I would like to start by thanking all parents and community members for your ongoing support of Highland Reserve State School. This year, we have witnessed a wide range of achievements from our students, staff and community members. Our school continues to be highly regarded within the Gold Coast Region for setting and maintaining high expectations that support all students to achieve to their potential and enjoy their schooling experience. Through your ongoing support, I expect that our school will continue to enhance the educational experience for all students and provide your child quality opportunities to learn and grow within all areas of learning.

Due to ongoing enrolments of new students to the school and the changes that result, class lists will not be released until the Wednesday of the week before school starting next year (January 18). Parents will be able to access information regarding their child’s class placement through:

- an Email that will be sent by their child’s 2017 class teacher on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 18
- by asking available staff members, wearing coloured vests and holding class lists, on the morning of Friday, January 20.

To support the transition of students into their new classes, an open classroom process will be
The Highland Reserve State School Student Resource Scheme of $130 provides a cost effective way for parents to receive value for money to purchase resources and consumables that are required for their child's learning at our school. Through our scheme, our school is able to benefit from reduced prices gained from our school's bulk purchasing agreements. One example of this is Mathletics, which would cost parents close to $100 for a single site licence.

Once the 2017 Student Resource Scheme Agreement form is distributed early next year, we ask that parents return the form after which they will be invoiced for the set amount. Payments can be made in full or in part payments across Term 1 to Term 3. If you elect to pay in instalments, final payment must be received by the second week of Term 3. Payments not made by this date will result in student privileges received through the Student Resources Scheme being removed.

Highland Reserve Student Dress Code that is a mandatory requirement for all students attending Highland Reserve State School. Please note that 2017 expectations that align to what has been in place since the school first opened include:

- White jogger/athletics shoes with white laces for lace-up shoes
- Plain white socks
- Highland Reserve State School hat and uniform
- Moderate hairstyles as outlined in the school policy

A copy of the School Dress Code can be found on the school website.

The Highland Reserve State School first bell rings at 8:45am each morning with the official school day starting at 8:50am. To ensure student safety and wellbeing before school, it is expected that students do not arrive at school prior to 8:30am and wherever possible, arrive as close to the school starting time unless involved in a before school program. Prior to 8:30am, students who arrive at school must sit in the undercover area in front of the school canteen. In 2017, supervision in this area will commence at 8:10am. Before school care options run by external providers are available for parents who need to drop students off at an earlier time.

Over the holidays, we will have a number of improvement projects occurring to ensure our students have access to a new, clean and engaging learning environment. Projects include:

- Internal painting of Prep classrooms and office foyer
- Enhancements to the external play areas in the Prep precinct
- Continuation of the construction of the new Senior Learning Centre
- Repair to some uneven concrete areas
- Carpet cleaning and pest spraying

Early in the new year, we will also have a new school entrance developed leading from the front of the hall to the fence line on the far side of the school.

For the past three years, Young Discoverers have retained the contract for running a before and after school program on our school site. Next year, when the current contract ends, it will align with Young Discoverers relocating to their new facility on their land behind our school. Please note, once this move occurs, the school will not be establishing a new contract for a before and after school care to be run on our school site due to the number of programs that will be in close vicinity, surrounding the school. It is envisioned that all students who start the year in the Young Discoverers program will transfer to their new site, adjacent to the back fence of the school with the same staff and same program being implemented. We expect that this change will occur for the start of Term 4 next year or, if construction is delayed, possibly for the start of the 2018 school year.

Please take the time to remind your children about being safe over the school holidays. Over the summer break, we are often confronted with times of flooding, storms, high levels of traffic and a variety of other dangers. It is important that all children enjoy their holiday break whilst staying safe. This also includes being safe around the new Highland Way road at the back of the school. Whilst we have been working tirelessly with Council regarding crossing areas, I do not foresee a short term solution to this issue. If using this area as an access point at the start of the 2017 school year, please ensure your child is supervised and clearly understands the importance of
Deputy Principal News (Year 2 to 4)

PBL Rewards Day

Congratulations to all our students who spent their Bee awards on a fun activity during our PBL Rewards Day.

Activities included:

- Water play
- Playdough
- Titans visit
- Pokemon Go
- Science fun
- and much, much more!

It was an exciting day and everyone had lots of fun!

100% Attendance

Well done to the following students who were presented with a 100% Attendance certificate during our recent Year 2-4 student meeting.

- Dorian in Year 2
- Allison in Year 3
- Pi in Year 3
- Blane in Year 3
- Gianni in year 4
- Cody in Year 4

EVERY DAY COUNTS - These students have attended all day, every day during 2016.

Wishing everyone an safe and happy holiday. See you all back rested and refreshed next year.
Deputy Principal News (Prep to Year 1)

What a fantastic year for the students and staff in Prep and Year One. From excursions, to celebrations and so much learning our students have excelled across all areas of schooling.

Thanks to the parents who have supported our events and volunteered your time to give our early years students every possible opportunity.

A special thanks to the teachers and teacher aides who spend every day giving their all to ensure that all students are being taught as individuals and are succeeding at their own pace.

