



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

This week we had the first of our House Afternoon Teas. Bonda & Barang will be on Monday 9 February from 4.45pm in the foyer of the auditorium. This is an important meeting in the school calendar for all parents, particularly for our new families as it explains the house structure and role of support people at our school. The house structure at Harristown provides the foundation of pastoral care for our students and communication structure for our parents.

At these meetings I have encouraged parents to become more involved in our school by becoming a member of one of the strategic committees, being a parent representative on the School Council, becoming a volunteer in the tuckshop or the library and coming along to P & C meetings. Parent participation is an important part of the school community life. We are keen to have parents involved, sharing their skills, time and talents with us. Below is a list of the committees we are looking for parent participation. If you are interested, please get in contact with Dina Waugh (my Personal Assistant) and she will make sure you are invited to the next meeting.

Strategic committees: Workplace Health and Safety, Students Well-being, Literacy & Thinking Skills, Library, Industrial Skills Academy, Academic Academy, Sports Academy, Arts Academy, ICT, Middle School Transition

Attendance at the P & C meetings continues to be a concern. There are very few parents who attend. I encourage all parents to consider coming along to the meetings once per month. For details, please contact John Gietzel on 0419702016 or P & C Shop on 46368714 or 46368747.

From Monday 9 to Friday 20 March I will be taking on the role of EDS for the Toowoomba District. Ms Monagle will be backfilling behind me and Mr Jones will take on Deputy for Barang House.

Until next week, Warm Regards,

Regan Neumann, Executive Principal

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"The great end of life is not knowledge but action".

Thomas Huxley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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*

SENIOR BALL: LICENCE TO THRILL

Year 11 and 12 students have been busy preparing for the 2009 Senior Ball. The aim of our fifth ball is, as always, to have a great time on a budget. Students are encouraged to re-cycle outfits or make their own. Our theme this year is "007 - James Bond". Boys should be looking for sharp suits and bow ties to wear and girls, long gowns. Girls should try and create an 'air of mystery' by accessorising with such things as feather boas, fascinators and garters.

Students will be given the opportunity to learn some ballroom dances prior to the evening. Entry to the 'Casino Royale' (South Street, Auditorium) will cost \$8. School rules will apply and students will follow normal 'lock in' procedures.

Shaken not stirred!

For more information contact: Mrs Gilroy and/or Mrs James (Year 11 and 12 Co-ordinators).

STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP

The school SRC are currently working on installing 'planter boxes' in the area between D and E block, as a part of the gold leaders initiative to improve the appearance of our school. It would be greatly appreciated if families could donate the 'free plants' vouchers that are received with council rates notices to the school for this project. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

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

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HAWK SPORT

Toowoomba District Interschool Sport Round 2

Round 2 was a successful one for the Harristown boys winning all but one of their games against Lockyer District State High School. Strong wins were recorded by the A1 AFL, 13 Yrs Touch, 14 Yrs Touch and A1 Touch.

The girls also performed strongly registering 7 wins and 3 losses. Special mention goes to our Yr 8 Football team who recorded a 7 - 2 win over Toowoomba SHS. The Senior Indoor Cricket secured their first win of 2009 defeating St Ursula by 28 runs and our Hockey girls continued on their winning way downing Fairholme College Two 15 - 0. The performance of the week for the girls goes to the Yr 10 Netballers who defeated Fairholme College 48 - 1.

This week's player of the week is awarded to Blake Jennings for his 5 try haul in the Boys A1 Touch 11 - 2 victory.

Swimming

The past couple of weeks have been extremely busy for our swimmers competing in 3 major carnivals over 10 days.

The Darling Downs School trials were held on the 26th February. 5 of our swimmers were rewarded with selection in the Darling Downs Team. Congratulations to Kirsten Apsey, Stacey Gardner, Ben Hobbs, Johannes Janse Van Vuuren and Kara Lindsay-Holley who will now travel to Chandler April 2nd - 4th to compete in the 2009 state championships. Best of luck guys - hope you all enjoy a successful meet.

2009 Bronze Leaders

The following Staff will co-ordinate their respective sports along with the help of the selected Captains. The students received their badges at a ceremony held in the auditorium on Wednesday 4th March.

SPORT	STAFF CO-ORDINATOR	CAPTAINS
ATHLETICS	Mr Glen Martin	Tyler Griinke & Kara Hoopmann
AUSTRALIAN RULES	Mr Tom Marshal	Stewart Sloan
BASKETBALL	Mr Ben McDonald	Ryan Bowden & Caitlin Brunner
CATTLE PARADING	Mrs Dawn Curry	Dahanda Jones
CRICKET	Mr Graeme Duke	Jacob Ehrlich
CROSS COUNTRY	Mr Terry Ryan	Tyler Griinke & Tamasin Roeger
CYCLING / TRIATHALON	Mr Tom Marshal	Jack Trenear
GOLF	Mr Jim Babineau	Brenton Pennells
FOOTBALL	Mr Chris Wilkes (Boys) Mr Peter Broadfoot (Girls)	Adam Norris & Joel Fraser (Futsal) Tiffany Roberts
GYMNASTICS	Ms Angela Dwan	Tegan Morris (Gymnastics) & Sarah Brabon (Cheerleading)
HOCKEY	Mrs Jenny Brownhalls	Brianna Edwards
NETBALL	Ms Hayley Olsen	Shannan Casey & Renee Langston
RUGBY LEAGUE	Mr Ian Brackstone	Ben Langton
RUGBY UNION	Mr Terry Ryan	Jack Trenear
SOFTBALL	Mr Brian Gilroy	Shaylee Worner
SQUASH	Ms Lisa Brown	Jared Hooson
SWIMMING	Mrs Christine Apsey	Kimberly Ducker & Tiffany Roberts
TENNIS	Ms Megan Beames	Emma Pedersen
TEN PIN BOWLING	Ms Megan Beames	Amy Grandison
TOUCH	Mr Mike Arnold	Jared Sheppard & Melissa Salis
VOLLEYBALL	Mr Terry Moore	Daniel Jones & Leisa Windley
WATER POLO	Ms Sarah Bull	Hannah Treasure
WEIGHTLIFTING	Mr Terry Moore	Bianca Sheppard

Under the guidance of Mrs Christine Apsey the Hawk Swim team was asked to rally together again on Tuesday morning to attend the annual Toowoomba District Carnival. The majority of these swimmers also competed over the weekend at the Darling Downs Club meet. All swimmers competed extremely well at the Toowoomba District meet. Further results will be published as they come to hand.

Rugby League

Monday 2nd of March saw over 200 Rugby League players converge on Brothers Rugby League Fields to take part in the inaugural Toowoomba District Gala Day. A range of schools across Toowoomba came together to compete in a day of Rugby League in the Under 15 and Open age groups. Harristown was well represented with over 40 students attending.

Harristown was successful in both the Under 15 and Open age groups each winning their two preliminary matches convincingly and defeating a combined St Josephs / Downlands team in the final of both age groups.

The day also doubled as the initial stages of the Toowoomba trials with the following boys being selected to advance to the next stage of the selection process, Ashley Taylor, Adam Waters, Chris Chamberlain, Keith Gadd, Kerrod Byrnes, Jack Bishop, Brandon Cubby, Corey Langton, Cody Timmins, Jimmy Mullins and Lachlan Eastwell. The boys will now trial on Monday the 9th of March in an attempt to be selected in the final Toowoomba squad who will attend the up coming Darling Downs Trials.

Until next week

Ian Brackstone, Sports Co-ordinator