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## Message from the Principal

**Go the Reds, Go the Bulls, Go Bonda!**

Some often say that 'things happen in threes'. I'm unsure of the origin of this belief but I have used the 'rule of threes' by having three specific, yet related terms, in the title of this Hawk Chat article.

While the expression 'the Reds' usually relates to the Queensland Mens Rugby Union Team, and the expression 'the Bulls' usually relates to the Queensland Mens Sheffield Shield Cricket Team, both can be applied to Bonda, our 'red' House.

I am commending Bonda here for gaining, yet again, both our Interhouse Attendance Competition Trophy and our Interhouse Engagement Competition Trophy for Term 2 this year.

There's an expression or saying, often used in sport, that says, "It's sometimes easier to get to the top than to stay at the top." I'm sure many sporting teams or clubs experience this when they seek to win back-to-back premierships or 'three-peat' premierships. Staying 'on top' is hard; everyone else is working hard to take your place.

Yet Bonda have done this. They have won the engagement competition for seven consecutive terms, from Term 4, 2022 to Term 2, 2024, and they have won the attendance competition for six of the last seven terms, with Barang interrupting their success in Term 4 of last year.

What is their secret? If we knew, it wouldn't be a secret, and Bonda 'Coach' and Deputy Principal, Ian Brackstone, continues to remain tight-lipped regarding the conversations that occur weekly at the Junior and Senior Bonda House Assemblies where the 'troops are rallied'.

Congratulations to Bonda. Can they withstand the onslaught of Balkuin, Barang and Dherwain and still maintain these two trophies for this term? History would say 'yes'; reality would say 'possibly', and the results will say what they need to say.

As our term closes, very best wishes to our Year 10 students as they face the very important decisions of choosing their subjects for Year 11, following on from Tuesday afternoon's 'Year 10 Pathways Afternoon' and Tuesday evening's 'Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection' information session.

Until our next Hawk Chat early in Term 4.

Warm regards.

Ken Green  
Principal



## Event Calendar

**QCE Catch up - CPR course**  
Thursday, 5 September

**Clontarf Engagement overnighter**  
5-6 September

**Ekka Student made Cheese Competition**  
Friday, 6 September

**Year 11 Exam Block**  
9-13 September

**Year 10 Immunisations**  
Monday, 9 September

**14 years QSF Futsal**  
10-11 September

**Clontarf Year 7-9 Reward Camp**  
10-11 September

**Cert III Aviation Exams**  
Tuesday, 10 September

**Monthly P&C Meeting**  
Tuesday, 10 September

**HSS Under 8s Day**  
Wednesday, 11 September

**Battle of Meewah Commemoration**  
Thursday, 12 September

**CBSQ Opens Basketball**  
12-15 September

**Arts Day**  
Friday, 13 September

**Last Day of Term**  
Friday, 13 September





## Year 10 Immunisations - Dose 2

Year 10 Immunisation Day - Meningococcal B Dose 2 is Monday 9 September.

Consent forms remain current from Dose 1 immunisations. Information sheet available on our website.

<https://harristownshs.eq.edu.au/calendar-and-news/news/year-10-school-immunisation-program>

Principal  
*Ken Green*

Deputy Principals  
**BALKUIN** - *Craig Forknall*  
**BARANG** - *Leanne Monagle*  
**BONDA** - *Ian Brackstone*  
**DHERWAIN** - *Dale Potter*

*Diverse Learners - Chree Derksen*

Business Manager  
*Cindy Wright*

Guidance Officers  
*David Clark*  
*Sandy Cronin*  
*Rose Luna*

Positive Behaviour Coaches

**BALKUIN** - *Brady Albrand*  
**BARANG** - *Sue Burns*  
**BONDA** - *Ben McDonald*  
**DHERWAIN** - *Stephen Janusaitis*  
*Diverse Learners - Darren Kiely*

Year Level Coordinators

Year 7 - *Emma Zillmann*  
Year 8 - *Adam MacNellie*  
Year 9 - *Amanda Fraser*  
Year 10 - *Jamie Krisanski*  
Year 11 - *Peter Dayus*  
Year 12 - *Tegan Krause*

P&C Shop  
4636 8714

Monday - Friday  
8:15am - 3:15pm

School Canteen  
4636 8710  
7:45am - 2:00pm

**YEAR 10 School Immunisation Program**

Are you ready for immunisation day?

