



# HAWK CHAT

HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Tuesday night was a real celebration of the achievements and activities of our school during 2009. Thanks to all families who joined us at the Empire Theatre. As a school community we had the privilege of recognising students who have worked hard with their studies and contributed significantly to the school during the year. We also announced the Gold Student Leadership group for 2010. Below is a list of the special award winners from Speech Night.

Special Award Winners for 2009:

Award	Recipient
Dux of the School	Andrew Jones
The Taylor Family Trophy and Service to the School Award	Byron Rose-Kelly
The Eric Barnes Memorial Award for Service and Citizenship	Christopher Barnes
The Reus Family Trophy for Extra-Curricular Activities	Katie Skerman
Sportsperson of the Year	Joshua Robinson
Year 8 All-Rounder	Theresa Barnes
Year 9 All-Rounder	Adam Schmidt
Year 10 All-Rounder	Samantha Barnes
Year 11 All-Rounder	Melissa Holman
Year 12 All-Rounder	Christopher Barnes
Vocational Education and Training Student of the Year	Sophie Springate
Year 10 ADF Leadership & Teamwork Award	Rachael Heritage
Year 11 ADF Leadership & Teamwork Award	Marcus Oborn
Year 12 ADF Leadership & Teamwork Award	Byron Rose-Kelly

Congratulations to students and thank you to all who contributed to another outstanding Speech Night.

Until next week

Regan Neumann

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK (contributed by Ms Jones)

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience by which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along'".  
Eleanor Roosevelt

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## ANNUAL SPORTS AWARD PRESENTATION NIGHT



The staff at Harristown would like to invite you and your family to the Annual Harristown State High School Sports Awards presentation night. The ceremony will take place in the school's auditorium on Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> commencing at 6:00pm and concluding at approximately 10:00pm.

The night has been designed to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of the Harristown State High School sporting community. Parents, students, community members and invited guests will be in attendance to witness awards such as Senior and Junior Sportsperson, Individual sports players, Rookie, Team Performance of the Year and many more. Recipients of major awards will receive a \$100 voucher from TruSports and a 3 month gym membership to Vision Health Fitness Centre.

Nibbles will be provided on arrival, a meal served during the interval, tea/coffee and dessert provided. There will also be a range of drinks for sale.

Due to the formal nature of the evening it is requested that all guests attend the night in a minimum of semi-formal dress.

There is a cost of \$10 per head to help cover the cost of catering, trophies, decorations etc... If you would like to attend the evening tickets are available from the P & C shop. (Tickets must be purchased no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November).

I look forward to sharing this special occasion with as many of our Harristown Families as possible

Ian Brackstone  
Sports Co-ordinator

## SCIENCE SNIPPET (contributed by Mr Below)

Have you gone outside at night lately to look at the stars? The night sky is one of nature's most wonderful spectacles, and in this, the year of Astronomy, we should all go out to star gaze now and then.

Seen from outside, our Milky Way Galaxy would look like a huge fried egg, with a bulge of stars in the middle corresponding to the yolk. Our galaxy is 100,000 light years across, and about 1000 light years thick outside the bulge. Our sun is about 2/3 of the way out from the centre. Our Solar system (sun and planets) takes 225 million years to travel once around the galactic centre. To do this, we have to travel at 250km per second, which is nearly a million kph. So hang on tightly.

### QUICK QUIZ

1. Which planet in our Solar System has the biggest volcano?
2. Which planet has the deepest canyon?
3. Which planet had lots of water?
4. Which planet (other than earth) featured in HG Wells "War of the World"?



### HOW TO PACKAGE LUNCH FOR 325?

The Year 12 Hospitality classes have completed many functions as part of their hospitality training but nothing has been as big as the "Cows Create Careers" presentation day for Dairy Farmers.

The presentations were held at HSHS with teachers, presenters and students from various schools in the District. 325 Guests to be exact!

The Hospitality students trialled recipes and ensured dairy products were the focus of the package lunch boxes for this important presentation day. Students were focussed and worked diligently in producing a quality product. The order of the day was production lines.

Thank you to the organising committee for giving our students the opportunity to organise and present for such a large function. It was a fantastic learning experience.

Yvonne Bidgood Hospitality Teacher



## NUMERACY:

### Week 3

There are activities you can do at home with your child to help develop their numeracy such as:

- ◆ Play board games and card games to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies.
- ◆ Estimate, measure and compare lengths and heights, how heavy or light things are and how much containers hold.
- ◆ Use everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discuss the units of measurement.
- ◆ Think of different ways to solve a problem
- ◆ Ask "Does that make sense?" or "What other ways could we do this?"
- ◆ Talk about occasions when you are using mathematics in daily jobs and real life situations e.g. cooking, map reading, building and playing sport.
- ◆ Explore situations using money e.g. shopping, budgets, credit cards
- ◆ Observe and use timetables, calendars and clocks found in lots of different places for a variety of different purposes e.g. planning television watching times or study periods, holiday planning, catching public transport.
- ◆ Help children to work out how much things cost and if necessary develop a savings plan.
- ◆ Let your child have opportunities to talk about numbers
- ◆ Look at the mathematics found in newspapers and discuss how and why it is used.



### QUICK QUIZ ANSWERS

Mars is the answer to all of these.

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

\* *And the Vocational Education and Training Student of the Year is Sophie Springate!*

This award was first presented at Speech night, last year, and has been introduced to recognise the achievements of a student who has demonstrated a very high level of success in this area.

In June 2007, Sophie was in Year 10 and she commenced a School-based Hospitality Traineeship studying a *Certificate III in Hospitality (Operations)* with *Subway* in Margaret Street. After completing this certificate, Sophie began a *Certificate IV in Retail Management* in March 2009, again at *Subway* and has successfully completed this qualification in only seven months - an amazing achievement!

As with any traineeship or apprenticeship, Sophie has had to do both *On* and *Off-the-Job training* for each of her certificates. As part of her school-based traineeships, Sophie has worked one school day a week, as well as after school, weekends and school holidays and she combines this with her school studies. Earlier this evening, Sophie was presented with an Encouragement Award.

This year, Sophie was nominated by her employer, trainer and the school for the *DISCO Awards*, that is, the *Downs Industry Schools Co-operative Awards*. Sophie won the section entitled, *Target Stores Australia Retail Award* for a School-based Apprentice or Trainee. The evening culminated with the 18 School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship category winners returning to the stage where it was announced that Sophie had won the very prestigious, *Mission Australia Overall School-Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year* with one of the highest results by a winner of the *DISCO Awards*. WELL DONE, SOPHIE!

\* *THE DISCO Awards - Tuesday, October 20, 2009.*

There were 18 categories for School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, as well as the Overall School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year. All students who entered these awards are to be congratulated on making it to the finals as there are very few points separating the winners from the rest of the group due to the very high standard of student applicants.

Congratulations to the following students who won categories on the night:

Sophie Springate for the *Target Stores Australia Retail Award*

Katlin Gill for the *Mayor's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award*

Nick Hahn for the *Catholic Education SBA Program General School-based Traineeship Award*

Sophie Springate for the *Mission Australia Overall School-Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year*

\* 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 III	Carpentry	See Trish/Tanya
Cert III	Diesel Mechanic	GWES/see Trish
Cert III	Electrotechnology (Refrigeration/A/C)	DGT/see trish
Cert III	Hospitality	DGT/See Trish

### *Traineeships*

Cert II	Auto Electrical Technology	DGT/See Trish
Cert III	Business	Solicitor/very close to school
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	Retail	Red Rooster

### *Casual*

Resume to the Business	Sam's Warehouse	Workers for the Christmas holidays
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