



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Where has the year gone! Welcome back to school for term 4 and a special welcome to any new families who have joined the Harristown Hawk community.

In this term we hold the most important event of the school calendar - Speech Night. All families are invited to attend - not just the ones where students are participating or receiving awards. It is a special time when we reflect on the year, celebrate achievements and showcase the many talented students who attend our school. It also is an opportunity to farewell our seniors and others leaving our school at the end of the year. Mrs Aspey, Mr Potter and others involved in the evening are very busy with the preparations - it will be another great night in the history of our school.

There are many other activities that our students will be involved in during the term - sport, the Arts, academic and community based events. However, the most important activity that will occur at our school is the learning that happens in the classroom. I encourage parents to take up the opportunity of parent/teacher interviews next week. Working together gives our young people the best chance to succeed.

Parents of Year 9 students - please read carefully the section later in Hawk Chat about the curriculum structure for Year 10's in semester 1 for 2010. There have been some minor adjustments to the core elements of the curriculum for this group. These changes will ensure our school priorities match Education Queensland's in terms of subject offerings and learning requirements. We have made the decision not to change what we do for Year 10 semester 2 until we have a better knowledge of the expectations of the National Curriculum. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Monagle if you have any questions about this.

Until next week

Regan Neumann

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder that parent/teacher interviews are on Tuesday 20 October 2009 commencing at 3.30pm in the Auditorium. Students were required to see their teachers to book an appointment time. Appointment sheets were forwarded with the term 3 reports.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| OCTOBER | |
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| Monday 19 | Student Free Day |
| Tuesday 27 | Speech Night |
| NOVEMBER | |
| Monday 9 - Friday 13 | Year 12 Exam Block |
| Friday 13 | Sports Awards Night |
| Monday 16 - Friday 20 | Year 10 & 11 Exam Block |
| Friday 20 | Final day Year 12 & Formal |

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR OUR CURRENT YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Students who are currently in Year 9 will be required to make a selection of subjects to study in 2010 sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Although the current cohort of Year 9 students are able to select some subjects to study in semester 1 for 2010, it is mandatory that English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science (History/Geography/Civics) and HPE are a part of their core learning program. Mainstream students (not accelerated academy students) will choose 3 elective subjects.

Prior to semester 2, parents and students will be invited to a Semester 6 Subject Selection Evening to find out information about what subject offerings are available for this semester. If you require any further information please contact your House Deputy or Ms Monagle.

SPEECH NIGHT

Speech Night will be held at the Empire Theatre on Tuesday 27 October 2009 at 7pm. Parents and community members are invited to attend. Tickets are free but prior booking is essential. A request for the issue of tickets may be obtained from the P & C Shop. Please note there is a limit of 4 tickets per family.

There was a letter handed to students in form class on Thursday which indicated they were receiving an award. This letter outlines requirements for the night and the program for the rehearsal.

Any queries in relation to awards please contact Dale Potter Deputy Principal on 46368700.

Christine Apsey (Speech Night Coordinator)

**SPECIAL BROADCAST FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL - EDUCATION
QUEENSLAND**

Since the outbreak of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza virus (Human Swine Flu), Queensland Health has been working closely with other Government agencies and the community to promote awareness of the virus and measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Queensland Health's Acting Chief Health Officer Dr Christine Selvey has advised the next step in the pandemic response is a vaccination program which commenced roll out across all States and Territories in Australia on 30 September.

To assist in the vaccination program, a letter <<http://deta.qld.gov.au/alert/pdf/vaccination-information-letter.pdf>> to parents, carers and staff is available to download from the Department's website <<http://deta.qld.gov.au/alert/human-swine-influenza.html>> and I ask that you please disseminate this via your school newsletter and/or other methods of information sharing.

You may also wish to add to your school website the following link to the Queensland Health website which contains more detailed information:
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc.asp>

For further information regarding the Pandemic H1N1 vaccination program contact Dr Russ Schedlich, Deputy State Health Incident Controller, Queensland Health on (07) 3228 9995.

Your assistance with this vaccination program is much appreciated.

Lyn McKenzie
A/Deputy Director-General, Education Queensland
Department of Education and Training

SOUTH STREET CLOSURE

We have received advice from the Toowoomba Regional Council that from Monday 19 October until Wednesday evening 21 October the section of South Street from Hennessy Street to Drayton Road will be closed in one direction at any time throughout the two days. It would be appreciated if you could use an alternate route during these three days.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

** WOOLWORTHS CAREERS EXPO (CITY GOLF CLUB, 14th OCTOBER 2009, 11am-7pm)*

Are you interested in a Career with Woolworths?