- ✓ Read the information provided and talk to your parents, school coordinator or nurse
- ✓ Get your signed consent forms in on time
- ✓ Eat a good breakfast on the day
- ✓ Take your immunisation record card home
- ✓ Immunisation Consent Forms remain current from Dose 1 Immunisations

Vaccination clinic dates:  
**Dose 2**  
**Monday 9 September**

More information:  
Phone: (07) 4639 7888  
Email: [sjp.toowoomba@ozcare.org.au](mailto:sjp.toowoomba@ozcare.org.au)

health.gov.au/immunisation

Australian Government Department of Health  
National Immunisation Program  
A joint Australian, State and Territory Government initiative.

**REMINDER**

**Student Resource Scheme**

2024 Student Resource Scheme  
payments are due by end of Term 3.

Please contact the P&C Shop to finalise your fees or to arrange a payment plan.

Thank you to families who have already paid their 2024 school fees.



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**HARRISTOWN  
STATE HIGH**

## CASUAL CLEANING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Opportunity for ongoing casual employment
- Various positions available
- Immediate start  
(pending Criminal History Check and Blue Card)

Please submit your application in person  
or via email to the Business Manager  
[bsm@harristownshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@harristownshs.eq.edu.au)

## POSITION VACANT



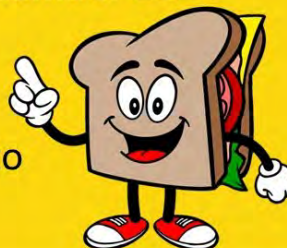
**Are you looking for some paid casual work?**

We are looking for someone to join our friendly Canteen team for up to 21 hours per fortnight to help feed our hungry students.

Blue Card and Police check will be required.

**Applications to be received by 13 September 2024**

Please contact our Canteen Convenor Tracey on 4636 8710 for more information or email your application to [p&cshop@harristownshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:p&cshop@harristownshs.eq.edu.au)



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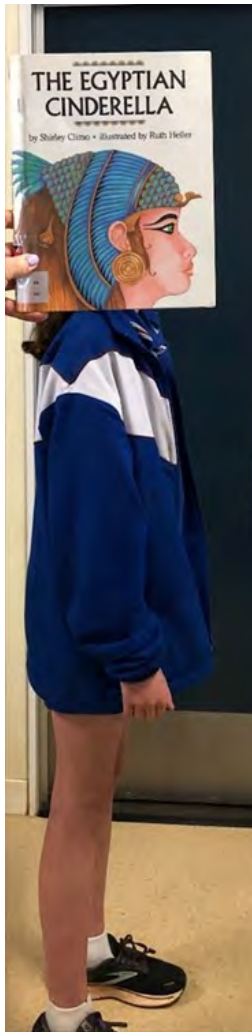
## Hawks Library News

*The library is here to improve the academic achievements of every student as readers, researchers and thinkers.*

### Book Week Fun

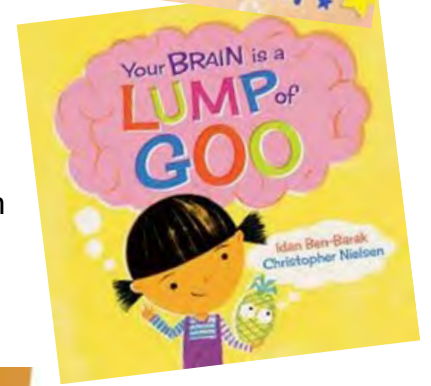
The theme for book week this year was “Reading is Magic” and the Hawk’s library embraced the theme, giving the library a magical make over. Windows to fantasy worlds were displayed around the library and there were plenty of opportunities to engage with book week activities.

