

P&C News - iWalk for iPads



Less than 1 week to go until this year's iWalk for iPads on the 6th of November.

Distance details and information is available in the P&C portal on our school website - <https://highlandreservess.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/PandC.aspx>

Please make sure all students bring a hat and a water bottle for their walk.

Also don't forget to make a note on the back of your sponsorship form about how your teacher helped or encouraged you in your iWalk for iPads fundraising and you and your teacher could win a \$10 iTunes voucher!

Just raising \$20 in sponsorship will get you an entry into the draw for your very own mini iPad!

Red Dress Day - Day for Daniel



On Friday 1st November, Highland Reserve State School staff and students wore red to recognise child safety. All proceeds will be going to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We look forward to counting the donations and will get back to you with the final count.

Talent Show News!



Well the auditions have finally finished after 5 long weeks! I am very impressed with the amount of effort and talent my fellow judges and I saw. With so many outstanding acts it was very hard to pick 12 out of the 85 that auditioned.

Congratulations to the junior finalists Tia K, Ruby J, Kristy P, Aoife C, Chilli G, Ruby O, Keely K, Taylah H and Cailin H.

Congratulations to the senior finalists Chloe N, Katie-Ella R, Mackenzie C, Madison W, Lauren L, Jessica W, Hayley N, Abbey and Hope E.

The show will be held at 11:30am on Thursday the 21st of November in the hall.

Instrumental Music News

Our strings teacher (Donna Futo) and band teacher (Tegan Allen) wish to thank all the parents that returned the expression of interest back to the office for instrumental lessons next year.

A note will go home this week inviting parents to an afternoon concert and information session, which will be in front of the music room at 3:30pm Wednesday the 13th of November. This concert will showcase current students in the instrumental program and we will hold an information session afterwards for new parents with any questions.

Year 1 News

Year 1 Christmas Capers Day!



Come along and have a great time making lots of special Christmas treats!

When: Tuesday 3rd December

Where: Year 1 Classrooms

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

What to bring: Your Christmas spirit

Year 6 Camp

The Highland Reserve year six students went to Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre from 23rd-25th October. On this camp the students learnt about teamwork, leadership and being environmentally friendly and sustainable.

On the first day of school camp the grade six students learnt about compost bins, recycling bins, non-compostable bins and rubbish bins. Compostable bins only allow items such as non-citrus fruits, paper, vegetables and compostable food scraps. Recycling bins only contain products of cardboard, plastic, paper, glass and material. Sustainability challenge, blindfold trail, rainforest walk and glow worms at Natural Bridge were some of the activities that the students took part in.

On the second day, students went on a 4km Springbrook walk. They learnt about cool temperate and warm temperate climates in rainforests. The students also learnt that colours of rocks change throughout rainforests. These rocks can be purple, red, brown or grey because of climate changes. During the Springbrook walk, students passed many different waterfalls. Some waterfalls were surrounded by molten rocks from volcanoes in the past.

On the very last day of camp, grade six students participated in two rotations, canoeing and team building challenges. Students went canoeing through mangroves in a river. In the team building challenge students had different activities to complete as a team. After doing the two groups all students had morning tea and lunch, then travelled back to school.

By Hayley and Reanna.





Weekly Absence Notification Email

Each Friday a weekly email will be sent to ALL parents/caregivers of students attending HRSS.

This email is a general reminder for all parents/caregivers who have not already informed the school office of their child's/children's absence for that week to do so.

Please disregard the weekly absence email reminder if you have already notified the school office of your child's/children's absences for that week.

Booklists 2014

Booklists for 2014 are now available for download from the [Booklist Page on our School Website](#). Those that have ordered next year's books through EDSCO by the 1st of November have been entered into the draw for \$100 Coles voucher. This is such an easy way of organising next year's books and avoiding the back to school rush. Did you know you are also supporting the school and it's P&C by using this easy ordering system?

The P&C gets a small amount of money for every \$1 that is spent with EDSCO which we use to buy books and home readers for your children.

