



# HAWK CHAT



Edition No. 12

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

*'If you dream it, you can do it'*

2 November 2007

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

What an outstanding night – Speech Night 2007!

This night was truly a celebration of achievement and effort in the academic, sporting, cultural and citizenship areas of the school during the year. Congratulations to all award recipients. Speech night for Harristown High is a formal and meaningful recognition of our students' achievement in the classroom and their significant contribution to the life of our school. Thank you to the staff and families who have helped and supported the students. A very special thank you to Mrs Christine Apsey, Mrs Barbara Ford and other members of the Awards Committee for making the night so successful - a real celebration. Your extra effort is appreciated by all.

Special mention must go to our Dux for 2007 Doug Jesshope – the highest award for academic achievement for 2007. Congratulations Doug! When talking to Doug about his approach to his studies, he said that it takes hard work, sacrifice and a determination to always get to the bottom of an issue. Great advice for all students – those who are involved in any learning – academic, on the job training or with any challenge.

If you are a student who did not receive an award at Speech Night 2007, don't give up – be even more determined to succeed. Take onboard Doug's advice and always try to do the best you can – you can do it!

Until next week, warm regards

*Regan Neumann, Executive Principal*

## SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

### HAWK CUP

Year 10 Results from 24<sup>th</sup> October

Team Winners - A; B; D; H; K; M; N

3 points awarded to Faith Ope; Kyle McGrath; Chris Nicholson; Aidon Harris; Andrew Johnston; Jesse Hill; Shannon Casey; Ben Dudman; Kyle Reeves; Chris Searle; Sam Woods; Anthony Tedford; Byron Rose

With two weeks to go Faith Ope and Leisa Windley head the girls table with 14 points, followed by Jess Langton and Kristen Coveney on 12 points. Cory Hess and Andrew Johnston are on top in the boys with 14 points, followed by Ben Dudman on 13 points and Adam Norris on 11 points.

Team A is on top of the table with 22 points, followed by teams D, G and N on 20 points.

Year 8 and 9 Results from 25<sup>th</sup> October

Team Winners - 1; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 12; 15; 16; 17; 20; 25 and 26

3 points awarded to Trudy Allen; Loretta Burleigh; Courtney Clark; Stephanie Jordan; Tegan Knox; Kelly-Ann Liddle; Kimberley Petersen; Taliah Prince; Kristen Paterson; Hannah Weribone; Stephanie Dowsett; Tori Nothdurft; Michael Ndjekompte; Nathan Duncan; Myles Davis; Chris Austin; Chris Hewson; Matthew Langton; Logan Norris; Jake Ratcliffe; Josh Worters and Jake Wright

Leading points after last week - Thianni Wallis on 11 points and Kara Lancaster, Melissa Hollman and Courtney May on 12 points. Dylan Bennett is on top of the boys' ladder with 10 points. In the girls' section, Team 7 is on 20 points with Teams 6 & 12 both on 19 points. Team 26 is on 19 points for the boys' section followed by Team 25 on 18 points.

## TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to Jannah Hoopmann, Alex Halsey, Michelle Wagner, Brent Dixon, Gavan and Chris O'Keeffe, Sam Carter, Jess Schwerin and Daniel Passmore who all made finals at the recent state Track & Field competition.

## AFL

The girls Open AFL team had a resounding victory over all other schools in the inaugural Girls AFL competition held last Thursday. Well done! Unfortunately, the boys narrowly missed out to Mt Lofty.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Bianca Sheppard who recently competed at the All Schools Weightlifting Competition; to Tristan Law who has been rewarded for his efforts in club Rugby League with an elite training camp sponsored by Steven Price; to Josh Horner who has represented Australia in Wheelchair Basketball; and to Sam Carter who has been placed on "alert" for the 2008 Paralympic Beijing Games. Our school is certainly very proud of all of our outstanding sporting athletes and their achievements.