Form class competed each morning to guess the poorly explained plots. Each day a random participating form class was selected to win some stickers. Congratulations to S13Z, R09, Y03, and B06 for winning these. During Healthy Hawks, form classes could also guess the book titles that had been written out using emojis. However, it was the G10 form class that successfully guessed all of the books correctly.



Classes also participated by engaging with reading. Mrs O’Neil’s class enjoyed the newly published picture book “Guess what we are doing today?” by Insta/TikTok influencer, Mr Luke. Year 9 science classes are currently learning about the brain and read “My brain is a lump of goo” as a brain break activity. Mrs Parker’s year 7 English class enjoyed taking photos with the cover of books they have been reading in class together.

Some of Harristown most enthusiastic year 7 readers also joined in on the fun competing in a trivia session. A team was nominated from each English class and came to the library to compete. Congratulations to Matilda, Riley, Alhassan and Mikaela from Mrs Parker’s English class that won the Monday trivia session and to Carolina, Bailey, Nate and Riley, also from Mrs Parker’s English class that won Wednesday’s session. It was great to see such avid readers coming in and having fun, while showing off their knowledge.

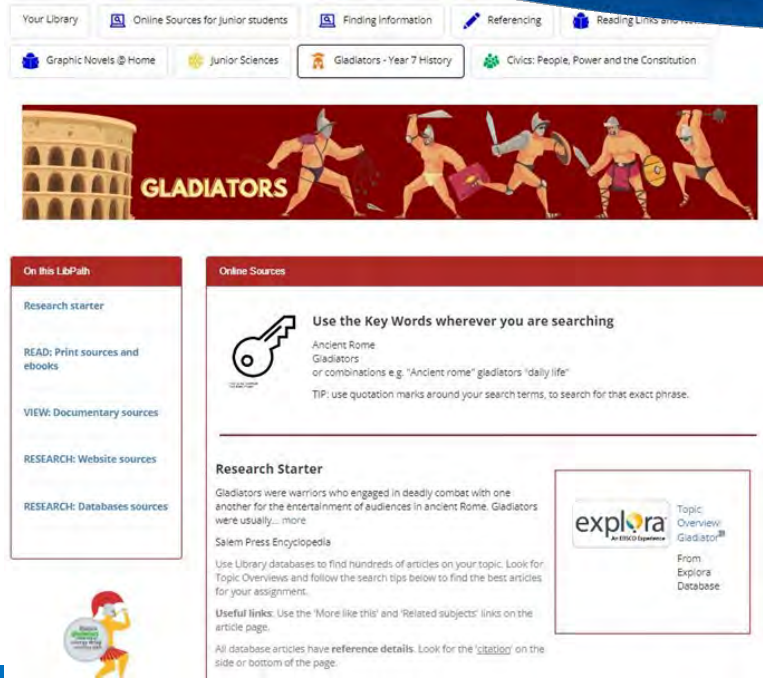


## Year 7 Ancient Rome study

Our Year 7 students are embarking on a historical inquiry based around Roman times.

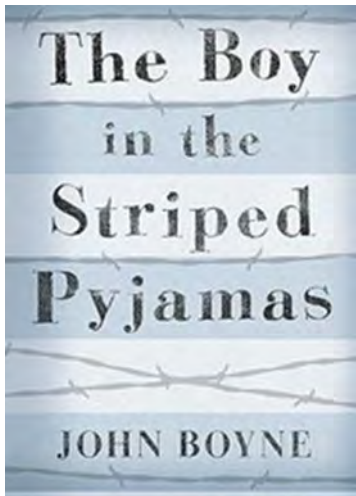
Students can access the library website with a dedicated page to help students choose sources to use in their assignment.

Don't forget we have many ebooks on Sora too that are perfect for research.



