

Friday 13th June 2014

## Principal's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our students and teachers have been working hard all semester completing assessment during lessons and at the conclusion of units of work.

Report Cards for Semester One will be emailed home in Week 10.

### Understanding Your Child's Report Card

All state schools in Queensland now teach the Australian Curriculum in Prep through to Year Seven. Whilst the Australian Curriculum is similar in many respects to the previous Queensland curriculum, there are some differences which have required adjustments. For example, some concepts are covered earlier than previously expected, there is a stronger focus on specific areas and in some cases a different standard of work is expected of students.

For Semester One report cards, teachers are evaluating student work based on units of work and assessments tasks from Term 1 and 2 in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History.

Due to the implementation of the Australian Curriculum, report card results may also reflect students' 'learning curve' in terms of the change in expectations for learning in their year level.

Teachers are continually adapting and adjusting their teaching/learning to ensure that students receive the necessary prior knowledge and are supported through their learning tasks.

Report card results in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History this semester are based on content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

Over recent years, students and teachers across Queensland have been using a 5-point scale (A-E) process for reporting in all schools.

This marking system used in schools refers to attainment standards called 'benchmarks of achievement' or 'criteria'. An A, B, C, etc. is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, receives the relevant grade.

### What does it mean to achieve a 'C' in a curriculum area?

('Sound' for Years 1-3) ('Working With' for Prep)

A 'C' means that the student is doing everything required at their year level at school. The best description is to say that a 'C' means that the student's academic development is exactly where it needs to be in relation to their year level grade.

That means attaining a 'C' for achievement means you are ON TARGET for your year level.

It may be harder for a student to achieve an 'A' or 'B'. These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their year level.

The Semester One report card outlines the following (or similar depending on year level) ratings for overall achievement in each curriculum area. (A-E)

- A - The student consistently demonstrates a very high level of knowledge, skills and understanding and is able to apply them independently in a wide range of contexts.
- B - The student demonstrates a high level of knowledge, skills and understanding and is able to apply them independently in most contexts.
- C - The student demonstrates a sound level of knowledge, skills and understanding and is able to apply them, in some contexts.
- D - The student demonstrates limited knowledge, skills and understanding and is able to apply them, with support, in some contexts.
- E - The student demonstrates very limited knowledge, skills and understanding.

Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's report card with the classroom teacher during parent teacher interviews in Term 3.

Information regarding booking an interview will be available in Week 1 of Term 3.

Kind Regards,  
**Fiona Graham**  
Acting Principal

## School Disco

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### Pyjama Party!



Check out the [Photo Gallery](#) for more great pictures from the Pyjama Party Disco!

The student council and P&C would like to thank everyone that attended the Pyjama Party Disco for Term 2. Students, parents and staff had an amazing time dancing into the night! A special thank you to all of our volunteers that made the night possible.

## Athletics Carnival

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It's that time of year again when you dust of the runners, stretch up and get ready to compete at the Highland Reserve Athletics Carnival!

The Prep –Year 3 Carnival is next Tuesday the 17th of June. Prep and Year 1 will be run from 9:00am to 11:45am and Year 2 and 3 will run from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Students will be participating in events such as sprinting, high jump, long jump, the egg and spoon race and many more.

The Year 4-7 Carnival will be held over two days. Thursday the 19th and Friday the 20th of June. Thursday will be a full day of athletics from 9:00am to 3:00pm. On Friday afternoon we will have the 200m and 800m finals starting at 1:30pm.

We hope to see you all next week on a hopefully warm sunny day!

## The Year 2 Scooter Safety Program

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On Wednesday 11th of June the Year 2 cohort had great day learning about safe practices when riding scooters. They learnt how to be safe near roads, turning around sharp corners and how to stop suddenly when needed. Well done to all the Year 2 scooter savvy students!





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## General News

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### Uniform Shop/Finance Window

Please be advised the Uniform Shop/Finance window will be closed on Friday 27th June 2014 (last day of term 2) and will reopen on Monday 14th July 2014 (first day of term 3).

