



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Well done to our girls soccer team who won the State Championships (Bill Turner Cup) last week - a hard fought final that saw us win by 2 - 1 against Cavendish Road. Our team now competes in the national competition in Newcastle early next month - we hope the preparation is going well.

Also our Year 12 debaters debated in the regional finals this week against St Ursula's. Well done to all debaters and their coaches during the season. Year 11 Camp, Interhouse athletics are part of the school's co-curricula program this week. A busy time for everyone.

Although our core business is learning in the classroom, these other learning experiences, outside the classroom, teach learning skills, management and processes such as problem solving, working in teams, developing strategies, planning and organising - all relevant to our curriculum programs. The key is in helping students realise that these skills can be transferred across many aspects of their lives. Teachers and parents can help with this through talking about how these activities do interconnect. A challenge is making time to discuss these relationships.

Monday is a student free day for staff. NO students should be in attendance on this day. On Tuesday we are celebrating the effort and commitment of students to their studies through School Commendation Awards ceremonies. Open Afternoon will follow this celebration on Tuesday 18 August. All parents are invited to join us for Open Afternoon to see the activities your sons and daughters undertake as a part of their learning program.

Until next week ,

Regan Neumann

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST	
Monday 17	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 18	Gold & Silver Certificate Presentation
Tuesday 18	Open Afternoon
Mon 31 - Fri 4 Sept	Year 10 Camp
SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 1	P & C Meeting
Tuesday 1	Year 12 QCS Test
Wednesday 2	Year 12 QCS Test
Monday 7 - Friday 11	Year 11 & 12 Exam Block
Friday 18	The Arts Day

GOLD AND SILVER CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION (FORMERLY LEVEL A AND B)

The Harristown State High School Gold and Silver Certificate of Commendation presentation ceremonies will be held on **Tuesday, 18th August** in the **Auditorium**. These ceremonies are always a very important occasion at the school because they provide us with the opportunity to acknowledge those students whose effort and behaviour have been judged to be of a consistently high or very high standard (based on Semester 1 reports). Invitations to parents were sent home with students on Thursday, 6th August.

The ceremony for students in Barang and Dherwain will commence at 10.00am followed by light refreshments. The ceremony for students in Balkuin and Bonda will be held at 12.00pm followed by light refreshments.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"Some of the best lessons we ever learn, we learn from our mistakes and failures. The error of the past is the success and wisdom of the future".

Tyron Edwards

HAWKS IN SPORT

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Hawks Girls win State Championship

For the second time in 4 years the Under 15 girls from Harristown's Football Academy have won the Bill Turner Cup State Championship, defeating arch rivals Cavendish Road 2-1 in the final. A national knockout competition involving over 500 teams from Qld, NSW, Victoria and WA, the girls now progress to the National finals in Newcastle in September.

Following solid wins against Albany Creek (3-1) and Kawana (4-0) the Hawks girls went into the final in good form and knowing they were a side capable of scoring goals. Cavendish Road were the favourites having won the trophy 6 of the previous 8 years.

The Hawks started the final very nervously and nearly conceded in the first minute with goalkeeper Kelly Williams pulling off a great save low to her right. Her fingertip save cannoned off the post to safety. From there the rest of the half was an arm wrestle with the Hawks girls probably having the best of the opportunities. The speed of Amber Jennings and Abbey Lloyd was causing all sorts of problems and both hit the woodwork in the half. Nikeehsa Hansen also went close despite having to move to midfield to cover the injured Caitlin Barclay.

The girls suffered a hammer blow on the stroke of half time. Undoing all their good work they conceded a cheap free kick 30m from goal. The defence was unable to clear the ball and goalkeeper Williams could only watch on as the Cavendish Road striker popped the ball over her head into the back post.

Despite going behind for the first time in the campaign the Hawks girls rallied around each other at half time and as the game wore on in the second half superior fitness started to weigh in the Hawks favour. Amber Jennings was twice able to get into space behind the Cavendish Road defence and slotted both chances calmly into the back of the net - the last goal with 4 minutes on the clock.

The final score was 2-1 to Harristown, a score-line identical to the one in 2006. Coach Sarah Bull gathered the girls around at the end of the game and was full of praise for her young squad. "The most satisfying thing about that win was the fact that the girls embodied everything that the program stood for in the second half. They had courage, determination and above all, every player had the attitude "Never say Die". It's just reward for all those 7.30 am starts in winter".

The National semi finals begin on the 7th of September with a likely semi final against Illawarra Sports High being the first hurdle.

Congratulations and well done to all the girls!

Broady and Bully

BOYS FOOTBALL

The Junior Hawks 'Bill Turner' cup competition came to a premature end this year. After defeating Toowoomba Grammar in the regional final the boys were defeated by Brisbane Grammar in the state quarter final. After dominating the game the Hawks found themselves locked at 1-1 when the whistle signalled the end of regulation time. The game went into sudden death extra time where Brisbane scored the golden goal to knock Harristown out of the competition.

While disappointed not to have progressed further into the competition the boys can be extremely proud of their efforts finishing 2009 as the South West Regional Champions.

Congratulations to all the Mr Wilkes and all the boys for their effort in 2009.

Until next week

Ian Brackstone - Sports Co-ordinator

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



Apprenticeships for 2010

Over the next few months we receive information about available apprenticeships for 2010.

XSTRATA COAL QLD has a number of positions available, mechanical, electrical and metal fabrication. If the mining industry interests you, this could be the position for you. Applications are on line at www.xstrata.com/jobs/careers.

Please see Trish in D11 for more information.

* DISCO Training Awards

The DISCO Training Awards gives Harristown SHS the opportunity to nominate students and staff who engage in Vocational Education. There are 16 different categories for students and various categories for staff, employers and supervisors.

For 2009, we were only allowed to nominate one student in each category and we had to provide evidence to DISCO from the school, training organisation and the employer for them to be considered. Likewise, the school used these stakeholders to determine the student nominees for Harristown. This information has been forwarded to DISCO staff who will now interview the nominees and then determine who will be finalists in each category.

If selected as a finalist, students will receive an invitation from DISCO to attend the Awards night on Tuesday, October 20.

* 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 II	Meat Retailing	GWES
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Traineeships

Cert II	Dental Assistant	GWES x 2
Cert II	Hospitality	GWES
Cert II	Retail	GWES Highfield
Cert II	Retail	Red Rooster
Cert II	Retail	Abra Kebab (Grand Central)