



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Earlier this week you will have received your student's term 2 report card. If you wish to speak with teachers about your student's results please make contact with them through our office.

The challenge I set for students on assembly last week was to take some time to reflect on their results - achievement, effort and behaviour. The second part of my challenge was for them to develop a 'plan' for the rest of the year - they may have asked themselves a number of questions including - "What do I need to do to maintain these excellent result?" or "What can I do to improve the results on my Term 3 report?" After this reflection time it is then important that students act on the 'plan' they have developed. Please take the time to talk through this process with your students and encourage them to be working to their potential.

Next week is going to be a busy week, with preparation for Queensland Volleyball School's Cup to be held at Harristown and Rock Eisteddfod Grand Final to be held in Brisbane. Good luck to all students involved in these events.

Mr Neumann returns next week after a relaxing vacation.

I hope you all have a great term.

Leanne Monagle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	
Tuesday 28	Careers Expo - USQ
Friday 31	Rock Eisteddfod Grand Final
Friday 31 - Sunday Aug 2	Qld 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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it".

Mark Twain

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.

NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

The mathematics department would like to announce a new initiative just introduced into our mathematics teaching programs. We have registered all of our students to use the teaching/learning resource at www.mathsonline.com.au.

Some of the features that this program has are as follows;

- Full lessons for each concept with a voice over and numerous examples of varying difficulty. Every lesson has a pause and rewind facility to help students grasp concepts at their own pace.
- Every lesson has an accompanying printable summary and worksheet to consolidate the concept, with full worked solutions provided also.
- A student's ongoing use and progress in the program is stored for theirs and their teacher's perusal at any time.
- The program can be accessed from any internet ready site, not just at school.
- The entire Year 8 to 12 program is available to every student, not just their particular year group or course.
- Parents may register to get weekly updates on their child's program use and progress, by clicking on the 'Parents area' tab within their child's account.
- Many more features will also be made available on-line over coming months.

Given that the program covers most of the concepts that we teach, and as good as this resource is, it was never intended by its creators to replace the wonderful work that our mathematics teaching staff already do. This program is best used as a support/supplement to the classroom teaching/learning experience.

All students will be issued with their unique logins and passwords over the next few days by their maths teacher, and are encouraged to use this resource as directed by their own teacher.

For more information contact: *Jane Livingstone HOD - Mathematics*

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

In what ended up being a stop start term of interschool competition in Term 2 due to the weather, the Hawks ran out premiers in the following five sports;

- U/13 boys Football
- U/14 boys Rugby League
- Junior boys Hockey
- Senior Boys Indoor Cricket
- Yr 8 Girls Netball

I would like congratulate our premiership winning teams as well as all of our HAWKS who competed each week, for the sportsmanship displayed. Well done HAWKS!!!

Rugby League

Michael Hancock Cup

After the preliminary rounds of the Hancock cup the junior Hawks finished with 3 wins, 3 losses and a washed out game. As a result the boys finished 4th securing a home quarter final against Cav Road. The game will be played at Brothers Rugby League Club on the 28th of July starting at 4:00pm.

Country Cup

During the first week of the school holidays the open boys travelled to Burleigh to compete in the 2009 Country Cup. After a strong showing in the preliminary games the boys were unfortunately beaten by Mackay SHS in the semi-final. As a result the boys finished a creditable 3rd place. Jeffery Nielsen was named Harristown Player of the Carnival. Well done boys.

State Championships

8 players from the Harristown Rugby League Academy travelled to Brisbane over the holidays to compete in the 2009 State Carnival. All of the boys played extremely well, with 3 gaining selection in the Queensland Merit side. Josh Robinson was selected in the U/13 team while Keith Gadd and Ashley Taylor were both selected in the U/14 team.

Softball

Harristown has confirmed its status as one of Queensland's best softball schools by taking out the state championship in the girls division and the runners up spot in the boys.

Both teams competed for the champion title in the statewide Golden Glove Softball Challenge with the finals series being contested at Redlands on May 30th.

The Harristown teams earned the right to contest the finals with dominant displays in the Toowoomba and South West tournament held at the beginning of May.

At the finals the girls team were crowned state champions for the second time in succession and for the third time since 2004, and have become the first

school to win the title on three occasions. In their first match of the tournament the girls accounted for Brisbane State High 9 runs to nil and then brushed past Alexandra Hills in the semi finals to earn another match up with Brisbane in the grand final. The grand final was a tight affair with Harristown getting away to a good 4 - 0 lead before weathering an opposition comeback to hang on and eventually triumph 4 runs to 3.

