not too late! Give one of the above contacts a call.