Become a Store Manager, Manage your own Department or even start an Apprenticeship or Traineeship. The opportunities are endless.

** TOP JOB 2009 GEAR UP FOR YOUR FUTURE: The TOP Job Vacancy List is printed, below.*

CITY GOLF CLUB, 254 SOUTH STREET, THURSDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 2009, 5.30pm - 7.00pm.

Top Job is an event giving young people the opportunity to apply for real fulltime jobs with local businesses! A wide variety on industry areas will be represented on the night.

A list of vacancies will be posted on the notice board outside D11 and also on the DISCO website. DISCO do not want you to contact employers directly before the event, so, the information will only provide you with details of the industry sector and the type of role. However, on the evening of the event you will be given a full list of vacancies including the names of employers.

Each business will have a site allocated to them and you will have the opportunity of speaking to the employer about careers in their organisations and the current vacancies they have on offer.

Employers may want to interview you on the night so "dress to impress", bring along copies of your resume and be prepared to answer some questions about yourself (you can of course ask some questions, too.)

Please come and see Ms Matheson or Trish if you have any enquiries.

** TAFE Courses for current Year 10 Students entering Year 11 in 2010.*

Have you read the green section of your *Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection booklet*? The TAFE courses which Harristown offers fill very quickly, so, come and collect a TAFE enrolment form from the D011 Vocational Education Office and return it to the office, filled out and signed by the student and parent/guardian, ASAP.

** Childcare Course for current Year 10 Students entering Year 11 in 2010.*

Have you read the green section of your *Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection booklet*? This course is offered by Harristown through the Registered Training Organisation, *My Other Mom (MOM.)* The class is run and a limited number of students are enrolled in this subject. So, get your Subject Selection form to the HSHS Office, ASAP.

** 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

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| Cert III | Diesel Mechanic | GWES/see Trish |
| Cert III | Electrotechnology (Refrigeration/A/C) | DGT/see trish |
| Cert III | Hospitality | DGT/See Trish |

Traineeships

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| Cert II | Auto Electrical Technology | DGT/See Trish |
| Cert III | Business | Dept of Environment/See Trish |
| Cert III | Business | Miller Fruit Barn/see Trish |
| Cert III | Business | Solicitor |
| Cert II | Hospitality/Front & Back of House | DGT/see Trish |
| Cert II | Hospitality/Back of House | GWES/See Trish |
| Cert II | Logistics & Transport | Reece Plumbing |
| Cert III | Business | Solicitor/very close to school |
| Cert II | Retail | Red Rooster |

TOP JOB Vacancy List for Year 12s as at October 14, 2009

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| Admin Officer | Blackall |
| Administration Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Aged Care Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Agriculture Cert 111 | Toowoomba |
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| Agriculture Cert 111 | Mitchell |
| Agricultural trainee | Oakey |
| Auto Cert 111 - Heavy Vehicle (Mobile Equipment) | Toowoomba |
| Auto Cert 11 - Tyre Fitting Light | Toowoomba |
| Auto Cert 111 - Light Vehicle | Toowoomba |
| Auto Cert 111 - Light Vehicle | Dalby |
| Auto Cert 111 - Heavy Vehicle (Road Transport) | Toowoomba |
| Auto Cert 111 - Light Vehicle | Toowoomba |
| Auto - Panel Beating Cert 111 | Toowoomba |
| Auto Mechanic Heavy Vehicle | Cloncurry |
| Automotive Mechanical | Quilpie |
| Auto Sales Cert 111 (Parts Interpreting). | Toowoomba |
| Auto Sales Cert 111 | Emerald |
| Automotive Electrical Technology Cert III | Emerald |
| Baker Apprentice | Longreach |
| Baker/ Pastry Chef apprentice | Mitchell |
| Baker/ Pastry Cook apprentice | Cloncurry |
| Business Admin Cert 111 | Toowoomba |
| Business Admin Cert 111 | Emerald |
| Carpentry Cert 111 | Toowoomba |
| Carpenter 1 st or 2 nd year apprentice | Emerald |
| Carpenter 1 st or 2 nd year apprentice | St George |
| Carpenter 2 nd or 3 rd year apprentice | Kingaroy |
| Carpenter 2 nd or 3 rd year apprentice | St George |
| Carpenter 1 st Year | Emerald |
| Chef Apprentice | Emerald |
| Cleaning Operations Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Commercial Cookery 1 st year apprentice | Roma |