The team battled bravely throughout the tournament to reach the grand final only to succumb 10 nil to a very good Alexandra Hills side. On their way to the final the boys had lost to Alex Hills but recovered to account for Aldridge High and Grace Lutheran College from Redcliffe.

By qualifying teams in both the boys and girls divisions and then winning the girls and being second placed in the boys Harristown well and truly demonstrated that it is a force in Queensland school Softball.

Athletics

During the final week of Term 2 the athletics season kicked off with the year 8 trial day taking place on the Tuesday followed by the year 9-12 trials on the Thursday.

In what was a beautiful day on the oval the following grade 8's turned in outstanding performances;

- Madeline Staff (Best performer)
- Josh Robinson (Best Performer)
- Tayla Ross
- Dylan Adamson
- Amber Jennings
- Thomas Hedges
- Jamie Andison
- Corey Langton
- Sophie Maund
- Richard Achire
- Sascha Turnbull
- Taneeka Adnams
- Ashley Peters
- Abbey Lloyd
- BJ Hunt
- Kanisha Rowe
- Brodie Scherwin
- Jason Schaumann
- Travis Skinner
- Matt Ryan

Until next week

Ian Brackstone - Sports Co-ordinator

QUICK QUIZ QUESTION (contributed by Mr Below)

Which world-famous band appeared in concert at the Harristown High School Hall on 17 December 1976.



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

SATs on Show

The "SATs on Show" staff will be taking their year 10 classes to **two free compulsory excursions** where students will be **gathering information as part of their Job Portfolio assessment** for their subject, *SATs on Show*. The excursions are to the:

1. 2009 Toowoomba Chronicle Careers Expo which will be held at the USQ Clive Berghofer Centre, Baker Street, Toowoomba on Tuesday 28th July.
2. SQIT Open Day, Bridge St, Toowoomba on Tuesday 4th August.

Students involved in these excursions **MUST hand** in their permission forms to their SATs on Show teacher. Students will leave school at the end of period 1 and return at 12.30pm for period 6.

*** 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

Traineeships

Cert II	Hairdressing	See Trish
Cert II	Pharmacy Assistant	Grand Central see Trish
Cert II	Dental Assistant	GWES x2
Cert II	Retail	DGT Supermarket
Cert II	Retail	Red Rooster
Cert II	Business Indigenous Studies	ANZ Bank
Cert II	Retail	Abra Kebab (Grand Central)
Cert II	IT	Cabarlah

MUSIC: TO NOTE! (An update from Ms Matheson)

* Are you Australia's best High School Band? Triple J is hunting for Australia's Hottest **Band!**

(The following information is from a poster sent to the school.)

If you're in a band or ready to start one, then, get into *Triple J Unearthed High* and they'll fly you to Sydney, record your song and play it to the world, plus, *Triple J* will put on an awesome gig at your school.

For details, hit: TRIPLEJUNEARTHED.COM

Entries close: July 31, 2009.

* **Queensland Youth Orchestra Auditions for 2010 close in August.**

If you wish to apply to audition for one of 500 positions in 7 ensembles for 2010, collect an application form from the QYO office at the old Museum in Brisbane or: Download an application form from the QYO website OR www.qyo.org.au and apply online.

This is a great organisation to join, even though it means travelling to Brisbane, every week.

Applications close Saturday 1 August, with auditions scheduled for October 2009.

SCIENCE SNIPPET (contributed by Mr Below)

Did you know that our region is home to a special fish that is famous the world-over? It is CERATODUS - the Queensland Lung Fish. As you know fishes (which include sharks) absorb oxygen from water by means of gills. Fish do not normally have lungs but lungfish do. Scientists believe they may be an evolutionary "throw back". They first appeared in the fossil record of 380 million years ago. They are relics of ancient fish groups that were related to the ancestors of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

There are six species world-wide. Africa has four species, leaving one each for Australia and South America. Our lungfish has only one lung, but uses it rarely, such as when the water is stagnant and low in oxygen. On these occasions, when it surfaces for oxygen, old-timers say that you can hear them "gulping" for air!

They can survive out of water for a day or two, if out of the sun. They are long-lived, with one in a Chicago zoo now over 80 years old. They can also grow to be more than forty kilograms in weight. Endemic to the Mary and Burnett rivers, they are naturally protected and must be safely returned to their habitat if caught. So, I guess the writer of our National Anthem got it right... "Our land abounds in Nature's fgifts - of beauty rich and rare".

ANSWER TO QUICK QUIZ QUESTION:

The band, according to one internet site was AC-DC. If anyone's mum or dad recalls attending the concert, I would like to hear about it and pass the story on to our readers. . .



For more information contact: *Mr Below*