Community Anzac Day Parade

Thank you to everyone that attended the community Anzac Day Parade. Our school was well represented by staff and students alike. It was great to see Highland Reserve State School students exhibiting exemplar behaviour.

Lace up and walk safely to school

Parents and students are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24 May. You are invited to get up early on this day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way? The day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. For more information visit the Walk Safely to School website at www.walk.com.au.

National Simultaneous Storytime

To kick start this year ‘Premiers Reading Challenge’ and celebrate Education Week, Highland Reserve are taking part in the National Simultaneous Storytime on the 22nd May 2013. We are celebrating by inviting you to join us for the book read from 9:00-10:00am in your child’s classroom. Each class will be participating in this event by joining with schools across Australia as we read ‘The Wrong Book’ by Nick Bland. Classes will also be taking part in various activities based on this book. We hope you can join us on the 22nd May 2013 at 9:00am. For more information visit the National Simultaneous Storytime website at http://www.alia.org.au/nss/ or see your child’s teacher.

Regards,
Student Council

P&C News

Happy P&C Day!

Friday the 10th of May is P&C Day and I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the Highland Reserve State School P&C Association.

Our P&C would not be able to run successful fundraising activities such as this week’s Mother’s Day Stall if it wasn’t for the cooperation of the families, the teachers, and all of the Highland Reserve State School staff.
To all the volunteers who donated their time this week to help run the Mothers Day Stall, to the parents who donated cupcakes for bake stalls and to the children who brought in their pocket money to buy a gift for their wonderful mum – Thank You! We couldn’t do it without you!

Winter Uniforms

With winter fast approaching, now is the time to purchase a HRSS winter jacket! Cost is $48 and can be purchased from the uniform shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:30am - 10:00am. Alternatively, you can purchase through Flexischools online.

If you are unsure of sizing, feel free to come in and try one on!

Students are permitted to wear plain navy tracksuit pants (eg from Target or K-mart) during the cooler months. Girls can wear FULL length navy opaque tights (not to the ankle) under their skorts/ culottes.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again in 2013. In 2012, with thanks to our families, our school earned over 52000 Earn and Learn points. These points were used to redeem hundreds of dollars worth of educational resources, such as this Lego Robotics equipment.

You can help our school again by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn point from the checkout operator.

Place the points on to a Woolworths Earn & Learn points sheet. Once the sheet is completed, return it to school and drop it into the collection box situated in the Office.

The more points we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program including numeracy and literacy resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to another successful program!

Kids who read succeed!

The HUB is open every morning from 8.30am for students to share a book and read to an adult. Students are able to read their home readers or share a library book.
Visit by School Nurses for Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child’s educational, physical and social development. According to the Optometrists Association Australia, approximately 1 in 4 Australian children suffer from an undetected vision problem, with many children adapting to their vision problem without knowing they could see better. Vision screening is vital to allow your child the best chance of reaching his/her full learning potential.

The School Nurses will commence Vision Screening for all Prep Year children on 30th April, 2013. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the Vision Consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child’s screening.

Please note that if your child has already had a vision assessment at 4 years of age it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. Please ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews suggested by your eye health professional.

Lisa Hutchinson
Clinical Nurse
Child Youth and Family Health

Prep B News!

This term in Prep B we have been reading Fairy tales. We have been doing lots of writing everyday to create retells of these fairy tales. The children are getting very good at hearing and writing the first sounds in words, so make sure you practice this at home with them too.

In science, we have been learning about materials and their properties. Last week we went outside into the playground and identified the names of materials that we saw. Take a look:

![Image of children identifying materials](image1)

This week in Maths, we have been learning about ‘Position Words’. On Thursday when we came into our classroom and found a letter from ‘Jake and the Neverland Pirates’. This letter included a tricky treasure map and directions that we had to follow to find the treasure. The children were so excited to find the treasure at the end. Take a look at our adventure!
Look at the treasure we found:

We have also been very busy working on some top secret gifts for Mother's Day. You'll have to wait and see what we have in store!

Finally, a BIG thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who come in on a regular basis. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

News from Year 1

Don’t forget our Mother’s Day Pampering hour in your child’s classroom on Friday afternoon. All the children are VERY excited about it and cant wait to ‘pamper’ you with massages, nail polish and lots of other special treats. (Don’t forget if you cant make it another female family member or friend is more than welcome.)