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| Community Care Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Customer Service Officer | Toowoomba |
| Diesel Fitter (heavy vehicle) apprentice | Cloncurry |
| Diesel Fitter (Ag) apprentice | Toowoomba |
| Diesel Fitter (Ag) apprentice | Roma/Chinchilla |
| Diesel Fitter (Ag) apprentice | St George |
| Diesel Fitter (Truck) apprentice | Toowoomba |
| Disability Worker Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Electro technology Cert 111 (Electrician) | Toowoomba |
| Engineering Cert III - Fab Trade | Toowoomba |
| Engineering Cert 111 - Mech Trade | Toowoomba |
| Fitter and Turner apprentice | Toowoomba |
| Floor Covering and Finishing app | Roma |
| Food Processing Cert 111 (Retail Baking Combined) | Toowoomba |
| Glass and Glazier 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th year apprentice | Emerald |
| Grounds and Gardens Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Horticulture Traineeship | Bedourie |
| Hospitality Cert II | Toowoomba |
| Hospitality Trainee | Hampton |
| Hospitality Trainee | Nanango |
| Hospitality Cert 111 (Commercial Cookery) | Toowoomba |
| Hospitality Cert 111 (Commercial Cookery) | Dalby |
| Hospitality Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Kitchen Operations Traineeship | Roma |
| Live stock worker | Dalby |
| Light Vehicle Mechanic apprentice | Warwick |
| Maintenance Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Meat Retailing Cert 111 | Toowoomba |
| Mechanic (mobile equipment) 2 nd 3 rd year | Toowoomba |
| Mechanic (Light Vehicle) 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th yr | Oakey |
| Mechanic (light vehicle) apprenticeship | Warwick |
| Metal Fabrication Cert III | Dalby |
| Outdoor Power Equip Cert 111 (Mechanics) | Toowoomba |
| Painting & Decorating Cert 111 | Toowoomba |
| Painter 2 nd or 3 rd year | Toowoomba |
| Panel Beater 4 th year apprentice | Emerald |
| Pest Management Cert III | Dalby |
| Plasterer Apprentice | Dalby |
| Plumber 3 rd , 4 th Year apprentice | Emerald |
| Refrigeration and Air Conditioning | Longreach |
| Retail (Bakery, Deli, Customer Service) | Toowoomba |
| Retail Cert 11 | Toowoomba |
| Retail Assistant Cert II | Roma |
| Retail Assistant | Dulacca |
| Retail Traineeship | Toowoomba |
| Rigger Traineeship Cert III | Mount Isa |
| Roof Tiling Apprenticeship | Toowoomba |
| Sales Consultant Trainee | Nanango |
| Spare Parts Apprentice | Gatton |
| Sprinkler Fitter 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd or 4 th Yr App | Gatton |
| Textile Fabrication Apprenticeship | Toowoomba |
| Tourism Operations Cert II | Winton |

NUMERACY:

Week 1

This is the first of a series of articles on numeracy.

Being numerate is the best indication of success in life. But what does it mean to be numerate?

To be numerate involves:



Having a working knowledge of mathematical ideas and being able to apply these ideas to a variety of situations in our daily lives

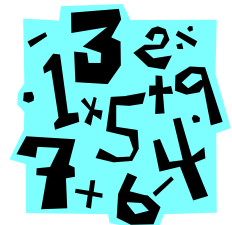


Being able to see how mathematics can help in a situation and then confidently choosing and using the appropriate mathematical knowledge and skills.

Students who are numerate use common sense and rely on their deep mathematical understandings when solving mathematical problems.

What might students know about and be confidently able to use if they are numerate?

- ◆ Numbers and how they work
- ◆ Operations- understanding which ones to choose and use for a particular context.
- ◆ A range of written, mental and calculator computations
- ◆ What attributes need to be measured, estimate the measure and then carry out the measurement.
- ◆ The reasonableness of solutions including judging the degree of accuracy necessary
- ◆ Locations, arrangements and shape - being able to visualise, draw and make models
- ◆ Data collection techniques and ways to interpret the data
- ◆ A variety of problem solving strategies
- ◆ Mathematical language



In our next article, we will look at what you can do to help develop your child's numerate thinking