



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Welcome back for Semester Two and a special welcome to the new families who have joined us for the first time.

The holidays were a very successful time for our school. A team of soccer girls competed in an international competition in Brisbane and place 2nd.

We also around 60 students and 10 staff had a very enjoyable time in the snowfields. Students and Staff both returned safe and well with lots of stories about skiing and just having fun.

The other big news is that our school was successful in obtaining a \$1.5m grant to build a Languages Centre.

This term is shaping up to be a very busy one with many major school events taking place. The QCS, Rock Eisteddfod, eisteddfod, many sports competitions, parents in schools days, Level A and B awards and open afternoon are just a few.

Have a great week.

Leanne Monagle

CONTACT DETAILS

It is most important that we have the correct information at the school regarding current address and contact details for parents and other emergency contacts. If you have moved recently or you or your emergency contacts have changed contact numbers could you please advise the office in writing immediately.



ROCK EISTEDDFOD - VENETIAN VENDETTA

- ❖ Sadly, there will only be ONE Brisbane Rock Eisteddfod competition this year - a Grand Final on Friday, 31st July at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre.
- ❖ Tickets are \$34 (no concessions) and can be purchased at the P and C shop until 12 noon next Wednesday, 22nd July. After this date, you will be able to purchase the tickets from TICKETEK (phone 132 849) or at www.ticketek.com but there will be no guarantee that you will be seated in the Harristown 'block' of seats.
- ❖ Tickets for our Supporters' Bus are \$35 and will be available from the P&C Shop until Friday, 24th July.
- ❖ Our Supporter's Night is this Sunday night, 19th July from 7-8pm in the blue gym. Entry is by \$2 donation and everyone is welcome to attend. Please support our students by attending this very important first public performance.
- ❖ The Rock Eisteddfod team will be required for a full day rehearsal next Thursday, 23rd July from 9 - 3pm at school.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread".

Alexander Pope

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	
Thursday 23	Religious Instruction - Yr 11 Per 7 & 8
Friday 24	Religious Instruction - Yr 8, 9, 10 & 12
Friday 24	Legal Studies Day
Tuesday 28	Careers Expo - USQ
Friday 31	Rock Eisteddfod Grand Final
Friday 31 - Sunday Aug 2	Old Schools Cup Volleyball
AUGUST	
Tuesday 4	P & C Meeting
Thursday 6	Australian Maths Competition
Monday 10 - Wednesday 12	Year 11 Camp
Friday 14	Interhouse Athletics
Tuesday 18	Level A & B Certificates
Tuesday 18	Open Afternoon

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 or collected from the school office.

Religious Instruction this term will provide each year level with two 70 minute seminar style presentations taking place on Thurs 24th/Fri 25th July and on Wed 17th/Thurs 17th Sept. The guest presenters in July will be: The 'NET Team'. A team of young people that tour across Australia every year doing presentations in schools and for church community groups. Their sessions will combine drama, music and speaking in their presentation.

The guest presenter for the September sessions will be: Andy Gourley, from Red Frogs Chaplaincy Service which is a schoolies and University support network in Australia.

For more information: Lorinda Stiles - Chaplain

YEAR 9 CHALLENGE DAY

On Monday, 22nd and Wednesday, 24th June, 120 enthusiastic Year 9 students ventured out to Leslie Dam Active Recreation to participate in their Challenge Day. The day was a new initiative this year and focussed on building students' communication and teamwork skills through outdoor active education. During the day, students were involved in activities such as archery, orienteering and physical team challenges. It

