



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

This week our school had the privilege of hosting Year 5 students from our cluster schools. At our first "Welcome to Middle School" activity students watched a presentation, went on a tour and undertook an activity sheet. It was great to have younger students on our site learning about high school. This is just the first of many activities and learning experiences planned for the primary school students who attend our cluster schools.

We also hosted the All Schools Premier League competition this week. Schools that have highly performing football teams are a part of this elite competition. Both boys and girls teams performed well on the day. Our students head to Brisbane in a couple of weeks for the next round of matches.

The Open Girls Basketball grand final was held last Friday night - wow, what a game! It was an outstanding effort with both Harristown and Pittsworth giving their best. After extra time, our girls won by 3 points. Congratulations to both the team and Mr Moore on this great achievement! The cheer squad was in full force which created an electric atmosphere.

Students and teachers working together to make a difference - sometimes this happens through events and sometimes through building things. This week the Manual Arts classes in the senior school, their teachers, other staff and Student Council have combined their efforts to complete the garden and seating area between D and E block - another place for students to have their lunches - congratulations and thank you for another great team effort.

A busy time for everyone,

Until next week,

Warm regards

Regan Neumann, Executive Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 30	New Zealand Volleyball Tour
Apr 7	P & C Meeting
Apr 8 & 9	Religious Instruction
Apr 9	Last Day of Term 1
Apr 20	Student Free Day
Apr 21	Term 2 Commences



QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"The mill gains by going, and not by standing still. The living rock is worn by the diligent flow of the brook."

M Tupper

CASUAL CANTEEN POSITION

The Association is seeking to appoint a casual canteen assistant.

The position is a casual position for up to 20 hours per week.

Position descriptions are available by telephoning 0746368747 between 8am and 3.30pm on school days or by calling in at the P & C Shop.

Application close by 3.30pm Friday 3rd April 2009.

RELAY FOR LIFE 4TH AND 5TH APRIL 2009

The Harristown State High School Interact Club is once again organising the Hawk-team entry for the Queensland Cancer Councils Relay for Life. Grace Laundon (Interact President) and her team of willing volunteers are busily preparing for the 18 hour Relay event which commences at 3pm on Saturday 4th April.

The Hawks have a number of significant challenges to meet: Can we raise the most money of any school team? Can anyone out walk or out run Byron Rose-Kelly's amazing individual 2008 lap total of 115 laps? Will the teachers keep a teacher baton lapping for the entire 18 hours?

Students will be looking for sponsors and donations to support the Queensland Cancer Council, they will be wearing their Relay for Life t-shirts which are light blue and have the Cancer Council emblem on them. Each student will also issue a Queensland Cancer Council receipt. The students will be fund raising from now until Friday 1 May 2009.

We wish Grace and Interact as well as the many dedicated teachers and parents all the very best for the Relay for Life and hopefully this year it will not rain.

Sally Wark and Terry Ryan

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION NOTICE

All students whether they are a member of a particular nominated religious faith or not are given the opportunity to participate in non-denominational Christian religious instruction by means of an interactive seminar style presentation each school term.

If a student's parent/guardian wishes to withdraw their child from the program provided, they are asked to complete RIS FORM C (1) and return it to the school. This form can be obtained from the Chaplaincy and Religious Instruction page on the schools website under the 'Support' menu. www.harristoshs.eq.edu.au/wcmss/support.html

Term 1 Religious Instruction will take place on Wed 8th & Thurs 9th. The presenter/s will be: guest speaker Aaron Hamilton who is the National Youth Advocate for Compassion Australia and a band from Sydney 'New Empire' will be performing as part of the presentation to each year level.

HARMONY WEEK CELEBRATION

On Friday the 20 March the Year 9 AAA students held a celebration for Harmony Week. During the get together speeches were made about harmony amongst the nations of the world and poems were also recited. There was an exposé on antiques from other countries, along with an origami class. At the conclusion of the festivities, food native to other countries and cultures was enjoyed. Overall it was an excellent experience for everyone.

Submitted by Adam Schmidt Year 9 AAA Student.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Are You receiving Letters about Your Student's Absenteeism from Harristown SHS?



Yes? Please read this section.

Does your student do a SAT (School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship), TAFE course, Childcare Industry Placement, Industry Placement for a Year 11 / 12 Certificate Course, Work Experience other than during Year 10 Sport on a Wednesday Afternoon?

Yes? Please continue reading this section.

Does your student, from the list above, have a Pink Attendance Card?

Yes? Are they handing it into the D011 Vocational Office when they return to school and collecting it later that day? OR

No? The Pink Card Attendance Card process is explained to each student by the Vocational

Education Staff. All students are given one at the time of sign up.

My student doesn't have a Pink Attendance Card, what should I do?

Send your student to D011, ASAP, to collect one.

Why do we have a "Pink Attendance Card?"

We have a legal obligation to maintain the accuracy of our rolls and all of the above students are still Harristowners when they are out of the school on school business.

Does my student need a Pink Attendance Card out of school hours?

No. It is only for the period of time when we mark school rolls. (ie: From 8.50am - 3.00pm.)

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	Auto Mechanical	FM Fuel Injection
Cert III	Commercial Cookery	Amigo's Mexican Restaurant
Cert III	Horticulture	Pristine Landscapes
Cert III	Hospitality	The Lazy Fisherman
Cert III	Hospitality	SSS BBQ Barn
Cert III	Painting & Decorating	DGT

Traineeships

Cert III	Business Administration	Sarina Russo (Tanya)
Cert III	Childrens Services	Sarina Russo (Tanya)
Cert II	Retail	Red Rooster
Cert II	Logistics & Warehousing	Reece
Cert III	Transport & Logistics	National Carrier
Cert III	Florist	Westridge
Cert II	Administration	Cabarlah, GWES
Cert III	Business	GWES
Cert II	Hospitality (FOH)	The Coffee House
Cert II	IT	Cabarlah, 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

"A New You - Dare To Be Great Women's Retreat will be held in the Bunya Mountains from April 17 to 19. Includes yoga, relaxation, pampering and life coaching. Only 10 places. Phone 0408 485 100 , email annemaree@womensretreat.com.au or visit www.womensretreat.com.au"

If you wished to find out more about this program, please feel very welcome to enquire at any of my contact numbers or website. It is perfect also for staff members who may need a chance to learn great strategies on overcoming and managing stress.

CALLING ALL RANGEVILLE STUDENTS.

If you attended Rangeville State School you are invited to participate in a unique opportunity to have your name as a permanent part of our school during our Centenary Celebrations.

From as little as \$25 your name or message will be engraved into a paver which will then be laid permanently in our 'Centenary Pathways.'

Order forms are available on the website www.rangeville.eq.edu.au or contact Margaret Spinks 46353007.