## SPEECH NIGHT

Congratulations to the many students who received sporting commendations on Tuesday evening. Special mention should be made of the Sportsperson of the Year - Brent Dixon - who represented Australia in both Track & Field and Volleyball during 2007.

*For more information contact: Mrs Ford*

**VISION:** Preparing students to be confident and positive people in their community through meaningful learning experiences.

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## BOOST YOUR ENERGY

Is this YOU?  
Tired before you even get up?  
Exhausted by 3pm?  
Catching every bug that goes around?

5 easy tips to boost your energy

Remember these to keep yourself alert, looking good and feeling great

1. Take time for lunch - feeling more energetic, focused and less hungry at the end of the day.
2. Eat healthy foods - eliminate the obvious less healthy choices - soft drinks, cakes, sweets, pies, chips, pastries and excess alcohol
3. Move more - Activity increases your alertness, improves fitness and makes you feel less tired. Remember every little bit of activity counts.
4. Drink up - but make it mostly water. Water helps prevent dehydration. Dehydration makes you tired and sluggish
5. Rest and relaxation - keep your life in balance with time to exercise, time to relax and importantly, time for a good night's sleep.

For more information contact: Ms Matheson

## VACANT POSITION

### Temporary A03

### Defence School Transition Mentor (Secondary) - 18 hrs per week

The Defence School Transition Mentor will work in conjunction with the school's student support team providing information, support and referral to young people from mobile Australian Defence Force families. The position will go to 30 June 2008 with the possibility of an extension.

Application packages are available at:

Harristown State High School  
341-367 South Street, Toowoomba  
Phone 46368700 or email: [efick1@eq.edu.au](mailto:efick1@eq.edu.au)

Closing Date: Friday 9 November 2007 9.00am

For more information contact: Elaine Fickling, Registrar

## MIND BENDER (contributed by Mr Below)

Take the word "herein". It contains eight words (besides itself) without moving a single letter. Can you find them?



Answer:

"The words it contains are: 'he, her, here, ere, re, rein, and in'."

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"There's no substitute for hard work".

Thomas Edison

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 5 - 9	Year 12 Exam Block
Nov 6	P & C Meeting
Nov 16	Yr 12 Graduation
Nov 19 - 23	Yr 11 Exam Block
Nov 19 - 26	Yr 10 Exam Block
Nov 26	Year 11 Leadership Day
Nov 30	Year 10 and 11 Last Day
Dec 11	Orientation Day - Year 8's for 2008
Dec 14	End of Term 4

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



### \* Year 12 SATs Breakfast (School-based Apprenticeships & Traineeships)

Our seventh annual "Thank You Breakfast" to the employers of our Year 12 School-based Apprentices and Trainees will take place at the **Kingfisher Café, Springs Garden World, on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> November** with a **6.45am** arrival for students. It is compulsory for all students to attend in the HSHS formal school uniform and they will also deliver a speech to either their employer / supervisor or representative from an employment company. All speeches were due at the Voc Ed Office, C001, on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, so, if you haven't composed your speech, then, please see Ms Matheson or Trish, ASAP. It is a great event and based on past experiences, it is much appreciated by our employers. Nb: The school has funding to cover the cost of the breakfast for both employers and students.

Guest speakers for the morning will include HSHS parent and SATs employer, Lea Bentley from Gardentown Discount Drugstores; Gary Wilkinson and Scott Jones-Christ will be talking about converting from school-based to part-time or full-time Apprenticeships and Traineeships and the SATs completion process and our Principal, Regan Neumann, will also address the attendees.

### \* DISCO "TOP JOB" Recruitment Evening for Year 12 students

It was great to see our Year 12 students lining up for interviews at Monday night's recruitment evening at the City Golf Club. We hope that any of our students who gain employment through this evening will let either Ms Matheson or Trish know.



