Principal's News

Highland Reserve State School recently submitted our submission for the Great Results Guarantee Funding.

This funding is targeted to support improvement in Numeracy and Literacy for students in Prep to Year 2.

Our plan includes the following major strategies:

- Substantial in-class support from additional teachers and teacher aides through focused intervention programs for specific groups of students to address identified needs.
- Support plans for lower achieving students in addition to the development of strategies to maximise the achievement of our more capable students.
- Support for teachers to develop inclusive programs based on quality pedagogy.
- Regular monitoring and analysis of student progress and use of achievement data to inform further learning for students.

We look forward to working with our students to enhance their learning through the use of this extra funding.

Technology @ HRSS

Highland Reserve State School uses technology to support the learning process. Our aim is to maximise the technology to add value to the learning processes within classrooms to benefit students. Each year our investment in technology is considerable.

P&C and school grant funds are dedicated to purchasing new equipment, licenses, internet access for the whole school, expanding wireless capability and for ensuring our devices (desktop, laptops and iPads) are current and serving their purpose.

This year we plan to purchase new laptops and iPads for the classrooms, the hub and specific learning areas within our school. Our Music and PE specialists are also exploring the use of technology to enhance and assist with their planned learning experiences.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs are two programs that are very valuable to support students' growth in Numeracy and Reading Comprehension.

Teachers plan activities using Mathletics to ensure students are able to access a suitable level of challenge as well as drill and practice. Reading Eggs provides stimulating opportunity for students to read and develop comprehension skills through challenging activities.

Both programs are available “online”, meaning that they can be accessed both at school and at home in such a manner that students build on their prior lessons, rather than restart each time.

Access to both of these programs is available to students shortly after the school has received payment of the Student Resource Scheme.

Traffic Alerts

Parents are reminded that the area designated as Kiss and Go is a drop-off and collection zone. This means parents are welcome to use these bays to drop off students in the morning and to collect children in the afternoon. However, to use this facility properly, parents must never leave their car. Parking is only permitted between 9am-2pm in the Kiss and Go zone.

Active School Travel

As you may be aware our school is involved in an active travel program aimed at increasing active travel and activity levels of children.

As part of this program an evaluation is being undertaken, we are asking parents to complete this survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CNSMG86

All of your answers and input will be confidential. The information that you provide will be combined with information from all participants in the
I encourage you to participate in this survey.

Fiona Graham
Acting Principal

Easter Hat Parade

Where: Hall
When: Wednesday 2nd April at 2:00pm
Prep children need to make their Easter Hats at home and bring to school by Monday 31st March.
No chocolate on hats please!!

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.

Cybersafety help button

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.


Personal Technology Devices at school

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 collected by school staff to be stored in the office, the device may then be collected at the end of the day from the school office.

Please consult the Highland Reserve State School Responsible Behaviour Plan (PDF, 492 KB) if you require further information regarding the use of personal technology devices at school.

Student Absences

Parents and Carers are required to notify the school in the event of your child being absent. To provide details of your child’s absence please contact the School Administration directly via the Absentee Line on (07) 5588 3366, via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au or directly to the office on (07) 5588 3333.

When calling the absentee line please ensure the reason is explained with clear and concise information. Absences of 3 or more days will require notification in writing. Illnesses of 3 or more days will require a medical certificate.

If the school does not receive notification of the reason for a student absence - it will be an ‘Unexplained Absence’. Leisure activities, visiting relatives, shopping and tiredness are examples of an ‘Unauthorised’ reason for an absence.

Weekly Absence Email

Every Friday a whole school generated email will be sent to parents/caregivers, to assist us with monitoring absences, that have not already been explained to school administration.

Please only reply to this email if you know that you have not notified the school of your child/children’s absence for that week.

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Student Resource Scheme

The 2014 Student Resource Scheme is now due. The scheme is supported and approved annually by the School’s Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), is managed by the school and operates in accordance with section 51 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. Participation in the scheme provides quality resources for your child to use in the classroom as well as online subscriptions. Once the school receives your payment, your child is subscribed to the educational websites our teachers use in class. These websites may include Mathletics, Spelling City, Rainforest Maths, Reading Eggs, Mathsonline, Study ladder, Wings readers and many others. Payment of the scheme will allow your child to access these websites from school and home.