Last Friday the Prep teachers attended a South East Region Showcase where they shared the hard work that has been put into the age appropriate pedagogies project at Highland Reserve State School. The work that has been done has been recognised by the region as exceptional.

Last week the Year 1 team had a planning day to ensure that the project continues on in Year One next year.

There was such a buzz in the school last week with both Year One and Prep classes holding their Christmas Capers with parents. There was a great turn out of parents and grandparents enjoying the craft activities. Lots of fun, and quite a bit of mess was had.

A highlight of this time of the year is welcoming our future prep students to school. On Tuesday we were excited to see over 120 2017 prep students attend our orientation session. The feedback was extremely positive and we thank all who attended. A special thanks to the PandC who provided morning tea for the parents. A big welcome to all of you!

Wishing all of you the happiest of holidays – enjoy and stay safe.

Shirley Hadwen
Deputy Principal

Head of Curriculum News

Our final round of IMPACT projects has finished for the year. Since May, 56 Year 4 students in total have participated in two rounds of the IMPACT project ‘Mind Reader’, which is designed to extend students who are already achieving in reading and further develop their reading comprehension skills. Here they are with their certificates to acknowledge their participation in the program.
Students participated in weekly lessons with an online teacher through web conferencing software where their focus was on reading extension using the S.C.O.R.E reading strategy:

- S – Skim and Scan
- C – Connect and question
- O – Organise your thinking
- R – Read and Reflect
- E – be the Expert

Through their lessons, students learned how to apply the strategy when reading to help them to identify and answer literal, inferential and implied meaning questions. Students also engaged in a virtual classroom environment, completing online tasks, watching short educational videos and blogging about their learning.

Feedback from both the online teachers and the students has been extremely positive. The online teachers report noticeable improvement in students’ ability to use the S.C.O.R.E. strategy to comprehend texts and answer multiple choice questions. The teachers also reported improvement in students’ abilities to use the web conferencing program and to navigate and use the virtual classroom, as well as in their typing and general computing skills.

Feedback from the students has been just as positive. Here are some quotes from our students about their participation in the IMPACT program:

‘Mind Reader has really helped me with reading groups and also in class. Before I didn’t think to skim and scan or connect and question.’

‘My favourite activities have been watching all the awesome videos and the best thing I have learned is SCORE.’

‘I have improved my reading strategies from SCORE and I felt lucky that I was in IMPACT.’

‘Mind Reader really helped me with my reading skills. I’ve learned to read slowly and stop at full stops. My best memory was the skim and scan.’

‘The Mind Reader has been amazing. I have loved every single bit about.’

‘The best thing I have learnt is how to do blogs and how to put in pictures.’

Thanks must go to the Year 4 teachers and support staff for their support of the IMPACT projects throughout the year. Several teachers assisted in implementing the project by supervising and participating in the online lessons, and all the Year 4 class teachers have supported the projects by identifying and selecting students to participate and rearranging their timetables to enable these students to attend their weekly lessons.

_Kathryn Field_
_Head of Curriculum_

Master Teacher News

In 2017 Highland Reserve State School will be launching The Highland Reading Reserve Program in our brand new Junior Reading Centre aptly named, The HIVE.

The aim of this Reading Program is to provide children with additional reading assistance, by giving them the opportunity to read regularly with a supportive adult on a regular one to one basis. Such programs have demonstrated growth in children’s independence as readers and, through the sharing and pleasure of reading; they begin to develop a genuine desire and love of
We are looking for volunteers (parents, grandparents and other school or community members) to join the Highland Reading Reserves for Term 1 in 2017 and become a part of what will become a recognised school/community initiative that provides many students with the necessary skills for success in reading.

If you are interested in becoming one of our wonderful volunteers there will be training sessions in order to support you when reading with your allocated child/children. These sessions will be quick and easy to understand. There will also be ongoing support and training provided once you have begun your journey as a Highland Reading Reserve.

If you would like to find out about this program further and if you are interested in becoming part of Highland Reserve's elite reading team there will be an expression of interest form available to record your contact details at the Office in Week 10 or alternatively please email me your details on hecke1@eq.edu.au.

Hoping you and your families have a safe and happy Christmas/New Year

Helen Hawksford
Master Teacher

Health & Physical Education News

Congratulations to all the wonderful students who took part in the swimming carnival last week. The day was a huge success and the atmosphere was positive and full of energy all day. Well done to all the year 3 and 4 students who participated in their first swimming carnival and thankyou to all the parents and friends who came and supported our students! The big winners on the day were Wongawallan for a second straight year and our age champions were split amongst all three houses which was great to see. A super effort by Caitlyn, George, Carter, Chilli, Kieran, Holly, Tommy and Mikaela for taking out the age champions in their age groups.

Simon Travers
H&PE Teacher

Music News

Christmas Concert News

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family friends who came to see this year's Christmas Concerts yesterday!

The teachers have out done themselves again this year by coordinating some fantastic performances! With out their high level of creativity we wouldn't have the quality acts as we did this year.

