



# HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Firstly I would like to congratulate the many students who auditioned to be part of the 2009 Rock Eisteddfod production. From over 500 students who auditioned, 100 students were selected in the cast and 20 students were selected in the back stage crew. The staff and students involved in this production have a busy time ahead of them with rehearsals and set construction prior to the first performance in June. Good Luck to all.

Students should be spending time preparing for assessment - completing assignments and doing revision for testing now and over the next couple of weeks. We have a very busy time ahead.

Good luck to our basketball teams in semi-finals on Friday night.

Have a great week.

*Leanne Monagle, Acting Executive Principal*

## HSHS 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).

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

"What ardently we wish we soon believe".

Edward Young

## MUSIC: TO NOTE!

\* The Queensland Music Festival proudly presents *Score It!*

*Score It!* is an innovative competition specifically designed for young music makers. If you are between the ages of 12 - 18 and love composing then *Score It!* is the competition for you.

The task is to create an appropriate musical score of your choice from a selection of 3 scoreless films. Your score can involve classical orchestration, electronic samples, sound effects, or any other manifestation or combination of music/sound you desire.

Composers may enter either the Junior (12-14 yrs old) or the Senior (15-18 yrs old) section.



To enter *Score It!* just go the Queensland Music Festival (QMF) website at [www.qmf.org.au](http://www.qmf.org.au) and register your interest. After you register you can download the films and begin composing.

This program is designed to complement your classroom music programs in Junior and Senior, Music Extension and IB.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Anne Roylance Ph - 3010 6618 or Email - [anne@qmf.org.au](mailto:anne@qmf.org.au)

Nb: Please let Ms Matheson, Classroom Music Teacher, know if you have entered a composition as she would be happy to provide feedback about it. (In previous years, workshops have been held by composers for interested students. Stay tuned to the website!)

## 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.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 19	Yr 8 Hep B & Gardasil & Yr 10 Bootrix needles
Mar 25	Senior Ball: "007 - James Bond".
Mar 26	Toowoomba Show Holiday
Mar 30	New Zealand Volleyball Tour
Apr 7	P & C Meeting
Apr 9	Last Day of Term 1
Apr 20	Student Free Day
Apr 21	Term 2 Commences

## UNITING THE WORLD IN NUMBERS

To celebrate World Maths Day, on 4 March, over 1 million students from 160 countries united online to set a new world record by correctly answering 452,682,682 mental arithmetic questions. At Harristown, 79 Year 8 students helped out by correctly answering 37,228 questions. The average improvement in mental arithmetic by our students was 94%. Tayla Ross got the highest score while Kobi McArthur showed the most improvement - a whopping 1160%. Special mention must go to Tai Ellis who received a Gold Award by correctly answering over 7200 questions. Congratulations to all of those students.

*For more information contact: Jane Livingstone HOD: Maths*

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

### \* Indigenous Students furthering Their Careers: An Update

#### *2009 Australian Indigenous Engineering Summer School*

Nathan Lipsett, Year 11, and Cameron Suley, Year 12, attended the above *Summer School* at the University of Newcastle from January 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and, as a result of their experiences, both students are even more focused on obtaining the required OP to study Engineering at Uni.

During this week, Nathan and Cameron were introduced to the Governor General, Quentin Bryce, former Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, and Summer School founder, Jeff Dobell.

Both students worked on engineering problems, met practicing engineers and visited the facilities of Energy Australia, GHD, Rio Tinto, Williamstown RAAF Base, and the Eraring Power Station.

There was also some social time where our students went quad bike riding, on a cruise and a few other fun-filled adventures.

The students are featured in *The Magazine of Engineers Australia - Civil Edition (Vol 81 No 2, Feb 2009)*, in a group photo, with a brief outline of the Summer School.

#### *Layne Beachley Award*

Year 12 indigenous student, Katlin Gill, has been awarded a *Layne Beachley Aim for The Stars Grant*. These awards/grants are to help Australia's most talented and inspirational women.

Katlin's aim is to become a doctor, specialising in neurology, and hopes to work with Indigenous Australians in the Kimberley region.

To do this Katlin needs to sit two pre-requisite exams which involve her travelling to Brisbane with the hope that she will pass and be accepted into James Cook University. The grant Katlin receives will help with her exam entry fees and travel costs.

*Congratulations to Nathan, Cameron and Katlin for setting their goals for the future, following through with them and for being fine ambassadors for Harristown SHS. We look forward to hearing about and from them in the future.*

### \* Looking for a Job?

Go to the *Queensland Government Jobs and Careers* website: <http://jobs.govnet.qld.gov.au/>

- \* 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 III	Florist	Westridge
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 <sup>nd</sup> hand business
Cert II	Retail	Lazy Fisherman
Cert III	Warehousing	GWES