Principal's News

Graduating Year 6 and 7 students 2014
Congratulations to our senior students of 2014 who attended graduation on the 10th of December at our school. The night was a really wonderful time to understand the journey of the children as they have come through their primary schooling years. We wish them all the very best at high school and hope that they are focused, driven and successful in whatever they desire! The transition to high school is important and we will be thinking of them in the new year as they make their way into a new era of their schooling lives. Congratulations Year 6 and 7 students and we wish you every success!

End of Year Celebrations!
As the year comes to a close it is important for us to reflect on what has been happening across the year. Especially important is the conversation we have with our children about their learning journey this year. It is important to note their progress and to discuss what their goals and aspirations for the 2015 school year may be. An important part of focusing children on learning now and into the future is the conversations we have about what has been learnt and also how we will set, track and achieve our next learning goals whatever they may be. Research suggests that we are far more efficient with learning outcomes when children are involved in goal setting for learning and articulating the rich discussions that come out of those conversations.

I have had the pleasure of working with some children around this notion before and have seen outstanding results for learners. I would encourage you to have a conversation about learning with your child.

Final Day – some wet and wild times!
It is a tradition at this school that we head down to the oval on the final day of school and partake in the fun water based activity of turning on the sprinklers just before we depart for home. I would encourage children where required to be wearing appropriate old clothes and have a towel for drying themselves off. What a fun last day tradition for our students to end the year on!

Classes 2015
We have a master list for classes in 2015 and on Friday students will be involved in a meet the teacher activity some time in the middle session of the school day. I must stress as I have previously that these classes are obviously dependent on the number of new enrolments in the first 8 days of school not exceeding the capacity for growth.

Whilst we hope these classes will remain, we must all be aware that they are still subject to change because we can’t predict what numbers will come to the school as new enrolments in 2015. As this is a new process for the school we hope it is beneficial and that it assists in preparing students for the new school year. A review of this process will occur in 2015 to see if we do it again as a valuable exercise for our children.

Happy Holidays!
On behalf of the staff here at Highland Reserve State School, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday vacation period. It is a great time for family and friends to spend quality time together and we wish you all the very best! We look forward to seeing you again in 2015 when school resumes on Tuesday 27th January.

Principal 2015
I recently received notification that I will be extended here in 2015 and the Principal position will be advertised at some stage in the first semester of 2015. Congratulations to Mr David Roach who has successfully obtained another promotional position.

I look forward to the ongoing privilege of working with you, your children and our community during this time to build on the excellence this wonderful school already has! I’m excited to be working in 2015 with an increased middle management team consisting of a second Deputy Principal, a Head of Special Education Services (HOSES), a Head of Curriculum (HOC) and a new Master Teacher. It certainly is an exciting time of change as we bring on board these positions to support staff and children in achieving excellence.

2015 Quadrennial School Review
As a part of school operations and review mechanisms around school performance, we have the task of looking at our school next year and planning for the next four years. As a part of this review I’d like to start some school health checks which will involve a short conversation with me around things like:

- How is our school performing?
- How is your child progressing?
- What learning goals does your child have?
What do we do well as a school?
What should we stop doing as a school?
What could we do more of as a school?

In essence a quick but broad range of questions around school performance and accountability will be discussed with you. If you’d like to participate in a small reference group who will also discuss these types of issues please let me know by leaving your name at the office. Honest, pointed and genuine feedback on school performance is vital to ensure we have a clear direction about school improvement and what our community values in educating their children. I’m really looking forward to these conversations and discussion points and they may be just very informal as well!

I am also employing the services of a specialist review team in this area to assist with ensuring we have a very clear picture of school performance and accountability across a number of domains that align with the National Standards put out by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in 2012. It is a nationally recognised tool for school improvement with 9 areas to direct excellence in schools.