## Mrs Clifford reads ...

*Our English Head of Department weighs in with her latest reading ...*

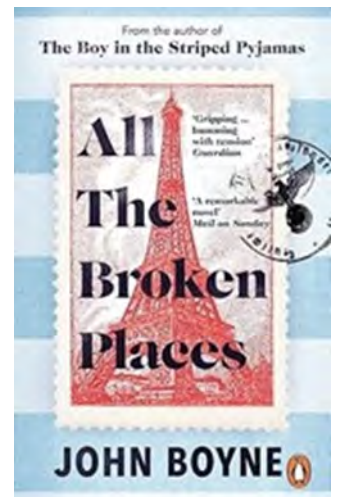


Despite my preference for either Regency romance novels (statistically, romance is the most popular and most profitable novel genre, generating around \$1.44 billion every year) or novels which include paranormal characters (think Cassandra Clare's *The Mortal Instruments* series, or Alison Goodman's *Lady Helen* series), I have recently enjoyed reading *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and the sequel, *All the Broken Places*.

John Boyne has taken the tragedy of the Holocaust and written stories about two German characters – the boy is Bruno and his sister is Gretel -whose experience of World War II is very different.

Despite the emotional challenge of Bruno's story and the very effective, yet childish aesthetic, I enjoyed *All the Broken Places* more. Like all great and memorable characters, Gretel is obviously flawed – she is a delightful combination of human characteristics: selfish, brave and uncompromising. She is both likeable and disappointing, making her, I believe, a very realistic heroine.

I enjoyed both novels and admire Boyne's ability to tell totally different stories about the same family. I recommend you read these novels.



*Enjoy your reading. Talk about your reading. Read often.*



Happy Library times



## Year 7 Science - Separating Mixtures

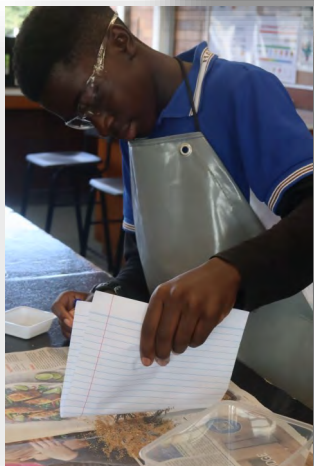
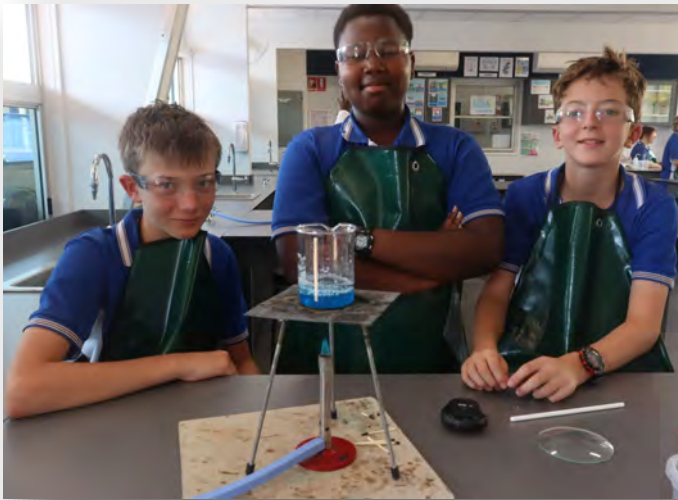
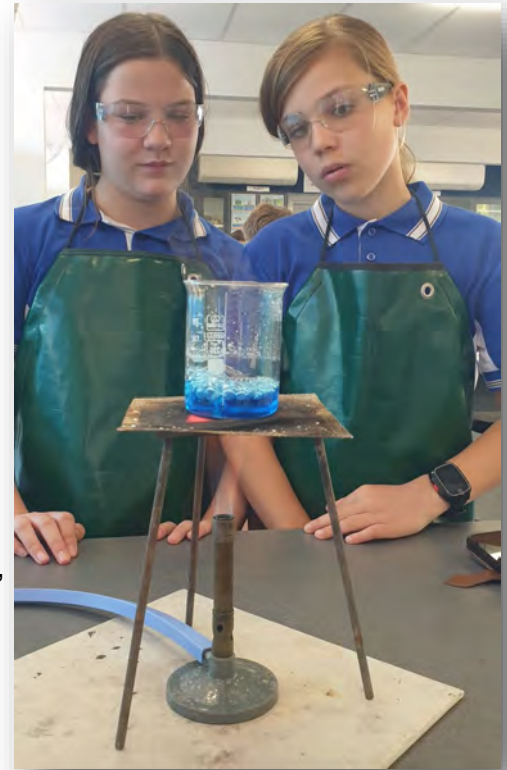
For the past several weeks the Year 7 Science students have been learning about how to separate various materials which have been mixed together.

