Principal's News

Front Boom Gate Entry
The reason for boom gates in our school is to restrict the flow of traffic during critical pedestrian times. Parents are waiting at these gates in vehicles for staff to open them and entering into the grounds. This is a dangerous activity and must not continue. Any vehicle entering the school without permission to do so during this time is unauthorised. If this continues the driver/parent may be issued with a letter to restrict entry to the school. We are serious about student safety and need your cooperation in this matter please. Failure to do this may result in you being issued with directive not to enter the school grounds in a vehicle at all.

Student safety during these times is the responsibility of us all. Whilst entering the school grounds during these times may seem like a small thing, it has the potential to cause dangerous situations. The introduction of boom gates to our school came out of a review of an incident where a child was seriously endangered. Please, please, please help us to keep our children safe by parking outside when the boom gates are closed.

The automatic gates close at 7:45am and open up at 3:30pm. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our precious children safe!

Arriving to school on time
School commences every morning when the first bell sounds at 8:50am. All students are required to make their way straight to the classroom. If students arrive after this time they are required to collect a late slip from the office before going to class. It is encouraged that students get to school from 8:30 onwards as there are no teachers rostered for playground duty before school. If your child arrives at school before 8am they are required to report to the office and wait until they are released. There are a range of before and after school care options available. If you require more information please feel free to speak to the administration ladies at the front desk for assistance.

Master Teacher
You may have seen the latest announcement for the Government about Master Teacher positions in schools. We have been fortunate enough to get a Master Teacher allocated to our school. This is an excellent resource for our school and is designed to assist us in reaching world class outcomes for students through developing staff capacity. The Master Teacher concentrates in the area of the junior school and the role is directly related to building teaching systems and practices for excellence in our classrooms. I’m looking forward to having this assistance in our school in 2015. These positions are for 3 years, so we can look forward to having the benefit of this role into 2017. Applications for this position have closed and interviews will be held over 2 days on the 20th and 21st November.

Head of Curriculum Role
In response to the Teaching and Learning Audit recommendations and our classroom teacher feedback, we are employing a Head of Curriculum (HOC). The role of the HOC is a specialist curriculum and teaching role aimed at monitoring and assessing the key areas of curriculum delivery, staff training and planning.

We have advertised for this position across our Region and there have been 19 applications. We have shortlisted 8 applicants and are interviewing on Friday 14th November. Fiona Graham is our Panel Chair and the panel will consist of Fiona, Andrew Cummings, Abby Ross and Narelle Best (Deputy Principal, Moorooka State School).

We look forward to sharing the outcome of these interviews with you as we welcome another person to our school administration team.

Staffing 2015
Our wonderful Guidance Officer (Jim O’Leary) is retiring at the end of the year. Jim has made significant relationships and inroads during his time here and his work has been substantial in supporting families and children. He is a highly valued part of our specialist response team and a truly outstanding professional! He is highly valued by his colleagues and by teachers alike. He brings with him significant experience across a number of positions in Education Queensland. Jim has been in roles such as Principal, Regional Director and of course Guidance Officer. Jim’s heart is clearly in education and he has an absolute passion and belief for the success of our school. We will miss Jim greatly but wish him all the very best in his retirement!

We have made a decision to increase the role of guidance from 2 days a week to 3 days a week in 2015. The plan around this being to maintain the current service but to also assess the viability of working proactively with children on general programs and also with parent groups, etc. We will look to recruit for this position ASAP.
In 2015 we are officially entitled to another Deputy Principal. This term we will recruit a temporary person for the role in 2015. The person who is appointed in this role will be Acting Deputy Principal until approximately mid year when the job will again be advertised for permanent merit selection.

Regards,

Andrew Cummings
Principal

Deputy Principal's News

Rule of the week
During the last couple of weeks at Highland Reserve State School we have been focusing on being respectful. This week the students have put in extra effort to STOP, THINK, DO and show their teacher RESPECT in the classroom. To make sure students are being respectful in the classroom they have worked on the following:
- Raising their hand to speak
- Respect others’ right to learn
- Talk in turns
- Use whole body listening

I have been impressed at the amount of Stop, Think, Do awards that have been making their way to the office this term. Keep it up!

Stop, Think, Do Awards
Silver and Gold Awards
Congratulations to all the students who have received their Silver and Gold awards in 2014. It is fantastic to see so many students who have shown a high level of behaviour and achieve their behaviour goals throughout the year. Well done also to the students who are on Green for maintaining that level of behaviour expectation throughout the year.

Year 6 & 7s Gold Coast 600
All Year 6 & 7 students who were on Green, Silver and Gold behaviour levels were treated to a day out at the Gold Coast 600 with their teachers and peers. Congratulations to all the students in the cohort who have achieved and maintained a high level of behaviour at our school this year.
Science News

In Science this term, Year 6 are learning about mould. We are doing an experiment about the best ways to store bread and the best ways to prevent mould.

We asked a child in Year 6 some questions about science:

- What do you think is the best way to store bread?
  In the freezer because the bread is kept in a cool and dry environment without any moisture. There is also hardly any oxygen which stops mould growth therefore storing the bread in an efficient way.

- What is your favourite science discipline?
  Chemistry. I love working with chemicals and learning about how things react with each other.

Thanks,
The Genius Science Reporters

Chaplains News

Highland Reserves Christmas Hamper Drive
Year 6/7 Graduation

Just a reminder to parents/caregivers to send graduation seating forms back to classroom teachers ASAP.

Graduation for Year 6 and Year 7 will be held in the HRSS Hall on Wednesday the 10th of December, starting at 5:30pm and finishing at 7:15pm.

RSVP by the 28th of November, please email your child's teacher directly.

Thank you for your assistance.