### Café

The café will be closed on Friday 27th June (last day of term 2) and Monday 14th July 2014 (first day of term 3). It will reopen on Wednesday 16th June 2014.

## We Need Your Help

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School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson. We depend on students, parents and all members of the local community to:

1. Look
2. Listen and
3. Report to 13 17 88 or your local police

## Updating Student Enrolment Details

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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.

## Volunteer Blue Card

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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.

[http://www.ccyipcq.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/13-849-052-Blue-card-\(BC\)\\_MAY13.pdf](http://www.ccyipcq.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/13-849-052-Blue-card-(BC)_MAY13.pdf)

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.

## Year 3 Excursion

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In Week 10, the Year 3 Students will be travelling to Mt Coottha Planetarium and the Botanical Gardens. This complements our Science Unit 'Spinning in Space' and students are already very excited about the excursion. Your Year 3 class teacher will email out the permission note or you can download the [Year 3 Planetarium Excursion Permission Note \(PDF, 978 KB\)](#). Please return the permission note and payment to the office by Monday 23rd June.

## P&C News

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### Highland Fling

The first meeting to organise and plan for the Highland Fling will be held at the School Hall at 3:15pm Wednesday 18th June.

Please join us if you would like to be part of this special event. Everyone is welcome.

### Dreamworld Fundraiser

**Highland Reserve State School  
Parents & Citizens Association**



**Dreamworld Annual Pass  
Fundraiser**



**Adults \$85  
Children \$65**

*Passes are for 12mths until the 26th June 2015  
they include entry into Dreamworld, Whitewater World & Q1 Skydeck  
Orders & Payment by Friday 20th June  
for delivery Wednesday 24th June*

Order forms will be emailed to every family this week.

Visit the [P&C Fundraising Page](#) to download the order form!

### School Facilities and Tuckshop Fundraiser



Our School and its Tuckshop prides itself on being an environmentally conscious and healthy environment.

Norwex is committed to radically reducing chemicals in personal care and cleaning and provides safe effective cleaning solutions which are Eco friendly as well and safe to use with Septic and Bio Cycle systems.

To this end the P&C is holding a Norwex Fundraiser with proceeds going towards much needed cleaning equipment and cloths to contribute to safe and effective cleaning solutions for the school's Tuckshop.

With specials just for HRSS and 15% of all sales being donated back to the school there's never been a better time to try Norwex!

Call Juanita should you have any questions regarding hard to clean areas in your home.

Why buy Norwex Now?

- Special prices just for HRSS
- 15% of all sales going back to the school to buy supplies
- \$20 per in home demonstration booked donated so you can show your friends

View the products and have a chat to Juanita at the school Tuckshop on:

- Wednesday 4th June 9:00am – 11.30am
- Monday 16th June 9:00am - 11.30am

You can place an order by calling or emailing Juanita on details listed below.

View the catalogue online or contact Juanita for a copy of one.

All orders must be submitted by the 16th June thank you for you support.

Visit the [P&C Fundraising Page](#) to download the order form!

Juanita Garland - Independent Norwex Sales Consultant

Mobile: 0409 607 876

Email: [juanita301070@yahoo.com.au](mailto:juanita301070@yahoo.com.au)

[www.juanitagarland.norwexbiz.com.au](http://www.juanitagarland.norwexbiz.com.au)

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>



## School Banking News



This term we are giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

### Major student prize

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A \$3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

### Runner up student prizes

## School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes

There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:

- \$1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.
- Plus the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a \$250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school).

## Rewards Program Update In Term 2

There are two new exciting rewards available for students who save 10 tokens. The rewards available this term are:

- Whale Shark Pencil Case NEW
- Shark or Penguin Key ring NEW
- Handball
- Scented Pencils

HRSS Banking Co-ordinator Sharlene Dippel

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 22 21 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 22 21.