This is an important concept because most naturally occurring substances are not chemically pure, and require separation in order for us to be able to use them; consider purifying drinking water, or extracting minerals from ores.

The Year 7s have been drawing on knowledge gained from earlier in the term, when they learned about the physical and chemical properties of different materials. By exploiting differences in physical properties in different materials, students have applied processes like magnetic separation, filtration and evaporation to separate materials.

In addition to learning these separation techniques themselves, students have been reflecting on how effectively they have applied them, in order to ensure precision and reliability. This evaluation process is important to the development of all skills, and is applicable to all areas of life and learning, not just Year 7 Science labs.

So the next time you get accidentally pour salt into your pepper grinder, and you need to get it all back out again, you'll know who in the house call upon.



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## Year 9 - Body Coordination and Diseases

The "rubber hand illusion" is a fascinating demonstration of how our brain integrates sensory information to construct a sense of body ownership. In this experiment, participants see a fake rubber arm being stroked simultaneously with their real hidden arm, which is also being stroked. This sensory congruence creates a conflict in the brain's representation of the body, leading the brain to incorporate the fake arm into the body schema. The illusion works because the brain's pathways for touch and proprioception—sensing the position and movement of our limbs—become confused. The primary somatosensory cortex, which processes tactile information, and the parietal cortex, involved in spatial awareness and body representation, both play key roles. When these areas receive conflicting signals from the real and fake arms, the brain recalibrates its body map, leading to the false but convincing sensation that the fake arm is part of one's own body. This experiment highlights the brain's remarkable ability to adapt and integrate sensory information to maintain a coherent sense of self.



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## Future Opportunities in Science

### **AgCAREERSTART**

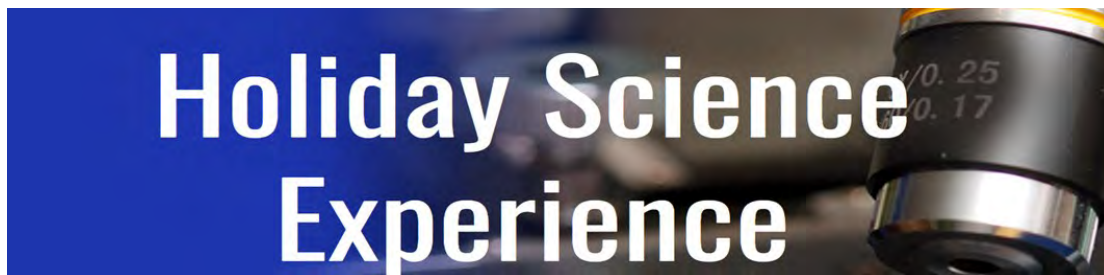
If you're 17-25, this unique gap-year program provides you with a paid job, training and development, not to mention the opportunity to build your networks within the agriculture industry. Applicants can indicate which farm type they'd prefer from a wide variety of choices, and also where in Australia they would ideally like to go. A matching process is undertaken to ensure participants are assigned to the type of farms that match their interests and skills.



- Full-time paid farm job with a passionate host farmer
- A \$4,500 Training and Engagement Bursary to upskill yourself
- Funding to travel for industry events
- A dedicated support team
- A network of peers across the country

For more information, or to apply, follow the link <https://agcareerstart.com.au/apply-now/>

Applications close on 29th September. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to kick start your career in agriculture.