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10c per book cover will be donated to our school when you order online and enter this special code: **ZFA186**

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Life Education Visit

The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting all grades from Prep-Year 7 at Highland Reserve State School from the 5th - 18th November 2013.

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart choices for a healthy future. Download the [Life Education Permission Form \(PDF, 374 KB\)](#) and return it to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

There is no cost required for your child to attend The Life Education Program. The cost of the program has been subsidised by the Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children, and further financial support from the Highland Reserve State School P&C. We would like to thank both groups for their financial assistance to ensure this valuable program is accessible for all students.

A Free half hour Life Education parent's information session will be held in the Life Education van at 2:00pm on Tuesday 5th November 2013. If you would like to attend this session, please register via email with your name and your child's name to: fgrah3@eq.edu.au

Life Education will be selling merchandise from the van which consists of an array of coloured wristbands (blue, red, green, yellow and white) which promote positive messages: "I'm healthy like Harold", "Be cool, not cruel" and "M.A.D. - Make Awesome Decisions". Wristbands are \$2 each. Since we are a not-for-profit organisation, all of the money goes back into Life Education to continue to facilitate the program, which encourages Queensland children to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Measles health alert

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.

More information is available from http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp

QSchools App v2.0



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](#).

2014 Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for new students to commence in 2014!

If you currently have a child who is attending HRSS that has a sibling eligible for Prep in 2014 (born between 1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009) and you have not already enrolled them for Prep 2014, please complete and return an enrolment application form along with their original birth certificate to the office as soon as possible.

To be eligible for enrolment in Prep for 2014, a child must be born 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (inclusive).

Please note that a Birth Certificate original or a certified copy (e.g. by a Justice of the Peace) will be required.

Children must also live within the Highland Reserve State School enrolment catchment area. Check your address using the [Office of Economic and Statistical Research website](#) or [catchment map \(PDF, 1.3 MB\)](#).

Evidence of residency is needed to prove you live within catchment upon enrolment.

Download the [enrolment package \(PDF, 2.7 MB\)](#).

Uniform News

New School Bag



HRSS school bags have arrived!
\$45 from the uniform shop or via [flexischools online](#).

Uniforms for 2014

At Highland Reserve State School, we encourage our students to wear their correct uniform with pride as they are representing themselves, their school, their family and the community.

This year has seen the introduction of a 'dress' uniform to our range. Next year we will continue to allow parents and students to choose which uniform they wear each day. However, we do encourage that the polo shirt and sports shorts be worn on the day your child has their Physical Education lesson. We will be continuing with the coloured house shirt days of Thursday P – 3 and Friday 4-7 however this is still optional.

If you have any further questions, please contact administration.

Uniforms 2014	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broad brimmed HRSS hat with toggle
Sports Uniform (Unisex) - all year levels, prep to 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unisex blue polo shirt• Unisex navy blue shorts with white piping
Dress Uniform (Girls) - years 1 - 7 only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Button up blouse• Skorts/Culottes with HRSS logo
Dress Uniform (Boys) - years 1 - 7 only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Button up shirt• Plain navy blue shorts with HRSS logo
Winter Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HRSS jacket• Plain navy tracksuit pants• Full length navy opaque tights
Afternoon Sport / House Shirt - optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coloured house shirt• Unisex navy blue shorts with white piping
Shoes / Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White jogger/athletics shoes• Plain white ankle socks

Uniform Purchasing 2014

With the end of year fast approaching, we would like to encourage all existing families to make their uniform purchases during term 4 if possible. This will help with managing our stock supplies and parents can avoid the rush at the beginning of the year. Don't forget, you can also purchase through [Flexischools online!](#)

The uniform shop will be Closed for the last week of term 4 – Mon 9th Dec – Fri 13th Dec.

It will be open on Monday 20th Jan – Friday 24th Jan 2014 everyday 9-11am.

General Information

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.

Absences of 3 or more days will require notification in writing.

Illnesses of 3 or more days will require a medical certificate.

Notification of Students Leaving HRSS

If a student leaving Highland Reserve State School during or at the end of Term 4 (excluding graduating Year 7 students) contact the Office to complete a [Student Leaving Form \(PDF, 148 KB\)](#) before their final day of school.