## Young Discoverers June/July Vacation Care Program

To join us this holiday period, please fill out the [Young Discoverers OSHC June/July Vacation Care 2014 Form \(PDF, 338 KB\)](#) 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.

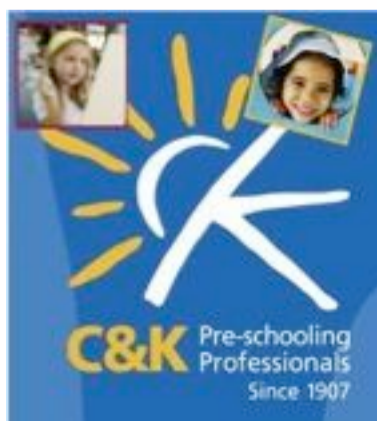
Bring along:

- 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:

- 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

## 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> , call (07) 5580 5013 for more information or pop in to see us at 580 Reserve Road (behind the school).

## Community Notices

### Rural Fire Service Day 2014

# Rural Fire Service day 2014



**Your local Rural Fire Brigade  
is participating in Rural Fire  
Service day!**

COOMERA VALLEY FIRE BRIGADE  
CNR RESERVE RD & GAWLER PLACE  
UPPER COOMERA Q4209

DATE: SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2014  
TIME: 10 AM TO 2PM

To find out more details about your  
local brigade's open day, visit  
[www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au)

The Rural Fire Service Day is a state-wide celebration of the dedication and commitment of the 34,000 men and women who volunteer their time to help keep Queensland communities safe.

Rural Fire Service volunteers are involved in fire prevention, including community education, fighting fires, managing the Permit to Light Fire System, and they also provide assistance during other disasters such as floods and storms.

Come and meet the men and women volunteers behind your local Brigade, and learn how to prepare your family and home against the threat of bushfire.



### Queensland Father of the Year



**QUEENSLAND  
FATHER of the YEAR**  
PRESENTED BY SU QLD

**THE MOST  
DESERVING DADS  
ARE RARELY IN  
THE SPOTLIGHT.  
YOU CAN HELP  
THEM SHINE!**

**Nominate a deserving  
dad today for the 2014  
Queensland Father  
of the Year award!**

He could win a five night family holiday at  
Sea World Resort & Water Park and the  
Gold Coast's Favourite Theme Parks!\*

**NOMINATIONS ARE  
OPEN UNTIL 18 JULY AT  
[qldfatheroftheyear.org.au](http://qldfatheroftheyear.org.au)**

\* Prize is for 2 adults and 3 children and includes five nights' accommodation in a Deluxe View room (or interconnecting room if more than 2 children), full buffet breakfasts, and unlimited entry to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet 'n' Wild Gold Coast until 30 June 2015.

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**The Point  
BIRKENHEAD**  
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## PEARLS Program

Check out the [PEARLS Program flyer for Term 2 \(PDF, 421 KB\)](#)

## Benevolent Society News

# Special Needs Playgroup

for carers and their children, newborn to 6 years

- Facilities and resources provided by Benevolent Society
  - Run during school terms
  - NO COST



Fortnightly on Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.00am

**At Coomera Springs Early Years Centre, 255 Old Coach Road, Upper Coomera 4209**

*(2<sup>nd</sup> driveway on the left after Coomera Springs State School)*

*For further information, please contact Karen Carter on 5644 9411*

*Funded by Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services Queensland*

## Brave Program



A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University are investigating an internet-based program for children suffering from anxiety who also have a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. Anxiety can make it hard to complete school work or be around people, it may even result in worry about a lot of things, or be scared of something specific. The BRAVE Team is seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in the internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews up to four times during the study at times separate to the treatment program.

**This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate.**

For more information contact the BRAVE Team:  
Phone: (07) 3735 3325 or Email [braveforaspergers@griffith.edu.au](mailto:braveforaspergers@griffith.edu.au)