### **QIMR Berghofer School Holiday Program**

Looking to get a taste of what it's like working in a medical research laboratory? QIMR Berghofer host a one-day science experience program during the school holidays each year. Students can undertake a day of training in practical skills related to genetics, infectious disease or blood biology in their purpose-built education laboratory facilities. You will learn a range of skills including:

- Pipetting and serial dilutions
- DNA extraction and PCR
- Agarose gel electrophoresis
- Vortexing and centrifugation
- Microscopy
- Blood smears

The program is open to Queensland high school students in years 10, 11 or 12 and is free to attend. Places are still available for the summer holidays, Wednesday 11 December and Thursday 12 December, but positions fill extremely quickly. To apply, go to <https://www.qimrberghofer.edu.au/education/for-school-students/holiday-science-experience/>



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# First Nation News

## Clontarf

### Minds in Motion

Throughout Semester 1 in the Clontarf space, we tried a new initiative called “Minds in Motion”. This initiative has been focused on the Year 7 Clontarf boys around their English and Math assessments in Term 1 and Term 2. In the build up to their English and Math assessments throughout both terms, the boys stayed behind after school for 3 weeks in a row during Term 1- and 4 weeks during Term 2 to do extra revision and work on their drafts/final assessment pieces. What was great is that the English and Math HODS were on board and were able to support our initiative by getting teachers from their faculties to offer their valuable time to come help our young men with their revision and assessment. The buy in from our Year 7 cohort has been very positive with 15 – 20 Year 7 boys staying back at any one time for these sessions. Over the 7 sessions we have completed in semester 1, we are averaging 17 boys per session, which is outstanding to see these young men being so committed to investing in their education

The aim in creating “Minds in Motion” as a Clontarf activity for our new Year 7 students this year is to align what we are doing in our space with HSHS and Queensland Education Departments vision of working towards students achieving C’s or better and B’s or better. If we can help ever so slightly in this space, school becomes a much more enjoyable place when you are having success within the classroom.

We have continued to run our “Minds in Motion” sessions in Term 3 with our first session in Week 8 focused around Math, in the build up to the Year 7 assessments during Week 9 and 10 of Term 3. We had 16 boys stay behind for our first session of Term 3 which was great. Week 9 will see two Minds in Motion sessions, one focused on English on Monday, where boys will finish their drafts or continue to type up their final assessments on the computer and the second on Wednesday where boys will get one last top up of any Math work and skills needed before their up and coming tests.



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## First Nation News

Here is a little break down of how the afternoon looks when we run a “Minds in Motion” session:

3.00pm: Boys make their way to the Clontarf room for light afternoon tea

3.20pm: Head upstairs to a E-Block classroom with Clontarf staff and teachers who have volunteered their time.

4.05pm/4.10pm: 45 - 50 minutes minds in motion session finishes.

4.10pm: American Hotdogs together in the Clontarf room, plus some pool and table tennis

4.30pm onwards: Clontarf staff to drop student’s home.

Clontarf staff are very thankful to all the English and Math staff who have volunteered their time to stay behind and help out with these sessions. The boys who have turned up each week have really enjoyed the more relaxed approach to doing their school work in an environment where the support is more intensified with teachers being able to work with very small group numbers to pump out and achieve a lot of work being completed.



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# First Nation News

## Employment Blitz week

Week 8 of Term 3 saw Clontarf have an increased focus and attention around Clontarf staff gathering employment documents from the boys. As part of our role within Clontarf we compile important documents of each student to build a portfolio so when they graduate and / or leave school, they have the relevant documents to gain employment etc.

Documents we gather and obtain throughout each students journey within Clontarf are:

1. Birth certificate
2. Medicare card / number
3. Tax File number obtainment
4. Bank account obtainment
5. USI number (Unique Student Identifier)
6. Learners' licence / P's
7. Resumes
8. Mock interviews (throughout their journey)
9. Graduation Employment Plans (GEP)

As well as having an employment blitz week this week, we were fortunate enough to have a work site visit at Kearneys Spring Kmart. Kearneys Spring Kmart are in the process of wanting to hire staff for the upcoming Christmas period which provided a group of our work ready students a great opportunity to head to Kmart after school to meet one of the store managers and be a part of a work site visit. All seven boys who partook in the worksite visit have given themselves a great opportunity of gaining employment with Kmart moving forward. They represented themselves, the school and the Foundation extremely well as they got to see the ins and outs of all the different opportunities that Kmart have to offer. Well done to all seven young men involved.



