



BARANG MAKES A SPLASH

Barang created waves at the Swimming Carnival, dominating for the second year in a row. It was a close final tally as Dherwain was only 67 points behind Barang, the winning house, at the conclusion of the day.

Age Champions once again demonstrated great talent and effort with Anthony Passante (Under 13 – Bonda), Johan Janse Van Vuuren (Under 19 – Barang), Kimberley Wright (Under 16 – Dherwain) and Kara Lindsay Holley (Under 19 – Barang).

The wet weather failed to dampen students' spirits. House colours created a rainbow effect in the grandstand with creative costumes reflecting house themes. Cheers and support were a constant echo spurring swimmers on. Bonda House proved triumphant in the Spirit Award stakes. Students have since gone on to successfully represent Toowoomba and District.

HOUSE AFTERNOON TEAS

House Afternoon Teas are a great way for families and staff to meet and provide hospitality students a wonderful opportunity to show off their culinary skills. Parents commented on the professional food presentation and the delicious variety of tasty treats.



ENTERING THE PLAYING FIELD

By Melony Baker



Physicist Isidor Isaac Rabi stated, "Science is a great game and the playing field is the universe itself", so it makes sense that Harristown students ventured out of the classroom for Biology. Three Year Eleven Biology Classes went on an excursion to Kearney Springs Lake and Duggan Park. Teachers and Amaroo staff provided the required scientific equipment and assisted the students with their investigations.

The students studied the lake at Kearney Springs and the environment at Duggan Park. Elements such as plants, trees and soil were examined.

Data was provided and recorded during the excursion in a booklet. This information was then applied in a response to stimulus exam which correlated with the trip. Chloe Hansen commented, "the hands on experience was an enjoyable way to learn new skills."



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

Hawk Talk

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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY!

Harristown High celebrated its diversity and the unique individual talents of its students during Harmony Week in March. Principal, Mr Ken Green said that this is the strength of our school. "We are very culturally rich and diverse and proud of it. We celebrate this during Harmony Week." He went on to say, "as of this week the school has 1429 students enrolled; 168 of them are Indigenous, 131 students were born in a country which was not Australia, leaving approximately 1130 students who are non-Indigenous students born in Australia." Students not born in Australia come from 31 different countries: Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, China, Democratic Republic of Congo,

Egypt, England, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Libya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, United States and Zimbabwe.

The highlight of the week was the fashion parade of nations held after a traditional acknowledgement of the Jarowair and Giabal peoples by Skye Laurie and Tiarni Rowe.

Students were excited about the celebrations. Reem, from Iraq said that she loves Harmony Day at Harristown because it is always full of excitement and enthusiasm from all the students at school.





VISITING JAPANESE STUDENTS

Mr Kenitchi Toi visited Harristown with his group of sixteen students from Acosta, Japan. Students came from various Japanese high schools. The Acosta Agency works to help students to decide whether they would like to go into further study or to follow a workforce pathway. Japanese students were fortunate to have been involved in a cultural workshop with the Galamaay Indigenous Dancers.

Josh Brown leads Toowoomba's Galamaay Troupe: Cara Suey-Brown, Gordon Lister, Skye Laurie, Chloe Laurie and Jasmine Brown on this occasion. Galamaay are keen to share their culture with international visitors through dance, painting and story-telling.

Visitors are pictured here working with some of the more than forty Harristown volunteer buddies.



CHAPLAIN COMMISSIONED

Justin Trigg, former Area Co-ordinator, congratulates Sarah Gale on her commissioning as the Harristown High Chaplain, while Jeff Baills, the new Area Co-ordinator, looks on.



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NATIONAL WINNER for SHORT FILM

Sydney, December 2011: Cate Blanchett congratulated Warrick Beanland, the National Winner of the Salvation Army's Short Film Competition, winning \$7000 for his school, Harristown State High School. "My Principal, Mr Green, let me know about the competition. On reading it I thought of telling

a story about a youth whose home life becomes difficult and he is forced to live on the streets," said Warrick. "I sought advice from my Deputy Principal, Mr Potter, our school Guidance Officer, Mrs King and our School-based Police Officer, Constable Rebekah. I wanted to show that this is a reality for hundreds of young people each year. It was an awesome experience and a thrill to win." Warrick's entry can be viewed on YouTube by searching Homeless by Warrick Beanland.



HOSTING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS

Pre-service and experienced teachers from the Asia Pacific Region are welcomed at Harristown through our close links with the University of Southern Queensland and arrangements with Sister Schools. Harristown students benefit from the growing interest through these cultural connections.