Congratulations to all the students involved, as their participation and effort made them the best Christmas concerts yet!
From Mrs Barker and myself we wish you a Merry Christmas and we’ll see you next year!

Rock Band News

Last Friday we celebrated our very first Battle of the Bands! The show was a great success. Our Highland Reserve bands did some amazing performances and our guests from Broadbeach State School really blew us away. Featured bands included Lunatic Unicorn, ELBO, The Bombs, The Quarter Moons, The Navies, Dynamite as Well and The Stress Heads.

Congratulations to our winners from Highland Reserve State School.... ELBO! Erin, Leah, Bella and Oscar tore up the stage with their covers of X's & O's and 'Just a Song About Ping Pong'. Second place went to 'Dynamite As Well (Broadbeach) and tied third place went to 'The Stress Heads' (HRSS) and 'The Quarter Moons' (Broadbeach).

Check out the school Facebook page for photos and videos of the event!

Matt Howland
Classroom Music Teacher

Choir News

As 2016 comes to a close, we reflect on a very successful year for the Highland Reserve Rays. Our students showed commitment throughout the year and have been able to perform at a variety of events both in and out of school. We had our Eisteddfod competition, where we didn't place this year, we certainly did a wonderful job receiving a highly commended from the judge. The students behaviour was exemplary and we had many positive comments from staff at the Arts Centre regarding this. We were then selected to be one of the schools to go and sing at the Surfers Paradise foreshore for the Music Australia Count us In's 10th anniversary. Once again we were praised for our well behaved students on what was a very hot sunny day!

We hope that our choir continues to grow next year and we can be more involved in community events. The key to a successful choir is commitment. Giving up one lunchtime a week (sometimes two when we get close to show time!) and learning words at home is all we ask. We
Hope lots of students return next year but would love new students to join us. Please come and see Mrs Barker or Miss Morgan if you are interested.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Gill Morgan & Juliette Barker
The Choir Team

Office News

Uniform Shop 2017
The Uniform Shop will be open EVERYDAY
Mon 16th - Fri 20th January from 9am - 11am
We will then resume with NEW operating hours
Mondays and Fridays only from 8.30am - 9.30am

Tuckshop 2017
The tuckshop will reopen on Wednesday 25th January after school resumes on Monday 23rd January 2017.

Notification of Students Leaving HRSS in 2016
If you have a child /children who will be leaving Highland Reserve State School during, or at the end of Term 4 this year, can you please complete a Student Leaving Form and return this form to the school Office as soon as possible.

Click here to Download the Student Leaving Form
https://highlandreservess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments

Notification of Students who will be Absent at the Commencement of School in 2017
If you know that your child/children will be returning to HRSS, however will not be back at school from when we resume on Monday 23rd January 2017, please notify our Office via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au or by phone 55883333.

Please provide name of student/s, dates absent, absence reason and confirmation that your child/children are not enrolled at another QLD State School.

Students with Medication at School – End of Year Process
If your child has ANY medication at school including Asthma puffers, epi pens, medicines or tablets these MUST be collected by a parent from the Office on your child's last day of school for 2016.

If the parent is unable to collect it themselves then a letter in writing is to accompany another nominated adult to collect any items stored in the Healthroom.

Students will NOT be allowed to collect medications of any sort.

Any medications still in the Healthroom after the students last day of school in 2016 will be disposed of and not held on the premises over the holiday period due to security reasons.

Please ensure that if your child needs to continue, or start medication at school in 2017 that a new Medical Details Form is completed upon return next year.

Also ensure that the medication being sent to school is not about to expire and has a pharmacy label and action plan attached to it. Please refer to the following link regarding Medication at School information.

Click here to Download Medication at School Information
https://highlandreservess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments

If you have any questions regarding medication please contact the Office on 55883333.

Madonna Hinkins
Business Services Manager
Chappy News

Dear HRSS Families,

I would like to say thank you for a wonderful year of getting to know many of you, learning about your children and supporting them wherever I can. It’s been a jam packed year with lots of one-on-one support, a few social skills programs, breakfast clubs and fundraisers. Thank you for all your support along the way! Thank you for all your wonderful donations for the Christmas Hamper appeal for our local community- I know many families will be touched by your love and generosity.

I will be returning next year, two days a week again, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Have a safe, relaxing break and a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends. Be generous with your love and kindness!

Take Care!

Sharleen
‘Chappy’

P&C News

We are planning for next year and we want your feedback, so would appreciate you taking 5 minutes out of your busy lives to fill in a survey. Please click on the link and fill in the answers. Remember you do have a voice and we are here to listen. It’s ALL our school and we care what you think.

Click here to Complete the Survey
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T99XH92

On behalf of the P&C Executive and all the members I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have supported our fundraising efforts this year. I’d also like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time, whether it be a little or a lot. Without all of you and those supporting us we wouldn’t be able to do the worthwhile things we do for our students. We look forward to another big year in 2017 and any support you can provide, whether it be volunteering or just donating a few dollars here and there would be greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas to you all and may you have a safe and memorable New Year.

Megan Frener
P&C Vice President

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