The provision of this scheme ensures that well resourced learning by our students remains our key focus. The scheme is not a fund raiser for the school. Its purpose is to provide you, the parent, with a cost effective, value for money alternative to purchasing resources, consumables and materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from school’s bulk purchasing processes.

The participation form for the 2014 Student Resource Scheme will be available online from Monday 10th Feb. Please note - For 3 or more students in the same family, there is a reduced rate of $100 per student.

Internet banking payment details are below. Other payment methods are available.

EFT Reference: Student’s full name and class
BSB: 064-486
Account Number: 10243582
Account Name: HRSS General Account
Amount: $125.00

Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure – Education Program

Prep to Year 3 students only

On Friday 14th March 2014, your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Program ‘The Ditto Show’.

Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

‘The Ditto Show’ is a 35 minute, live performance with ‘Ditto’ being the star attraction.

Please note that our program is accredited by Education Queensland.

There is no cost required for your child to attend The Ditto Show.
Complete the Ditto Show Permission Form (PDF, 381 KB) and return it to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

P&C News

Cross Country Bake Stall
Every year we hold a Bake Stall at the annual Cross Country and as well as baked goodies we will also have icypoles and water available for sale. We have also arranged the Zarraffas Helensvale Van to stop by for those mum's and dad's that need their caffeine.

Being a fundraising bake stall we rely on donations of baked items (preferably in individual portions) donated to the tuckshop on Monday or down at the oval on Tuesday.
If you can donate something that would be greatly appreciated and know that all the money raised benefits your children.

Active School Travel
Highland Reserve State School has now become part of the GCCC Active School Travel program!
Every Wednesday that your child walks, scoots, rides to school from the 19th of March they will receive a passport that gets stamped. For every 5 stamps they earn LOTS of GREAT prizes.
We are also putting on a free breakfast club (at the Hall) on each Wednesday morning to work in with this great initiative.
If you take part in the Park and Stride initiative, CAFE two is giving free coffees for every 5 stamps.

There is a lot more information that will be coming out about this year long program and we would love as many children (and parents) to take part and get some great rewards for being active and healthy!

And 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

Over the last few weeks, the prep students have been very busy learning about positional language in maths (we even got to go on a treasure hunt), growing bean seeds, learning about pollution in science, working hard to learn new letters and sight words in literacy. Take a look at some of the fun things we have been doing!

Pollution Experiment
Growing Beans
Treasure Hunt (positional words)
We would like to say a very big thank you to all of the wonderful parents who have been volunteering in our classrooms and welcome all other parents to pop in if you would like to.

Cafe News

Friday Flexischools
As Friday is the busiest day in our café, starting this year, every Friday will be ‘Flexischools Friday’. This means all orders will be done through flexischools ONLY (no paper bag orders). Students will still be able to purchase over the counter for second break.
The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about HRSS. The app is designed to integrate with our school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to the HRSS school website.

Recent updates to the app include the following new features:

- School tuckshop, uniform shop, class times and customised contact details
- Access to school and Departmental social media including Facebook and Twitter
- Enhanced school search options
- Access to school forms and documents within the app
- School holidays and term dates information
- Ability to share and copy links
- Support for iOS7

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

Android and iOS versions of the app are available for free download from the iTunes Store and Google Play.

Young Discoverers OSHC Easter Holiday Vacation Care Program

To join us this holiday period, please fill out the Young Discoverers OSHC Easter Holiday Vacation Care 2014 Form (PDF, 342 KB) and return ASAP. Also fill out the Young Discoverers Enrolment Form (PDF, 245 KB) and the Young Discoverers PG Movies Permission Form (PDF, 140 KB) and return.

Bring along:
- Broad Brimmed hat
- Bathers, towel and change of clothes
- T-shirts/rash tops & hats must be worn on water play days Bring your helmet on bike and scooter or go kart days
- Drinks to last the day
- Morning tea/afternoon tea
- Lunch (Unless provided with the activity)

Note:
- Priority for existing families until 10th March 2014
- Activities start at 10:00am unless otherwise stated
- All belongings must be named- Lost items are your child's responsibility Fees to be paid in advance
- Cancellations less than 2 weeks before booked day incur full fees

Young Discoverers OSHC at Highland Reserve State School will close for Good Friday (18th April), Easter Monday (21st April) and ANZAC Day (25th April).

