

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2.

Thank you sincerely to the Highland Reserve State School students and staff who marched on ANZAC Day with our school. Thank you parents for ensuring your child was on time and turned out beautifully in school uniform. This year we had a record number of students attend and show their support and respect for this special day in our calendar. Well done to our school leaders who looked smart and well dressed in their school blazers.



Volunteers and Visitors

Please remember that all volunteers and visitors to our school are required to sign in at the office if you are coming into the school other than pick up and drop off times. This is essential as we have to know at all times who we have on site.

NAPLAN 2014

Each year, all Australian schools participate in the national testing program. NAPLAN is held for Years 3, 5 and 7 students and all students are expected to participate. In special circumstances some students may be exempt or withdraw from the testing. Students will undertake tests in Numeracy, Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Writing. These tests are held in the week 12 to 16 May. Tests are administered by class teachers, consistent with formal test requirements. If you have any concerns regarding your child participating in this years assessment, please discuss this with your child's classroom teacher as there may be other options available for your child.

Every Day Counts

Every day counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students' attendance at school.

At Highland Reserve State School we believe all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day. Our classroom teachers and office staff monitor attendance daily and will contact parents regarding any absence in instances where the school has not been notified. Your child's absence data will also appear on their end of semester report card. Please contact the office to update any unexplained absence information from term 1.

Kind Regards,
Fiona Graham
Acting Principal

Deputy Principal's News

Welcome back to Term 2!

As outlined in the Highland Reserve Responsible Behaviour plan, our school follows four rules. These rules are:

- Safety
- Respect
- Effort and
- Self-Responsibility

These school rules are displayed in every classroom throughout the school. This term our school is focusing on safety throughout the school. Teachers will be looking for students who demonstrate safe behaviour in class and out in the playground and will give those students a STOP THINK DO award which will then go into the draw to win a prize at assembly. We are teaching the students to remember to STOP, THINK and ask themselves, "Am I being safe?" and then choose the appropriate action and DO it.

Kind Regards,

Abby Ross

Acting Deputy Principal

School Photo's

Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on Tuesday 20th May & Wednesday 21st May 2014

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which must be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a "family order envelope" from your school & return it to the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Phone: (07) 3216 8280

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

Updating Student Enrolment Details

In case of an emergency it is important to notify the school of any parent/carer contact details that may require updating.

Keeping our student data as accurate as possible will ensure we meet our duty of care.

If you have recently changed your address, phone, email or emergency contact (other than the parent/carer) please complete a [Student Enrolment Details Update form \(PDF, 130 KB\)](#) and return to the Office.

Phone messages to students in class

As Highland Reserve SS continues to grow, so does the number of parents/caregivers contacting the school administration requesting messages to be passed on to their child/children in class.

Please be aware that each time a phone call is made to a classroom, it interrupts the valuable learning time in that classroom.

We understand that there are occasions where pick-up arrangements are required to be re-organised due to unforeseen circumstances, and we always endeavour to pass on these messages to students via the class teacher. However, please keep in mind that message requests to students after 2:00pm each day cannot be guaranteed due to the possibility that students are not always in their classrooms, as they are attending either a specialist lesson or are at sport.

Volunteer Blue Card

Highland Reserve State School is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for the children at our school.

Applying for a volunteer blue card (working with children check) before commencing volunteer work at our school is an essential requirement for non-custodial volunteers e.g. Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles.

If you are considering volunteering at our school and you do not have a valid blue card please contact the school office for an application form or click

on the link below.

[http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/13-849-052-Blue-card-\(BC\)_MAY13.pdf](http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/13-849-052-Blue-card-(BC)_MAY13.pdf)

*Please note that a volunteer must not commence until they hold a valid blue card and positive notice.

Personal Technology Device Etiquette

Bringing personal technology devices to school is not encouraged by the school because of the potential for theft and general distraction and/or disruption associated with them.

However, if they are brought to school, they must be turned off and handed into the office before school commences and then picked up at the office at the end of the school day.

Failure to do so will result in the device being confiscated by school staff and may be collected at the end of the day from the school office.

Breaches of this prohibition may result in discipline.

P&C News

Welcome to Term 2!

Unfortunately due to the weather this week the iChallenge for iPads winners announcement was postponed but we are really looking forward to making the big announcement at this coming week's assembly!

Two students will be walking away with iPads so this will be an assembly not to be missed!

Mother's Day Stall - Tuesday May 6

Every year the HRSS P&C Association puts on a Mother's Day Stall that the children can come up to in an allotted time slot during the school day to pick out some gifts for their special mums, grandmothers and loved ones.

This is a huge hit with children as the students get such a kick out of choosing their own gifts. The volunteers see so much care and thought going into the student's decisions which is great to see!

We do encourage siblings to meet up in lunch breaks and share what they have bought and if there are any double ups we encourage the children to come back and exchange it for something else.

If children would like to buy extra gifts or were away on the Tuesday we will sell surplus stock on the Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school.

On behalf of the HRSS P&C - Happy Mother's Day!

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Parents & Citizens Association
Highland Reserve State School

WHEN: TUESDAY 6TH MAY - ALL DAY IN CLASS GROUPS
WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY - 8:30 to 8:50am
THURSDAY 8TH MAY - 8:30 to 8:50am

WHERE: BESIDE THE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP!

GIFTS RANGE FROM \$1.00 TO \$10.00

WORLD'S BEST TINY

Walking, Wheeling Wednesday

Prizes for collecting 5 stamps for actively travelling to school are starting to be handed out so don't forget to walk, scoot or ride to school every Wednesday!

We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in Walking and Wheeling Wednesday and Park and Stride this week.