6A - dmcen2@eq.edu.au
6B - txcol3@eq.edu.au
6C - natte1@eq.edu.au
7A - jkerr151@eq.edu.au
1E News

1E enjoyed the visit to Healthy Harold. There were lots of fun activities and healthy choices for us all to make. The students were very well behaved and set great examples for our school.
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.eq.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

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

P&C News
Picnic in the Park

To celebrate another great year the P&C association invites you to a Picnic in the Park. Come along with your packed picnic and share a bite to eat with your friends while the kids play ball games with the Senior students.

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
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!

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School Banking News

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Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.
The Dolmarites have uncovered the ancient
Clairn of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing
prizes that you could win a share of:
• 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
• 150 x Slip ‘N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here’s how to win
Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create
one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more
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Competition runs 28 October – 30 November 2014.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Happy Banking!
Pop and Top Program
Speech and Language Groups for Northern Gold Coast Families

Talking First Words

Suitable for children: 1.5 - 3 years

Fun, playgroup style activities based around common children's themes for children who are beginning to use words and hoping to extend to 2 word phrases and build vocabulary. Parents are provided with ideas and strategies to support their child's language development.

These groups are provided through ongoing financial support of C4C ensuring access(6,13),(991,992) to all families at a significantly reduced cost.

Pop and Top group program designed by Dr Blanda McMahon (Speechnet - Brisbane) – more information at www.speechnet.com.au

The groups are run by Janelle and Carmen, Speech Language Pathologists.

To book a place for your child contact Carmen 0420 526 771 or SPEECH at karyn@speechforkids.com.au

Term 4 Dates:
18 October 2014
20 October 2014
30 October 2014
6 November 2014
13 November 2014
20 November 2014
27 November 2014
4 December 2014

Time:
10am - 10:45am

Location:
90 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera (parking and entry off Abraham Road)

Cost:
$50 for the term. This provides you and your child with exciting activities to complete between sessions. All costs can be claimed against health care funds.
Talking Sentences

Suitable for children:
2.5 - 4 years

Fun, playgroup style activities for children using at least 3-4 words in a sentence. This group aims to increase a child’s sentence variety, length and clarity. Parents are provided with ideas and strategies that support language development at home.

These groups are provided through the ongoing financial support of C4C ensuring access to all families at a significantly reduced cost.

Pop and Top group program designed by Dr Genda McMahon (Speechnet – Eastbank) – more information at www.speechnet.com.au

The groups are run by Jane & Carmen, Speech Language Pathologists.

To book a place for your child contact Carmen 0403 281 771 or SPEECH.txt:
kayn@speechforkids.com.au

Term 4 Dates:
16 October 2014
23 October 2014
30 October 2014
6 November 2014
13 November 2014
20 November 2014
27 November 2014
4 December 2014

Time:
9am - 9.45am

Location:
90 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera (parking and entry off Abraham Road)

Cost:
$50 for the term. This provides you and your child with exciting activities to complete between sessions. All costs can be claimed against health care funds.
Extra Curricular Activities

Revolution Lifestyle Centre

"A journey to a thousand mile begins with one step"

10 Reasons Taekwondo Benefits Kids
1. Fostering Self-Discipline
2. Boosting Socialization Skills
3. Encouraging Physical Activity
4. Learning to Set and Achieve Goals
5. Increase self-Esteem
6. Instilling a Sense of Respect
7. Encouraging Non Violent Conflict Resolution
8. Improving Listening Skills
9. Developing Teamwork Skills
10. Improvement in Other Areas of Life

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## FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS Term Four 2014

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<td>PARENTING MADE EASIER</td>
<td>During this four session course learn how to raise children that are respectful, resilient, responsible, and cooperative, how to discipline without yelling, arguing, or smacking, and much more! Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 0 – 12 years.</td>
<td>Monday 10th November - 1st December</td>
<td>9:30 am - 12:00 pm</td>
<td>Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre</td>
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<td>1,2,3 MAGIC &amp; EMOTION COACHING</td>
<td>A three session program for parents, child care workers, and teachers to help promote positive behaviour and manage difficult behaviour in children 2 -12 years old. Strategies are also suitable for children with ASD or ODD.</td>
<td>Monday 20th October - 3rd November</td>
<td>9:30 am - 11:30 pm</td>
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<td>BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS</td>
<td>A four week program that teaches practical parenting skills for a rapidly changing society, and new techniques to deal with everyday pressures that impact on ourselves and our children.</td>
<td>Thursday 16th October - 6th November</td>
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<td>ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS</td>
<td>During this three session course learn new skills for resolving teenage behavioural problems, how to have conversations around problems that can’t be ignored, and how to build and maintain a better relationship.</td>
<td>Wednesday 22nd October - 5th November</td>
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<td>RELATIONSHIP RESCUE</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Tuesday 21st October - 18th November</td>
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<td>ASSERTIVENESS</td>
<td>This 5 week program will empower you to communicate in a healthy and effective way with everyone you meet in life, irrespective of their communication style.</td>
<td>Friday 22nd August - 19th September</td>
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<td>BABYSITTING TRAINING</td>
<td>For 12 – 17 year olds, this 6 week course is a practical and fun approach to babysitting. The course covers interacting with kids, basic first aid, basic child development, and tips on managing difficult behaviours.</td>
<td>Tuesday 14th October - 18th November</td>
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Child-minding is available during all day programs if required. $4.00 for one child, and $3.00 for every child after that. Children 0-5 years accepted. Places are limited. Bookings are essential. Fee to be paid prior to commencing program.

Please phone 5580 4995 / 5529 8087 to book a place and register your child/children for childminding.
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15th – 19th December
12th – 16th January

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www.lifeeducation.org.au/comp

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