



CALENDAR



OCTOBER

Year 8 Camp

Arts Showcase

Bribie Island Fishing Competition

Presentation Night



NOVEMBER

SATs Breakfast

Year 11 QCS Practice

Sports' Awards Night

Debating Society Dinner

School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Breakfast

Senior Graduation

Senior Formal

Wet 'n' Wild excursion

Carols by Candlelight



DECEMBER

Academic Academy Workshop

National Volleyball Championships

Orientation Day

Clontarf Awards Night



HARRISTOWN finishes year on HIGH note

There is no slowing down here with momentum building for an exciting start to 2017. We have had many celebrations in the final weeks of this year.

Carols by Candlelight

Each November the Harristown community takes the time to look forward to the festive season and to be grateful for blessings during the year. Students, teachers, families and friends sang and played some favourite carols on Wednesday 23rd November under the baton of Mrs Hilary Redfern. Even Santa Claus made an appearance!

Sports Awards' Night

Paralympian and former student Sam Carter, spoke to a packed audience of students, parents, teachers and friends of Harristown State High School on Friday 11th November at Sports Awards Night. In addition, Glen Martin, Head of Department (Physical Education) interviewed Tony Head as he was honoured for his success in Javelin at the 1992 Paralympics. We are proud to acknowledge that both Sam and Tony once wore the brown and blue of Harristown State High School. Chris Wilkes was thanked as outgoing Sports' Co-ordinator for his enthusiasm and diligence to his job.

Debating Society Gala Dinner

Thursday, 3rd November saw the first ever Harristown High Debating Society Gala dinner. While enjoying a three-course meal served by the school's Year 11 Hospitality team, debaters made their toasts to celebrate the year's growth and successes within the society. Amidst the excitement of announcing the 2017 Captain Chloe and Vice-Captains Mackenzie and Nicholas, there was a sombre farewell to our senior debaters as they concluded their final season. Best wishes to Caspian, Jessica, Natalie and Carley.

Thank You Employers

Our school-based apprentices and trainees sit down to breakfast once a year to thank Toowoomba employers for their great support. Many of our students have completed traineeships and have been offered employment with their employers. Many apprentices will continue with employers once their apprenticeships have been converted from school-based to full-time. Harristown enjoys a terrific relationship with employers and is grateful not only for this support but also for the support offered in the form of work experience. Many thanks.

St Catherine's, Sydney

St Catherine's is Australia's oldest independent girls' school. Head Mistress, Dr Julie Townsend and some of her Year 10 students visited us again this year to work

with our students to redevelop and maintain areas of garden around the school, as part of a project to 'give back to the community'. While the girls were here they took the opportunity to visit classes, experience some cultural henna painting, share a BBQ lunch and play a little volleyball.

Junior Leader Initiative

Students at Harristown are part of a family and part of the wider Toowoomba community and for this reason they have been collecting food for donation to disadvantaged families. Students realise that the small act of bringing in an item of food could make a big difference to a family in need in our local area. St Vinnies is always there to assist others and so in the spirit of community at this time of the year, we are helping them to spread some cheer to others less fortunate.

Gold Leaders Announced

Congratulations to our School Captains for 2017 announced at the school's recent Presentation Night: Tess Barry, Emery Kavuala, Madeleine Cybulski and Caleb O'Reilly. Art Prefects are Claire Russo and Musa Rezaie. Sports Prefects are Mikaela Ribot de Bresac and Jordan Howard. Year Level Prefects are Perri Adkins, Chloe Koch, Kurtis Griffey and Denzel Kaliyev. Interyear leaders spent the day with Year 6s yesterday as part of their orientation to the school to begin as Year 7 Hawks on 23rd January. Gold leaders are stepping up to formulate plans to begin week one in 2017.

QCS Practice

Our Year 11 students have participated in a practice Queensland Core Skills Test this term as part of our program of support to prepare our seniors for this external assessment in 2017. Students completed a Writing Task paper as well as a Short Response paper. Markers employed will provide students with valuable feedback about their performance before they engage in the next preparatory steps.

School Camps

School camps are often a highlight of the school year for students. Teachers are already planning various year level camps as part of the overarching Healthy Hawks' personal development program. This program presents a different opportunity for students to develop relationships with their peers and teachers. Such great fun!