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# The Arts

## DANCE FILM WORKSHOP

As part of Harristown's Dance program, Year 10 Dance, and Year 11 and 12 Dance and Dance in Practice students recently participated in a dance film workshop with independent arts and education consultant, former professional dancer and director of DragonFruit Arts, Jaime Redfern. The half day workshop provided students with practical experience in creating a dance film, which is part of their assessment program in all year levels.



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# The Arts

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SHOWCASE

Congratulations to all of the dedicated students and staff involved in our second annual Instrumental Music Showcase on Friday night, 23rd August. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, String Ensemble, Stage Band and Performance Ensemble, as well as smaller ensembles, performed for over an hour, entertaining the audience with a wide range of music from classics to rock, as well as some experimental music. Thanks to the more than 150 audience members for their enthusiastic support of the 2024 Instrumental Music Showcase.



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## QUEENSLAND POLICE PIPES AND DRUMS



In Week 8, selected Year 10 and Year 11 classroom Music students were invited to collaborate with members of the Queensland Police 'School Rocks' band, participating in morning workshops then a lunch-time concert. Our musicians wowed an audience of approximately 200 students and staff, and were treated to a performance by the QLD Police Pipes and Drums band during assembly.







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## PAUL MORTON CHORAL FESTIVAL

On Monday 26th August, our Vocal Ensemble students performed at the Paul Morton Choral Festival. They participated in a vocal workshop and massed choir with 450 students from the Toowoomba Region, as well as singing two featured songs for a full Empire Theatre audience. One of our Vocal Ensemble captains, Mary, was given the special honour of announcing the final piece on the program, which she read in Swahili and English.





## *Bricks In Bloom*

### **A Floral LEGO Fan Expo**

Immerse yourself in a floral experience like no other – instead of paving gardens with bricks, check out gardens built with them!

Bricks in Bloom is a LEGO® Fan expo being held on **Saturday 28 September, 9:00am to 4:30pm** at Glenvale State School, Glenvale Road, Glenvale.

LEGO® creators will display their works for the enjoyment of all LEGO® lovers, with an exhibition of captivating builds and creative colour.

On display will be a number of Iconic Toowoomba locations, Flowers/Flower arrangements, and botanical MOC's. There will also be a number of non-botanical creations, including trucks, technic cars, a medieval scene, trains, Anzac forces on exercise, and Monkjago City!

BrickResales will have three tables of LEGO for sale, there will be a minifigure lucky dip, and children under 18 will be able to make a Mosaic to display at the show.

### **The cost of entry is:**

Adults \$5

Children (5-17 years) \$2

Children under 5 are free.

Any funds raised will be donated to Tearfund

For more details please visit: [Bricks in Bloom: A Floral LEGO Fan Expo | Facebook](#)



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# Harristown High School P&C Shop

Open 8:15am – 3:15pm School Days

*Customers are welcome in the shop during opening hours*

Phone 4636 8747 / 4636 8714

## What can you do at the P&C Shop?

❖ Student Resource Scheme Payments

❖ School Account Payments

❖ New Uniform Sales

Formal Uniform / Sports Uniform

Spray Jackets / Jumpers / Hats / Socks

*The new uniform price list can be found on the HSHS Website*

❖ Secondhand Uniform Sales

We sell secondhand uniforms on consignment.

Payments can be used to credit your student's

HSHS account or be paid directly into your bank account.