**Staffing 2015**
We welcome on board the following staff in the following positions:
- Tony Sinclair – Guidance Officer
- Katherine Field – Head of Curriculum (HOC)
- Wendy Winspear – Head of Special Education Services (HOSES)
- Sarah Gatti – Master Teacher

We have the following staff who are leaving us for various positions and we wish them luck in their new adventures!
- Nicole Attenborough – Acting Head of Curriculum - Bellevue Park State School
- Kelly Palmer – Master Teacher – Kingston State School
- Deborah McEnly – High School Teacher – transitioning as part of the year 7 to high school initiative
- Teagan Allen – Instrumental Music Teacher – transferred to another Instrumental Music circuit (to be confirmed)
- Donna Futo – Strings Teacher - transferred to another Strings Music circuit (to be confirmed)

Whilst I have not recognised all staff above because some staff still have outstanding arrangements to finalise, thank you to all the departing staff for their efforts here at Highland Reserve State School. As a team the staff here are a solid unit of dedicated professionals who have the interests of children at heart in every way. We wish you every success in your new school environment and hope that it is filled with new and exciting opportunities for you.

Regards,
**Andrew Cummings**
Principal

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**Deputy Principal's News**

Wow! I can’t believe 2014 is nearly over for the school year. What an amazing year we have had here at Highland Reserve. This year we have made an extra effort to follow our four school rules of: Respect, Self-Responsibility, Safety and Effort. I have been so proud of the way the behaviour across the school has improved during the year. Our school is such a safe and supportive environment to come to everyday and it is due to the fact that staff, students and parents demonstrate high levels of behaviour every day.

Congratulations to our Stop Think Do award winners from the last couple of weeks.
I want to wish all our students, staff and families a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2015.

Regards,
Abby Ross
Acting Deputy Principal

Sports News

Congratulations to all students who competed in last week’s swimming carnival. The day was a huge success with heaps of records smashed and lots of students participating across all races. Congratulations to the following students who achieved swimming age champion this year: Kieran Q, Holly S, Michael B-F, Makayla S, Declan Y, Lana B, Joshua L-S and Emily S.

It was a tight race for the winning house and it came down to participation points in the end with GUANABA the victors by only 13 points! Well done to all the students and thank you to all the parents who came along and enjoyed a great day in the sunshine.

Regards,
Simon Travers
PE Teacher

HRSS Christmas Concert

The students of Highland Reserve State School celebrated Christmas in style with our end of year Christmas Concert. A great time was had by all students, thank you to the families and friends that attended to watch this fantastic celebration.

A huge thanks goes to our Music teacher, Mr Matt Howland for putting together another wonderful production and his trusty side kick, Mr Simon Travers.
Food Policy update for 2015

Birthdays
Schools have an important role in promoting healthy eating. It is important that we model healthy food choices and provide the means to put into practice nutrition messages taught in the classroom.

We ask that parents do not send along cakes etc as other children can react to different ingredients and often this sort of food has a negative effect on their behaviour and levels of concentration.

If you would like to provide something, we suggest ice blocks, for example Quelch by Berri as they are 99% fruit juice or something similar. This adheres to the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools that was made mandatory on January 1, 2007.

Finance/Uniform Shop

Uniform Purchasing 2015
With the end of the 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.

The uniform shop will be CLOSED for the last week of Term 4 (Mon 8th Dec – Fri 12th Dec 2014).

Uniform Shop 2015
The Uniform Shop will be open EVERYDAY between Monday the 19th of January to Friday the 23rd of January 9:00am–11:00am.

We will also be open on Tuesday the 27th of January 8:30am–10:00am.
We will then resume our usual operating hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-10:00am.

Wanted - Spare HRSS Uniforms
Donations of any spare HRSS Unisex Shorts for our Healthroom would be greatly appreciated. These items are used for students who may require a change of clothes during the day.

If your child has recently borrowed uniforms from our Healthroom, could these items please be washed and returned to our Office as soon as possible as our stocks are running low.

Back to School Office Hours
The office will be open EVERYDAY between Monday the 19th of January to Friday the 23rd of January 2015 9:00am–12:00pm

Café News
The Café will be closed for the last week of Term 4 which is Monday the 8th of December to Friday the 12th of December 2014.

It will reopen on Friday the 30th of January 2015.

QSchools app
New features of the Department’s QSchools mobile app have been released, including an exciting push notification feature which offers a direct communication channel from your school.