**Apprenticeships (School-based):**

- # Automotive (Mechanic): Contact Doug Wilkie on 4632 8621 at Clifford St Autos
- # Horticulture (Landscaping)
- # Butchery: 1 at Highfields

**Traineeships (School-based):**

- # **Aircraft Engineering and Avionics with Boeing at Oakey.** Visit C1 for info.
- # **Information and Technology, Cert III, with CITEC in Brisbane**
- # Forest Products Worker Cert II (4)
- # Hospitality (Commercial Cook at Burke and Wills Hotel)
- # Hospitality (1 Front of House {Waiting}) at the Toowoomba Hockey Club
- # Information Technology (Technical/Tech Support) at Downs Microsystems
- # Retail (6) at Abra Kebab
- # Retail at Anzac Fruit Market
- # Retail at Big W for Year 10s, only. Resumes to Ms MAT or Trish, ASAP.

**Casual Jobs:** Please hand in a resumé to the Voc Ed Office, C001, ASAP.

- # *Fiveways Furniture would like to employ a casual now with the intention of going full time next year year 10 student preferably. See Trish in C1*
- # Accounting firm, Power Tynan, has a Scholarship available for a Year 12 student who is going on to University in 2008 to do a Business/Accounting degree. The successful applicant would commence casual work, ASAP.
- # Hospitality: Toowoomba Turf Club
- # Retail at BCF. Christmas Casuals. Apply online: [www.bcf.com.au](http://www.bcf.com.au)
- # Retail (Pharmacy Assistant) Ph: Lea Bentley at Gardentown Discount Drugstore on 4639 2441.
- # Retail: Red Rooster (Visit the Voc Ed Office, C001, for application forms)

**Full-time Jobs:** Please phone the business directly/hand resume into Voc Ed Office

- # **Bricklaying Apprenticeship. Contact Ms Mat or Trish**
- # Cabinet Making and Joinery Apprenticeship F/T, Garden City Joinery at end of year. Contact Ronnie 4633 1373 or C1 with resume.
- # Q Build Apprenticeship. Contact Ms Mat or Trish Hamlin.
- # General Job BSC Motion Technology for a finishing year 12 student, customer service, warehousing, must have provisional licence by February and mechanical aptitude. Fax resume to Tim Dobson:4634 4329
- # Painter and Decorator Apprenticeship. Contact Ms Mat or Trish Hamlin.
- # Tiler Apprenticeship. Contact Ms Mat or Trish Hamlin.

- # Auto (Servicing) of elite cars (Jaguar, Audi, Volvo, Land Rover.) Phone Ian Price on 0421 748 858 or give resume to Ms Mat or Trish.
- # Cabinetmaking A'ship for a Year 12 student at Wicks Joinery (Noreen on 4632 3277)
- # Computer Design & Screen Printing Traineeship at Sportstar Screen Printing. The job begins at the end of the year. (Resume to Trish or Ms Matheson in C001.)
- # Fitter and Turner (Metal Machinist) A'ship for a Year 12 student to begin at end of Year 12. (Bob or Lyn Web on 4633 1866 or [toolshop@netspace.net.au](mailto:toolshop@netspace.net.au).)
- # Guillotinist (Book Binder/Finisher A'ship: Visit C001 for address to send application)
- # Office Junior, F/T, Year 10 only at Kennedy Spanner Lawyers. Phone Bronwyn on 4639 2944.
- # Mechanic, Outdoor Power (A'ship) to begin at the end of Year 12. (Resume to Trish or Ms Matheson in C001.)
- # Office Administration with Deb's Bakery to begin F/T at the end of the school year. (Resume to Trish or Ms Matheson in C001.)
- # Retail: Wayne's World (Kim on 4613 0221)
- # Roofing (Iron) A'ships (2) at TNT Roofing for a Year 12 student to begin F/T at the end of school. (Tony Klein on 0438 301 610.)
- # Tiling Apprenticeship for a Year 11/12 student to begin at the end of this year. (Resume to Trish or Ms MAT in C001.)

*For more information contact: Ms Matheson*