School Banking News

For all existing Banking Parents/Children from 2013, please be aware that all tokens from last year are no longer available for any redemption prizes. Children were given the opportunity to redeem these at the end of last year and were advised of the new Token Tally School Banking System for
2014. Every child begins their new tally at zero from the beginning of 2014. With every deposit made the new system now automatically tallies each child’s tokens. Your children will still receive their silver token with each deposit and they can redeem prizes from the new 2014 Deep Sea Savers Redemption Card that your child’s teacher has handed out to them. Once you have saved your 10 Tokens, your redemptions will then be ordered and delivered to your class.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 22 21 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program. When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Happy Savings!

HRSS Banking Co-ordinator Sharlene Dippel

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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](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).

Community Notices

NRL Holiday Clinic

The NRL are hosting a Play NRL Holiday Clinic at Coomera Cutters Junior Rugby League Football Club on Tuesday 8th April. Boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years are invited to participate in the Clinic. Our exciting Holiday Clinic allow participants to develop their Rugby League skills in a safe, modified and fun environment. All clinics are delivered by qualified and experienced Rugby League Coaches and cater for all skill levels from beginner to junior league players. All participants receive an NRL Pack (Including Football, Water bottle, Boot bag, kicking Tee and NRL T-Shirt) in addition all participants will be provided with morning tea and lunch. To participate in our Coomera NRL holiday clinic all children must be registered, places are limited at all holiday clinics. For more information and to register please go to [www.seqdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.seqdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au) or call NRL Game Development Officer Matt Palin on 0400 345 547.
# FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS: Term 1, 2014

## PARENTING MADE EASIER

This is a 6 week program written from a Counsellor's perspective having had many years experience working with families. To understand our children’s behaviour, we first must understand the purpose behind their behaviour. This program arms you with strategies to teach your children respect, cooperation and responsibility.

**Wed:** 19th February - 26th March, 6:30pm-8:30pm (OCCYCY)

## 1, 2, 3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

A 3 session program for parents and carers to help promote positive behaviour and manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. Learn how to help your kids become better at managing their emotions.

**Thurs:** 27th Feb - 13th March, 6:30-8:30pm (Good Start Early Learning Centre, 1 Michigan Drive, Oxenford)

**Fri:** 21st March - 4th April, 9:30am-11:30am (OCCYCY)

## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

This 6 week course is a practical and inspiring approach to parenting that uses mindful reflection to support parents to: review and understand their patterns of communication with their children; promote more respectful interactions; and encourage the development of children's positive self identity.

**Mon:** 17th Feb - 24th March, 9:30am-12miday St Georges Church Hall, Mt Tamborine

**Thurs:** 27th Feb - 3rd April, 9:30am-12miday (OCCYCY)

## RELATIONSHIP RESCUE

This 6 week program offers an opportunity to explore ways to have a fabulous relationship, to repair a broken relationship or understand why the relationship isn’t working. Relationships include parents, siblings, work associates, partners, spouses and children.

**Tues:** 18th Feb - 25th March, 6:30pm-8:30pm (OCCYCY)

## BABYSITTING TRAINING

For 12 – 17 year olds, this 6 week course is a practical and fun approach to baby sitting. The course covers interacting with kids, basic first aid, and tips on managing difficult behaviours. A certificate of attendance is provided at the end, supporting you to gain employment.

**Thurs:** 20th Feb - 27th March, 4pm-6pm (OCCYCY)

## BUILDING A CONFIDENT SELF

This 6 week program nurtures the development of a healthy self esteem, supporting you to fulfill your goals in life.

**Fri:** 14th February - 14th March, 9:30am – 12 midday (OCCYCY)

While parents participate in our day programs, children who require childminding can participate in “Kids at Play” activity group (0-5 years accepted). A kid at Play is $4.00 per child, numbers are limited and bookings are essential. Fee to be paid prior to commencing program.

Please phone 5580 4995/5529 8087 to book a place and / or to register your child/children for childminding

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**Note:** Whilst all due care is taken to undertake programs regularly, they can be subject to change. Please ensure you book prior to attending any programs.

 Communities for Children is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
Would $500 assist with your child’s school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for education costs including uniforms, textbooks, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition.

You may be eligible if you:
- have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are 18 or over and
- have some paid income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Sylvia Constantin, your local Saver Plus Worker:
07 5644 9182 / 0431 076 011 or
sylivia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Gold Coast North by The Benevolent Society.
Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants

Your Family Tax Specialist