

Friday 15th November 2013

P&C News - iWalk for iPads



Congratulations!

It was great to see so many students walking around the set out track and enjoying themselves at the iWalk for iPads this year. Our school community raised well over \$10,000 to purchase more iPads for use in classrooms to enhance both teaching and learning.

The student who raised the most money from each class will have the opportunity to bring a friend along to the iChill session held in the Hub on Thursday 5th December. P-3's will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4-7's will be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm with VIP tags issued by teachers shortly. All individual and class prize winners will be announced at Parade on Monday 18th November.



Volunteer Morning Tea

Volunteer Morning Tea invitations have been sent out to those who have volunteered in our classrooms, at our cafe or at various P&C events this year. Due to the amount of helpful community members we have at Highland Reserve State School, your invitation may not have made its way to you. If this is the case, please contact the office at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au to RSVP with your name and volunteering details to attend the Volunteer Morning Tea after Parade on Monday 25th November. See you there!

P&C Meeting Survey

To gauge a community perspective on P&C meetings and communication, the P&C has released a survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/83MLHTW>. We ask that parents take the time to complete the survey so that we have accurate results to discuss at our next meeting.

School Disco!



The student council invites all students to come along to our School Disco for Term 4! It will be held on Wednesday 27th November as two sessions.

- Junior Disco (Prep - 2) 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- Senior Disco (Years 3-7) 5:30pm - 7:00pm

If you are able to assist at our school disco, please register your interest at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BA4A92AA20-school1/9818037>

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.

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

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.

Dogs on school grounds

Due to issues regarding disease and safety, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds without the permission of the Principal. Please do not bring your dog onto the school grounds when you are dropping off or picking up students.

If you or your children require the use of an assistance dog to help with a disability, please contact the office to make appropriate arrangements.

Booklists 2014

Booklists for 2014 are now available for download from the [Booklist Page on our School Website](#). 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.



SPECIAL CODE: ZFA186

If you would like a new faster and cheaper way to cover school books, as well as supporting our school, we encourage you to purchase EZCOVER reusable book covers.

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

Visit www.ezcover.net.au and order online today.

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.

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.

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 | |
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| <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.

School Banking News

IT'S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARMITES TOKENS FOR A REWARD.

Congratulations for being involved in the School Banking program this year. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won't be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year so collect them now.

Select the reward item(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. 8 exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!



Headphones



Calculator



Moneyboxes



Hand Ball



Knuckles

Important: Our Dollarmites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited supply and are on a "while stocks last" basis.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



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.

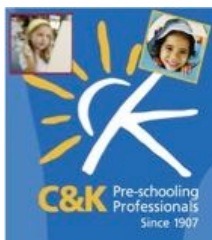
Treasure Chest Prizes.
- Just by saving, you could win one of these great prizes:
- 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me 2* & *HOP*

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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 | |
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| PARENTING MADE EASIER | <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 style="text-align: center;">Mon: 28th October – 2nd December: 9:30am – 12:00midday (OCCYC) Wed: 23rd October – 27th November : 6:30pm – 8:30pm (OCCYC)</p> |
| 1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENTING COURSE | <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 style="text-align: center;">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> |
| RELATIONSHIP RESCUE | <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 style="text-align: center;">Tues: 22nd October – 26th November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm</p> |
| ASSERTIVENESS: FINDING YOUR VOICE | <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 style="text-align: center;">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 bookings are essential. 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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