Notification of Students who will be Absent at the Commencement of School in 2014

A notification will be required for Students who are returning in 2014 and will be absent from school when it resumes on Tuesday 28th January 2014.

Please notify our Office before their last day at school in 2013 on (07) 5588 3333 or via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au.

Please provide name of student/s, dates absent and absence reason.

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 2013.

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 2013 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 2014 that a new [Request to Administer Medication Form \(PDF, 128 KB\)](#), [Medical Details Form \(PDF, 748 KB\)](#) and [Asthma Policy Form \(PDF, 119 KB\)](#) (if applicable) 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.

If you have any questions regarding medication please contact the Office on (07) 5588 3333.

Dental Van News

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service has completed routine oral health care for students attending Highland Reserve.

Please consider attending your family dentist in-between offers of care by the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service to assist in maintaining your child's oral health.

A dental pain relief and trauma service operates between offers of care to provide emergency treatment only. In the case of an emergency, telephone the Oral Health Call Centre on:

1300 300 850

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm, excluding Public Holidays.

School Banking News

Keep saving to win more Dollarmites' treasure.

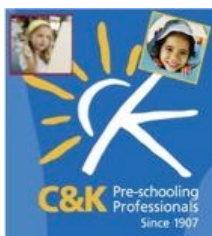
Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Treasure Chest Prizes.

- Just by saving, you could win one of these great prizes:
- 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me 2* & *HOP*

Things to know before you Can: Apple, the Apple logo and iPod touch are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. App Store is a service mark of Apple Inc. Apple is not a participant or sponsor of this promotion. NSW Permit No. LTPS/13/6945, ACT Permit No. TP13/3206, SA Permit No. T13/1612. Competition opens 21/10/13 and closes 30/11/13. Winners will be drawn on 10/12/13 at 12.00pm AEDT, Level 2B, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000 from all entries received. Individual prizes are an Apple iPod touch valued at \$249 and a DVD Pack valued at \$76. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, Level 2B, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/adventureisland

C&K Kindergarten Enrolments 2014



Limited Spaces - Enrol Now!

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.

If you would like your child to participate in a quality education care program which values your child's individuality and interests, you need to fill out a waiting list application now.

We are one of the very few Kindergarten's that have been ranked exceeding in all 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> or call in to see us at 580 Reserve Road (behind the school).

Community News




NORTHERN GOLD COAST COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre (OCCYC), 25 Tamborine
Oxenford Rd, Oxenford Ph: 55804995/55298087



FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS: Term Four, 2013

<p>PARENTING MADE EASIER</p>	<p><i>This is a 6 week program written from a Counsellors perspective who has 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, co-operation and responsibility.</i></p> <p>Mon: 28th October – 2nd December: 9:30am – 12:00midday (OCCYC) Wed: 23rd October – 27th November : 6:30pm – 8:30pm (OCCYC)</p>
<p>1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENTING COURSE</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Mon: 28th October – 11th November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (OCCYC) Thurs: 7th – 21st November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Upper Coomera Community Kids) Fri: 1st – 15th November: 9:30am – 11:30am (OCCYC)</p>
<p>RELATIONSHIP RESCUE</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Tues: 22nd October – 26th November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm</p>
<p>ASSERTIVENESS: FINDING YOUR VOICE</p>	<p><i>This 6 week program nurtures the development of a healthy self esteem, supporting you to fulfil your goals in life. Learn to distinguish the difference between unhelpful communication styles and how to communicate effectively to lead the life you want!</i></p> <p>Thurs: 24th October – 28th November : 9:30am – 12:00 Midday (OCCYC)</p>
<p>While parents participate in our day programs, children who require childminding can participate in "Kids at Play" activity group (0-5 years accepted). Kids at Play is \$4.00 per child, numbers are limited and <u>bookings are essential</u>. Fee to be paid prior to commencing program.</p> <p>Please phone 5580 4995/5529 8087 to book a place and / or to register your child/children for childminding.</p> 	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Communities for Children is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</p>

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