

### REMINDER - Student Free Day - Monday 21st October

Friday 18th October 2013

## Principal's News

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Welcome back to school and Term 4.

The 2013 NAPLAN results were published just before the last holidays. It was great to see Highland Reserve State School again achieving outstanding results in Year 3, 5 and 7 across all areas tested. A summary of our 2013 results included:

- 15/15 domains above the Queensland State and Private School mean
- 14/15 domains above the Australian State and Private School mean

Well done to our students, staff and parents who have all worked together to contribute to these results. This wonderful achievement is a celebration of our student's consistent efforts, our parental support and the hard work of our staff. Over the next few weeks our staff will analyse the 2013 NAPLAN results in greater detail to determine the areas where we can build on the performance of every child to ensure our school maintains these great results.

Highland Reserve has been selected as an Independent Public School (IPS). 54 schools across the State have been selected from a very large pool of applicants. This is very good news for our school for 2014 and will have many benefits for our students, staff, parents and community including:

- greater freedom to shape our own strategic direction and make decisions which will directly benefit our students;
- increased capacity to employ staff directly to suit the needs of our school;
- the ability to work directly with local businesses, industry and community organisations;
- brokering local partnerships and sponsorships to provide extra support and extension for our students;
- greater flexibility to tailor the curriculum to directly suit the needs of our students; and
- a tailor-made school teaching/learning approach where our students may benefit from opportunities such as International Baccalaureate, extracurricular/gateway programs and access to centres of excellence.

**David Roach**  
Principal

## Red Dress Day - Day for Daniel

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On Friday 1st November, Highland Reserve State School will be wearing red to recognise child safety. We ask that you come dressed with 'a touch of red' (e.g shirt, ribbon, socks, headband) and bring in a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be going to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We look forward to seeing splashes of red throughout the day as we remember how to keep kids safe!

## Booklists 2014

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Booklists for 2014 are now available for download from the [Booklist Page on our School Website](#). Don't forget that if you order next year's books through EDSCO by the 1st of November you will go in the draw for \$100 Coles voucher. 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](http://www.ezcover.net.au) and order online today.

## Life Education Visit

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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. Download the [Life Education Permission Form \(PDF, 374 KB\)](#) and return it to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

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.

A Free half hour Life Education parent's information session will be held in the Life Education van at 2:00pm on Tuesday 5th November 2013. If you would like to attend this session, please register via email with your name and your child's name to: [fgrah3@eg.edu.au](mailto:fgrah3@eg.edu.au)

Life Education will be selling merchandise from the van which consists of an array of coloured wristbands (blue, red, green, yellow and white) which promote positive messages: "I'm healthy like Harold", "Be cool, not cruel" and "M.A.D. - Make Awesome Decisions". Wristbands are \$2 each. Since we are a not-for-profit organisation, all of the money goes back into Life Education to continue to facilitate the program, which encourages Queensland children to make healthy lifestyle choices.

## P&C News - iWalk for iPads

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Highland Reserve Students are iWalking for iPads.

The 6th of November is fast approaching and we are busy marking out a surprise track around the school that the students will be walking. All monies raised from the iWalk goes to purchasing iPads for our students so the more sponsorship money collected the more iPads we buy! Don't forget that all students who raise \$20 or more gets an entry into our draw for their very own iPad Mini! Also every student that raises \$50 or more gets a \$10 iTunes card.

Raise \$100 and you get a \$20 iTunes card! The student that raises the most amount in sponsorship will win their very own iPad Mini.

Just for completing the iWalk for iPad event, every student gets a free slapband and icypole with random slushie prizes handed out on the day as well!

Last year's iWalk for iPads was a heap of fun for students, teachers and volunteers and we are all looking forward to iWalking again.

## QSchools App

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The Highland Reserve school community now has a new way to interact with the school using the QSchools smartphone app. 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.

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](#).

## General Information

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### 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@eg.edu.au](mailto:office@highlandreservess@eg.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.

### Prep Enrolments for 2014 now open!

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 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.

The uniform shop will be **closed** for the last week of Term 4 – Monday 9th December through Friday 13th December.

It will reopen on Monday 20th January 2014.

### 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.eg.edu.au](mailto:office@highlandreservess.eg.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.

### Dental Van News

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All year levels have now had an information email offering the opportunity for dental treatment.

If you would like to take up this offer, please contact the Oral Health Call Centre on 1300 300 850 as soon as possible as we will be moving October 21.

**Please note that the clinic will also be closed from Oct 4 – 18 so if you wish an appointment you need to organise this now.**

If you have missed your appointment, you may rebook by contacting the Call Centre or come and see us at the van.

If your child has attended an emergency appointment, please ensure you book for a full examination as well.

We welcome parents to attend so we can discuss the dental progress of your child. However, if this is not possible, we may still see your child if you

have completed a consent form. This form is available from us.

Note: Parents & Legal Guardians are the only people who may complete this form.

We do not have a timeframe for staying at the school. However, once our appointment bookings lessen we then move to our next school. Emergency appointments are then available for pain, swelling, fractured teeth & any other major concerns. Please note: a full examination will then not be available until we return to Highland Reserve State School in about 18 months time.

It is recommended that you ensure your children are cleaning their teeth every morning and night. Parents need to help their under 8s with this along with flossing, especially between the molars. Water should be brought to school and avoid packing sweet & sticky foods/drinks for school lunches. Tooth decay is a preventable disease. Your children need your help to fight this.

We look forward to welcoming you to our clinic,  
Katrina & Anghela

## School Banking News

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**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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## Young Discoverers OSHC News

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### Pupil Free Day - 21st October 2013

The Young Discoverers OSHC will be holding a special full day of activities on the Pupil Free Day (21st October 2013).

Please fill in the [Young Discoverers OSHC Pupil Free Day Forms \(PDF, 353 KB\)](#) and return them ASAP. Any donations of pebbles, shells, driftwood etc would be very welcome.

Please Note:

- Priority for existing families until 23rd September 2013
- Activities start at 10:00am 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 Enrolments 2014

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### 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).

## Prep B News

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Term 4 is well underway and the children have been keeping very busy! This term our literacy focus is writing letters and post cards. We have been reading the Jolly Postman book and have turned our classroom into a post office! The children are very eager to write letters to their friends, families and characters from the book so keep an eye out for any letters that might come your way. Take a look at some of the children playing in the post office:



On a final note, we are urgently seeking glass jars (with lids) from families, so please don't throw them away... your trash is our treasure!

Miss Edmondson



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