Next week we will all be starting our differentiated spelling program (Words Their Way), so keep a look out in your inbox for your child’s list. If you can spare a moment or two to practice throughout the week that would be great.

In 1C we ‘physically changed’ a material so that it could hold some marbles.

1A has been working well with patterns and sequencing.
Check out 1B’s character description on the Hungry Giant!

1D & 1E have been very busy planning, rehearsing and performing dances with loco-motor and non-locomotor movements.

Don’t forget that if you can spare anytime we are always happy for you to pop in and lend a helping hand, anytime, any day. 😊

Kind Regards,
Mrs Foley, Miss Matheson, Mrs Patterson, Miss Waters & Miss Philbrook

News From 2C!

The children love our new spelling program and the results are already evident. Have a look at how engaged they are in their daily word sorts. What clever cookies.
Sports News
HRSS District Team - Runaway Bay, Friday 24th May

All 2003, 2002 and 2001 place getters as well as 4th place getters from the 2013 Interhouse Cross Country are eligible to join the district team provided they:

a) meet behaviour standards
b) attend “at school training” prior to the event
c) return all relevant paperwork at the advised time

HRSS 2013 Interhouse Cross Country Results

Congratulations Runners!

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Kids Matter @ Highland Reserve State School

In 2013, Highland Reserve State School, with the strong backing and support of the P and C, has embarked on the KidsMatter journey. KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and well-being framework for primary schools and has been proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children.

KidsMatter Primary is a federal government initiative and provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nature happy, balanced kids.

Your P&C representatives on the KidsMatter committee are Kerry Kable and Kylie Pascoe.

For further information check out the KidsMatter website https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary

School Chaplain 'Friendship' Group
Here is a quick picture of our School Chaplain, Shannon Henderson, getting involved with students in a 'Friendship' group.
Brave Team Program

A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University and the University of Queensland is investigating internet-based programs for children suffering from social anxiety. Social Anxiety is extreme shyness, or fear of speaking or performing in front of others. The BRAVE Team is seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in an internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents, which each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $120 to assist in covering treatment costs.

Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews, but will receive a rebate of $25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information contact the BRAVE Team: Phone: (07) 3735 3312 or 3735 1807
Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au Website: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Course

A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old is being held at:
Highland Reserve State School (570 Reserve Rd, Upper Coomera) Monday (evenings) : 20th May to 3rd June, 2013 6:00pm- 8:00pm

The 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Course Flyer (PDF, 185 KB) contains more information.

Hello from the Guidance Officer!

Most of us have times when having someone to talk to would make a real difference to the way we're feeling; this might be to do with things in our own lives or in the lives of our children. Sometimes too, we'd rather speak to someone we don't know or we're worried about something that requires input from a professional. Thankfully, there are many community organisations and support avenues available across the Gold Coast.

The Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children is a government funded, local organisation that offers free counselling for children up to the age of 12 years, and for their families.

If you or your children are in need of someone to talk to, the NGCCC can be found in the Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre at 25 Tamborine Oxenford Road, Oxenford (Ph 5580 4995 or 5529 8087).

Cheers,
Kate Alcorn

Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children

The Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children Newsletter (PDF, 2 MB) contains information relevant to our local community and activities going on in the area.
Be sure to check out the Confidence at Play Workshop Flyer (PDF, 408 KB) for the June/July holidays.

Visit their website for further details http://youthcentre.org.au

Upper Coomera State College Parent Information & Open Evening

You are invited to attend the Upper Coomera State College 2013 Parent Information & Open Evening for students going from Year 7 into Year 8. The evening will be held in the UCSC Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 12th June from 5:00pm. For more information, view the Upper Coomera State College 2013 Parent Information & Open Evening Flyer (PDF, 799 KB)

School Banking News
Win the Dollarmites’ treasure.

Simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

1st Prize.
$5,000 family adventure to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money.

25 x Runners-up prizes.
Awesome kid’s packs that will always have you ready for adventure! Worth over $700, they’re jam-packed with:

- A Wii U
- Walkie talkies
- Night vision goggles
- A waterproof camera
- A Razor eSpark electric scooter