❖ Stationery

Year 7 Stationery Packs

"Top Up" Stationery Supplies

Scan to keep up to date  
with P&C  
Shop &  
Canteen  
News 😊



**Payments for school fees and uniform purchases can also be made over the phone by Visa or Mastercard. We are happy to help choose the correct size and receipts and uniforms can then be collected by your student to be taken home.**



**HOT FOOD – Breakfast Available 8am – 9am**

Cottage Pie	\$4.00
Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Chiko Roll	\$4.00
Corn Jack	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$4.50
Sweet & Sour Chicken	\$6.50
Pizza – <i>Friday Only</i>	\$4.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Meatballs, Gravy & Vegies	\$6.50
Chicken Strips, Gravy & Vegies	\$6.50
Fish & Vegies	\$6.50
Pasta & Meatballs	\$6.50
Cheese & Bacon Roll – <i>Breakfast menu</i>	\$2.50
Bacon & Egg Muffin – <i>Breakfast menu</i>	\$4.00
Hash Brown – <i>Breakfast menu</i>	\$2.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Burger	\$6.00
Hamburger	\$6.50

**TOASTED SANDWICHES**

1 Filling	\$4.50
2 Fillings	\$5.00
3 Fillings	\$5.50
Extra Fillings	\$0.50

**TOASTED TURKISH BREAD**

Chicken, Cheese & Avocado	\$6.50
Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	\$6.50
Chicken, Cheese & Pineapple	\$6.50
Extra Fillings	\$0.50

**COLD FOOD**

Ham & Salad	\$6.00
Mixed Sandwiches – <i>assorted prices</i>	\$4.50 \$5.00
Chicken & Salad Roll	\$6.00
Salad	\$5.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Roll	\$6.00
Sushi	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad Container	\$6.50
Ham & Salad Container	\$6.50

# CANTEEN MENU

**DRINKS****MILK**

1litre Plain	\$3.00
300ml Flavoured	\$3.00
500ml Flavoured	\$4.00
750ml Chocolate	\$5.50
500ml Dare	\$4.00
750ml Dare	\$5.50
250ml Poppers Big M	\$2.00
Up & Go	\$2.50

**JUICE**

300ml Orchy	\$3.00
1litre Juice	\$5.50
500ml Orchy	\$4.00
250ml Poppers	\$2.00

**WATER & OTHER DRINKS**

600ml Water	\$2.00
1litre Water	\$3.00
Iced Tea 500ml	\$4.50
Waterfords 500ml	\$3.50
Pump 750ml	\$5.00

**SNACKS**

Cheese & Crackers	\$2.00
Snack Box – Jatz, Cheese, Tomato, Celery & Carrot	\$5.00
Chips - <i>assorted</i>	\$1.50 \$4.00
JJ's	\$1.50
Beef Jerky	\$4.50
Ice Blocks – <i>assorted prices</i>	\$1.00 \$5.00
Jelly Cup	\$3.00
Jelly & Custard	\$3.50
Slices & Muffins	\$4.00 \$4.50
Apple Slice & Custard	\$4.50

**FRUIT**

Assorted Fruit	\$1.00
Watermelon	\$3.50



\*Prices current 22 August 2024

**HARRISTOWN STATE  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**TRIVIA**

**NIGHT**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 11TH  
HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
TRIVIA STARTS 6:30PM**

**\$10 PP PAID THROUGH THE P&C 46368 747  
TEAMS OF 6 - 8 PEOPLE  
PLEASE PROVIDE A TEAM NAME UPON  
BOOKING**

**BYO SNACKS - CASH ONLY CANTEEN AND  
RAFFLES OPERATING ON THE NIGHT  
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN PRIZES UP FOR  
GRABS FROM LOCAL SPONSORS**

# CIVIC ASSIST

## DESIGN YOUR OWN SKATEBOARD

Att:  
11-17  
year olds

Get inspired to **design, paint & master** the skill of creating your very own skateboard over 3 weeks.

- When** Monday 16th September -  
Monday 30th September 2024
- Time** 4pm-6pm
- Location** 14 - 16 Chalk Drive, Toowoomba

*\*All participants who are involved in the program will be able to keep their board at the end of the program.*



Register your interest: [info@civicasst.org.au](mailto:info@civicasst.org.au)