It was great to see children, parents and volunteers participating in our schools Active School Travel Program. Passports were handed out and everyone who participated received their first stamp. For those of you who didn't get the chance to join in this week, we hope to see you next week!

Passports can be collected at the administration entry at the stairs, the prep entry where the stairs and bike racks are, from the western entrance on Highland Way or from your Park n Stride volunteers. We hope to see you all again next week and look forward to giving out prizes once you have reached five stamps!

Park and Stride departs 8:10 am outside Café Two, Rose Valley Drive at the community node every Wednesday. A parent or guardian must be in attendance to walk with their child and free breakfast is provided at the hall for the children. Also don't forget each week a FREE breakfast will be held at the school hall from 8:00am - 8:45am.



Walking and Wheeling Wednesday

Active School Travel

Leave the car at home and choose active and sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling, taking public transport or carpooling.

For more information contact the school principal or City of Gold Coast's Active Travel Team on activeschooltravel@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or visit cityofgoldcoast.com.au/activeschooltravel

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Last but not least a great way to stay up to date with all the important P&C information is to 'like' our Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/HRSSPC>



Prep News



School Banking News



This term we are giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

Major student prize

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A \$3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

Runner up student prizes

130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of \$250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes

There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:

- \$1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.
- Plus the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a \$250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school).

Rewards Program Update In Term 2

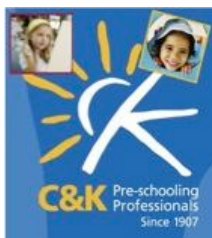
There are two new exciting rewards available for students who save 10 tokens. The rewards available this term are:

- Whale Shark Pencil Case NEW
- Shark or Penguin Key ring NEW
- Handball
- Scented Pencils

HRSS Banking Co-ordinator Sharlene Dippel

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 22 21 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 22 21.

C&K Kindergarten News



Limited Spaces - Enrol Now!

Due to popular demand, we are pleased to announce the opening of our 4th group. We have limited spaces available so if you would like your child to participate in a quality education care program which values your child's individuality and interests, please contact Tina to discuss enrolment opportunities for your child.

At C&K Highland Reserve your child will experience many opportunities to explore, solve problems, develop friendships, imagine, use their creativity and extend their capabilities in language, literacy and numeracy.

We are one of the very few Kindergarten's that have been ranked exceeding in all 7 National Quality Areas by an independent assessor from the Office of Early Childhood, Education and Care.

You can access the form at <http://www.candk.asn.au/highlandres> , call (07) 5580 5013 for more information or pop in to see us at 580 Reserve Road (behind the school).

C&K OPEN DAY

10 - 12 | SATURDAY 24 MAY



Highland Reserve Community Kindergarten

580 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera (Behind the State School)
Phone Number: 5580 5013

*This offer is available for eligible aged children who join the waiting list at a participating C&K service on 24 May 2014 and start at the service in 2014. Please note that C&K cannot guarantee places for applicants. Families can find out which services have 2014 vacancies by contacting the services directly. Some C&K affiliate services do not charge enrolment fees at any time. Further conditions apply. For all services participating in 2014 C&K Open Day, those participating in the enrolment offer, and full terms and conditions go to www.candk.asn.au/penday

www.candk.asn.au

Where children come first

Extra Curricular Activities



Following the success of our recent soccer programs at the school in Term 2 & Term 4 last year, again in partnership with Highland Reserve State School we will now be running the following After School Soccer Program for both boys and girls in Term 2:

Starts: Thursday 1st May - Thursday 19th June 2014

Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Ages: 5 – 12 years old

Cost: \$95

Venue: Main School Field, Highland Reserve State School

Please Bring: Drink bottle, appropriate footwear. (We also advise wearing shinpads)

This program is a fun, safe and structured one hour after school program held at various schools and Colleges designed for school students to learn the fundamental skills of football in the comfort of their own school. It consists of fun warm up games, ball skills, passing/shoot on goal activities 1v1 & 2v2 games as well as other small sided team games.

You can simply register and pay online for this program on our website www.sibasoccer.com.au (click on Calendar, then click on 1/5/14 (start date) & then click Highland Reserve State School term 2 and then please fill in the relevant booking form on that page)

If paying online, can you please remember to enter your child's name as a reference

For more information please email simon@sibasoccer.com.au OR call Simon on 0434 897 664

Community Notices

Brave Program



A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University are investigating an internet-based program for children suffering from anxiety who also have a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. Anxiety can make it hard to complete school work or be around people, it may even result in worry about a lot of things, or be scared of something specific. The BRAVE Team is seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in the internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews up to four times during the study at times separate to the treatment program.

This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate.

For more information contact the BRAVE Team:
Phone: (07) 3735 3325 or Email braveforaspergers@griffith.edu.au

Griffith University Study - Seeking Non Anxious Children and Adolescents

At Griffith University we are conducting an exciting study investigating anxiety disorders in Children and Adolescents. To help us understand how anxiety develop in youth we need to learn from children and adolescents who are not fearful or anxious. We are seeking parents and their non-anxious children and adolescents (7 - 17 years) to participate in our study. To thank you for your time and involvement in the study we will give you gift vouchers to the value of \$50. To find out more about this project, please contact Dr Ella Milliner and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 5678 8317 or email e.milliner@griffith.edu.au

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Active School Travel

BIKE + Street FEST

**FREE
EVENT**

SUNDAY 4 MAY
10AM - 2PM
VARSITY PARADE VARSITY LAKES

Join us to celebrate cycling and being active.

Ride, scoot, skate, unicycle, run or walk.

Dress to impress for the street parade. We'll have live music, BMX demos, fix your bike workshops, a bling your bike competition and more.

Change the way you move.

cityofgoldcoast.com.au/bikefest

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