To be able to receive important messages instantly to your mobile device (push notifications):

2. If you already have the app, please ensure it is up-to-date, as out-dated versions will not receive notifications.
3. Make sure you select your favourite school.

You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device.

Notification of Students Leaving HRSS in 2014
If you have a child/children who will be leaving Highland Reserve State School during or at the end of Term 4 this year, please complete the Student Leaving Form and return this form to the school Office before their final day of school.

This does not apply to graduating Year 6 & 7 students.

Notification of Students who will be Absent at the Commencement of School in 2015
A notification will be required for Students who are returning in 2015, however will be absent from school from when it resumes on Tuesday the 27th of January 2015 up until Thursday the 5th of February 2015.

Please notify our Office before their last day at school in 2014 on (07) 5588 3333 or via email at office@highlandreservess.qld.edu.au.

Please provide the name/s 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, EpiPens, medicines or tablets these MUST be collected by a parent from the Office on your child’s last day of school for 2014.

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 2014 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 2015 that a new Request to Administer Medication Form, Medical Details Form and Asthma Policy Form (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.

Attendance Matters
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1 or 2 days a week may not seem much however...

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'Every Day Counts!

at Highland Reserve State School

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much... however

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Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

School Starts at 8:50am

'Every Day Counts' at Highland Reserve State School

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.


Please note:

- Volunteers must not commence until they hold a valid blue card and positive notice.
- All volunteers are also required to present to the Office to sign in before commencing work in a classroom.

Young Discoverer's News

Young Discoverer's Summer Vacation Care Program
To join us this holiday period, please fill out the Young Discoverers OSHC Summer Vacation Care 2014-2015 Form (PDF, 465 KB) and return ASAP.

Due to popular demand
Young Discoverers is giving you a choice of locations for all your School Age Care needs!

We are excited to announce:
Term one 2015 we will see the arrival of school care at our lakeside centre.
(25 Rose Valley Drive)

For more information chat with:
Lynda (5588 3356) or
Charmaine (5519 3476)

Discover the Difference!

C&K News
Is your child ready for Prep?

At C&K Highland Reserve your child will learn the skills to be prepared for Prep by...
- Learning how to interact with other children and make friends
- Explore and express their creativity
- Connect with natural environments
- Build confidence and find their unique identity
- Learn to be an effective communicator and involved learner
- Develop early numeracy and literacy skills

C&K Highland Reserve have been rated EXCEEDING in ALL National Quality Areas by ACECQA.

Compared to Long Daycare a Pre-Prep Programme at C&K ensures...
- Guidelines are the same throughout the day, no gym changes due to numbers or ratios.
- Staff ratios consistent, no float staff.
- Teacher is flexible to meet the needs of the children.
- Additional support teachers are accountable and allocated to individual children who require extra support.
- Programmes are based upon children’s individual interests.
- Children are able to make strong connections with their peers due to the structure of our days.

Becoming part of the C&K family will enable your child and your family to share in the highest standard of early childhood education and care in a supportive, fun and safe environment.

Contact us today to enrol your child or put their name on our waiting list.

Address: 90 Reserve Road,
Contact details:
Phone: 9328 5673
Email: hslhighlands@carilk.com.au

Community Notices

Simply Carols in Highland Reserve

Paradise Diving Club
School Holiday Activity
Come & Try Diving... It’s Fun !!!

Where:  Gold Coast Aquatic Centre,
         Marine Parade,
         Southport

When:   Clinic 12th, 13th & 14th January
         Clinic 19th, 20th & 21st January

Time:   8am – 12 Noon on all days.

Cost:   2 Day - $90
        3 Day - $100
        4 Days - $135, 5 Days - $165, 6 Days - $185

Club Membership and insurance for 1-6 clinic coverage is $20

Contact: Kevin Hall, Head Coach.
         0415 787 207
         kevvyhall1@gmail.com

Bookings are preferred and confirmed via email only.
SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS
St Hilda's School, Southport
15th – 19th December
12th – 16th January

What parents said about Activ8:
• 100% said the camp was excellent
• 100% would book their child in again
• 100% said the coaches were excellent

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An Action Packed Multi-Active Program.
• 20+ Sports & Activities
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• Ages 4-12 years
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