



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week I have spoken with each year level about finding better ways to solve disagreements, particularly the ones occurring in the playground. I have been disappointed by the way a few of our students have chosen not to resolve matters through reasoning, getting support from adults and discussion. I spoke to the students about discussing matters with an adult to help resolve a situation. If there are things that come to your attention, where a Deputy Principal needs to be involved, please do not hesitate to make contact with the school. I have been very impressed by the attitude and commitment of our Year 12 students in supporting the staff with these matters last week and their commitment to help the younger students of our school.

In the classrooms students continue to be active in their learning programs. All students are doing spelling tests/revision in each subject area. This year we have introduced a learning template when students are required to undertake particular thinking processes. The processes being targeted this year are compare and contrast, problems and solution, cause and effect and making lists from narratives. Having a whole school approach in these areas of literacy provide a framework for students to use when they come across these types of questions in all subject areas.

Finally, most Friday nights I have been watching some of our boys and girls teams playing basketball. I have also been impressed by the number of students who have been there watching and supporting our teams - particularly those in our cheerleading squad. I know the finals are coming up soon. I am looking forward to our teams once again giving their best.

Until next week, Warm Regards,

Regan Neumann, Executive Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 2	Balkuin & Dherwain Afternoon Tea
Mar 3	P & C Meeting
Mar 9	Barang & Bonda Afternoon Tea
Mar 13	Modern History Day
Mar 19	Yr 8 Hep B & Gardasil & Yr 10 Bootrix needles
Mar 26	Toowoomba Show Holiday
Mar 30	New Zealand Volleyball Tour
Apr 7	P & C Meeting
Apr 9	Last Day of Term 1

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds".
George Eliot

MATHS TUTORING

After school maths tutoring has commenced every Tuesday, 3.15pm-4.00pm in A005. All students are welcome to come along to get help with homework, assessment or class work. All students must sign in and out.



*For further information contact: Jane Livingstone
HOD - Maths*

HAWK SPORT

Term 1 sport commenced this week with all teams performing well.

In the boys competition our Open AFL team had a win against St Joseph's 59 -20. Michael Langton was the best on ground with Kerrod Burns kicking a great backwards goal. The 14 Yrs Touch recorded a 22 - 1 win against Concordia with Zac Rub scoring 7 tries. The 15 Yrs Touch team also recorded a convincing win 14 - 4. The A2 cricket team was unlucky to go down by 2 runs in a very exciting game. Best batsmen on the day were Myles Davis 29 runs and Jake Fry 23 runs.

In the girls both the Softball team and the Hockey team recorded good wins. Player of the week is Michael Langton.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in Darling Downs teams at the recent selection trials:-

Brenton Pennells Golf; Deanna Bloomfield, Staphanie Gierke, Alex Halsey, Caitlyn Ireland and Shaylee Worner Softball; Blake Jennings, Jeff Nielsen, Jared Sheppard and Ashley Taylor Touch; Darren Auchter, Jason Auchter, Chris Austin, Hannah Bailey, Chris Barnes, Cory Capern, Phillipa Clews, Nadine Dixon, Alex Halsey, Daniel Holland, Melissa Hollman, Jared Hooson, Ethan Johnson, Daniel Jones, Jacqueline Jones, Bianca McMahan, Jeffrey O'Brien, Kirsty Pacholke, Georgia Parsons, Kimberley Petersen, Chris Searle, John Sneddon, Calvin Stephensen, Leisa Windley and Shaylee Worner Volleyball.

HOUSE AFTERNOON TEAS

A reminder to all parents the first of the House afternoon teas is on Monday 2 March for Balkuin & Dherwain, with the afternoon tea for Barang & Bonda on the following Monday 9 March.

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

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SCHOOLS PREMIER LEAGUE

Wednesday 25th February the Harristown Football Academy packed their bags and headed to Brisbane for the first round of the inaugural School Premier League. The competition has been designed to allow the elite Football schools in South East Queensland the opportunity to play at a high level on a regular basis.

Harristown squared up against Palm Beach Currumbin in the girls senior and junior divisions. Both teams performed extremely well with the senior girls running out convincing 3-0 winners while the junior girls secured a well deserved 4-4 draw. Mr Broadfoot would like to commend all of the girls for the spirit in which they played the game and the manor in which they represented the school.

The boys made a strong start to their campaign winning both the junior and senior games. The junior boys were able to defeat Kelvin Grove 2-0 while the senior lads defeated Bay Side Academy 3-0. Wilksey was extremely proud of the boys first round efforts and looks forward to an improve effort in round 2.

TOOWOOMBA DISTRICT TRIALS

March 9th signals the second cluster day for Toowoomba District Trials. Toowoomba sides being selected on this day include; Open Football, Hockey, Netball, Squash, Orienteering and Rugby League. Any students wishing to trial in any of these sports need to see Mr Brackstone in Q33.

Yours in Sport
Ian Brackstone
Sports Co-ordinator

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

* SATs: School-based
Apprenticeships or Traineeships



From Semester 1, each year, Year 11 and 12 students can commence a SAT at any time.

Year 10 students can commence their SAT in Semester 2. The exception is for a Year 10 student who wishes to sign up with a business owned by their parent/s. For this latter group of students, they may commence in Semester 1.

The year has started very well with 67 students carrying over from 2008 with their SAT. Since the start of the year, we have already had 12 SATs sign ups - a good sign despite the current economic climate.

* QTA: 2009 Queensland Training Awards for SATs Students in Year 12

To be eligible to enter these awards, students must be in Year 12 and working for a minimum of six (6) months with their employer. Students can collect an

entry form from the Voc Ed staff in D011 or by going to the website: www.qta.qld.gov.au. The Voc Ed staff are more than happy to help students with their application. Entries must be handed into the Voc Ed staff by Monday 16 March as they need to be sent to Brisbane by the close of business on March 18.

You may remember last year's *Queensland School-based Apprentice of the Year*, Harristown's Rohan Greer. He was the Regional and State winner of the 2008 QTA which resulted in Rohan's title and the associated cash and prizes.

* SATs available: Nb: All enquiries are to be made through Ms Matheson or Trish Hamlin in the Vocational Education Office, D011, as the businesses do not want to be contacted directly.

DGT = Downs Group Training

GWES = Golden West Employment Solutions

Apprenticeships

Cert III	Commercial Cookery	Amigo's Mexican Restaurant
Cert III	Horticulture	Pristine Landscapes
Cert III	Hospitality	The Coffee House
Cert III	Hospitality	The Lazy Fisherman
Cert III	Hospitality	SSS BBQ Barn
Cert III	Painting & Decorating	DGT

Traineeships

Cert II	Administration	Cabarlah, GWES
Cert II	Auto Mechanical	DGT
Cert II	Business	Hodgson, GWES
Cert III	Business	GWES
Cert III	Business Administration	
Cert III	Health Support Service	(Nutrition & Dietetic Support)
Cert II	Hospitality (FOH)	The Coffee House
Cert II	IT	Carbalah, GWES
Cert II	Meat Processing	GWES
Cert II	Retail	GWES
Cert II	Retail	Pacific Seeds
Cert II	Retail/ Marketing	2 nd hand business
Cert II	Retail	Lazy Fisherman
Cert III	Warehousing	GWES