



HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week has been a disruptive one for the whole school with teachers taking industrial action. Thank you for your patience and co-operation on this day. There is active media interest around this with two sides being portrayed. Please be assured that the safety and education of your sons and daughters are at the core of what we do. Unfortunately I can not foresee any resolution in the short term and I imagine there will be more media coverage on the issue in the weeks to come.

During 2009, our school has had a significant amount of work done outside the classroom, around facilities. The next round of projects being commenced in next months should include: a major water, fire services and electrical upgrade, construction of the Trade Training Centre, air conditioning of the library and most computer rooms basketball/tennis courts upgrade and an outdoor learning area between A and G block. The water project, managed by Mr Parsons and financially supported by both the commonwealth and state government, has now been completed - thanks to all who supported this. All of these projects help us to improve our learning environment.

In our classrooms, spelling and comprehension programs continue to be important components of all subjects across all years. Over the next few Hawk Chats, Yvonne Bidgood, HOD-Teaching and Learning, will be putting in some tips for parents. The first one came out last week. Next week's edition will have next tip - keep a look out for it. This is one simple way you, as parents, are helping us to help your children to learn.

Until next week,

Warm regards

Regan Neumann, Executive Principal

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"Silence is the best reply to the ignorant".
Persian Proverb

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| May 25 - 29 | Academy Testing Week |
| June 2 | P & C Meeting |
| June 4 | Yr 8 Gardasil & Chicken Pox Injections |
| June 8 | Queens Birthday Holiday |
| June 9 - 19 | Yr 11 & 12 Exam Block |
| June 15 - 19 | Yr 8, 9 & 10 in class Exams |
| June 22 | Year 9 Challenge Dherwain & Barang |
| June 23 & 24 | QCS Practice Test |
| June 23 | Year 8 Athletics Day |
| June 24 | Year 9 Challenge Day Balkuin & Bonda |
| June 26 | Rock Eisteddfod Rehearsal |

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL

What: Middle School Social (Years 8, 9 & 10)

Date: Tuesday, 26 May

Venue: HSHS Auditorium

Time: 6:00-8:00pm (doors will open at 5:45pm).



The social is a lock-in event. Parents/guardians must drop students off at the auditorium between 5:45 and 6pm. Parents/guardians must collect their student from the door at 8pm. Students WILL NOT be allowed to walk home or meet parents down the street.

Cost: \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased from the P&C shop prior to the evening. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

Theme: Black and white. Students are asked to come dressed in black and white outfits of their choice. Clothing must be appropriate (no bare midriffs, etc). Be as creative as you like!

The Black and White Social will be a fun evening full of dancing, games and prizes. We look forward to seeing all of the Year 8's, 9's and 10's at this semester's social event. If you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact your student's Year Coordinator for more information (Year 8 - Mr Peter Dayus, Year 9 - Miss Megan Beames, Year 10 - Mrs Sue Burns).

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Some welcomed rain forced the cancellation of interschool sport last week. The HAWKS are looking forward to getting back on the sporting fields this week.

FUN RUN

DSHERWAIN DOMINATION CONTINUES

Dherwain makes a clean sweep of the long distance running event claiming the fun run by 121 laps.

| Overall Results: | | Form | Class results: |
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| Dherwain | 2183 Laps | R01 | 243 Laps |
| Bonda | 2062 Laps | Y13 | 206 Laps |
| Barang | 1855 Laps | G01 | 189 Laps |
| Balkuin | 1725 Laps | B07 | 169 Laps |

Boys Individual House results:

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| Dherwain | Jaiden Stevens | 29 Laps |
| Barang | Dylan Green | 23 Laps |
| Bonda | Jayden Rohde | 22 Laps |
| Balkuin | Damon Anderson | 21 Laps |
| | Chris Christodoulou | 21 Laps |

Girls Individual House Results:

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| Dherwain | Tenille Skinner | 17 Laps |
| Balkuin | Cahlua Dahl | 16 Laps |
| Bonda | Lauren Major | 15 Laps |
| Barang | Mikayla Lane | 15 Laps |
| | Kahla Iseppi | 15 Laps |
| | Kate Laurie | 15 Laps |

ARAFURA GAMES

Bianca Sheppard recently competed in the 2009 Arafura Games held in Darwin. The competition was extremely successful for Bianca as she returned as the Arafura Games 58kgs Junior and Senior Champion, Oceania 58kgs Junior and Senior Champion, along with being named the overall women's competition Best Female Lifter.

Bianca lifted personal bests of 64kg Snatch and 78kgs Clean and Jerk for a total of 142kgs. Bianca has qualified for the Junior National Championships being held in Tasmania at the end of the year. With her Arafura total of 142kgs Bianca is only 1kg off qualifying for the senior National Championships and 9kgs off qualifying for competitions such as the Junior Commonwealth Games Squad, World Junior Championships and the Junior Olympics.

Congratulations Bianca on an incredible tournament and best of luck in your upcoming events and training.

BASKETBALL

The Harristown Basketball Academy went on show at the recent Darling Downs Championship School tournament. The weekend proved to be a successful one with the Open Girls claiming victory and the boys finishing a commendable second.

In their pool matches the girls were victorious over St Ursula's, Downlands and Fairholme. The girls then went on to defeat St Joseph's in the semi-final before another heart stopping victory over Pittsworth in the final. Coach Mr Terry Moore said it was hard to single out individuals in what was a great team effort throughout the entire weekend.

The boys, while finishing second, can be extremely proud of their efforts. The Hawks had victories in 2 out of their 3 pool matches succumbing to the eventual champions St Mary's by 5 points during the rounds. Like the girls the boys also defeated St Joeys in the semi final, however could not reel in St Mary's over the closing stages of the final, after letting them skip to a 10 point lead early in the game. The final score was St Mary's 41 Harristown 31. Maybe the 62 game undefeated reign of St Mary's could soon come to an end.

GO THE HAWKS!!!

Until next week
Ian Brackstone
Sports Co-ordinator