Deputy Principal's News

Attendance
At Highland Reserve State School Every Day Counts. Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school. It is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes and foster a shared commitment to improving school attendance.

- Every Day Counts because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.
- Every Day Counts because going to school means getting a better chance in life.
- Every Day Counts because school helps children make friends and be happier.
- Every Day Counts because the laws says children must go to school.

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: (07) 5588 3366 or via Email: office@highlandreservess@eq.edu.au

Welcome to our new staff
This term we welcome the following staff to Highland Reserve State School.

- Jim O'Leary - Guidance Officer
- Amanda Turner - Year 3B
- Rebecca Donaldson - Year 4C
- Mike Brightwell - PE
- Sarah Sullivan - PE
- Katrina Liston - Science/Health

School Uniforms
A reminder, we expect students to be in the correct school uniform including white shoes. We encourage our students to be proud of the uniform as it represents our school and therefore it should be worn with pride. Please support your child by ensuring they wear the correct uniform every day, if your child is out of uniform for any reason you should notify their classroom teacher with a note or an email.

School Opinion Survey
The School Opinion Survey is undertaken by Education Queensland each year to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help schools further understand how to better meet the needs of their community. The information collected will help to highlight areas of strength at this school and areas that could be improved.

Forty families will be selected via an automatic sampling selection process to provide your opinions about this school. Participation in this survey is anonymous and all the information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Your feedback will be provided back to this school in such a way that you cannot be identified.

An envelope containing the survey will be sent home on Monday 22nd July to those families automatically selected. This survey can be submitted as a paper form or online. Surveys need to be completed online or returned to the school office by Wednesday 31st July.

The Dental Van has arrived
Students in Years 4, 5 & 6 have taken home offers of appointments. Parents will need to call 1300 300 850 to take up the offer and book an appointment for their child. Please call 1300 300 850 if you have any questions regarding the dental service.
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held during September. Please see the information in this newsletter regarding the opening and closing times of the online booking system. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to discuss their child’s progress with their classroom teacher.

Fiona Graham
Deputy Principal

Performing Arts Night

Congratulations to all our talented students for a very successful Arts Night. You are to be congratulated on your good behaviour and hard work. Thank you to all the staff that spent time with the students developing their skills and encouraging engagement in the arts. It was a great turn out and I hope you look forward to the next Performing Arts Night!
Athletics Day 2013

Year P-2 - Thursday 25th July
Year 3-7 - Friday 26th July

Athletics day’s for all year levels begins at 9:00am and will conclude at approximately 1:00pm.
All students will need to meet their teacher in their classroom when the bell goes at 8.50am.
All students are required to wear their house shirts on their athletics day.
Parents, carers and family members are all invited to come along and cheer on their favourite sports house.

Cybersafety @ Highland Reserve State School - Monday 22nd July 2013

Oscar in Year 6 films a friend stacking his skateboard...and uploads it to his social networking page for all to see.
Humiliating others repeatedly online is cyberbullying.

Josie, in Year 2, uses the computer at home and at school...and sometimes finds things she doesn't like.
Of Australian children, 84 percent of boys and 60 percent of girls are accidentally exposed to inappropriate online images.

Mitch logs onto the internet at 4.00 a.m. ...to play online games with teenagers in Europe.
Excessive internet use or gaming can lead to social and physical problems.

Sara sent eight 'friend' requests last week online...but had no one accept her.
Social networking can have a negative impact on some users.

Help your child be safe online

The internet and online technologies, like mobile phones, are incredible tools. They provide an opportunity to communicate, learn, play and be entertained by content from around the world.

Like communicating in the real world, there are risks involved in interacting online. Cyberbullying, identity theft, scams, sexting and inappropriate content are some of the issues that can pose challenges for all young people—from pre-schoolers just starting to use a computer, to more experienced teens.

Knowing how to use online technologies safely, and how to deal with issues, is essential to young people having positive experiences online.

As a parent, you have an important role to play in helping to educate and guide your child online. To assist you, the ACMA’s Cybersmart Outreach program provides free cybersafety presentations and information tailored specifically for parents. Resources can be found at www.cybersmart.gov.au

Cybersafety Outreach Internet Safety Awareness Presentation for parents

This internet safety awareness presentation offers an overview of cybersafety issues focusing on the interests and needs of parents. The presentation runs for around 60 minutes, and is held in your child’s school. It is easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative. The presentation gives parents a sound understanding of cybersafety topics and provides advice on how to help children and young people stay safe online.

Cybersafety Presentation at Highland Reserve State School

Highland Reserve State School is hosting an internet safety awareness presentation for parents on Monday 22nd July 2013 at 5.30pm in the school.
Please email - office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au or phone the school office - (07) 5588 3333 to book your seat for this essential parent information session.

For more information contact:
Australian Communications and Media Authority
Cybersmart program
Cybersafety Contact Centre
Telephone: 1800 880 176
Email: cybersafety@acma.gov.au
www.cybersmart.gov.au

HRSS 2013 Science Competition

All projects are due back at school by:
Monday 22 July 2013
Winners announced at Assembly on Monday 12th August and winning entries will be put on display at “Science Night”.
If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or the Science Competition coordinator, Mrs McEnlly at: dmcen2@eq.edu.au

Canteen Week

22-26 July

ONE WEEK ONLY SPECIALS
Homemade
Ham & Cheese Pizza + Popper $5.00
Sausage Roll + Popper $4.00

CELEBRATE CANTINE WEEK
valuing staff & volunteers

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).

C&K Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

The enrolment process is about to begin for 2014!
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
Bright Dress Day

On Friday the 6th of September, the Student Council will be holding this term’s fundraiser. We ask that you come dressed in a bright shirt and bring in a gold coin donation with all money raised going to the Asthma Foundation Queensland. By supporting this cause, we will be helping thousands of kids that suffer from asthma. We look forward to seeing you all in your bright shirts!

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

On Tuesday the 31st of July, Highland Reserve will be celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy week. This year’s focus is Numeracy and will see the students embarking on a Mathematics trail. Each class will follow instructions that will have them trailing around the school whilst solving Mathematical problems along the way. Stay tuned to hear about the Magnificent Mathematical Marvels the children will uncover around our school while on the trail!

General Information

Expressions of Interest – Casual Cleaners
Highland Reserve State School is currently seeking expressions of interest for casual cleaners. Hours of work are split shifts – early morning and late afternoon. Please email Madonna on mhink56@eq.edu.au if you would like further details.

Wanted - Spare Uniforms
Donations of any spare HRSS Polo’s or 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.

Student Absence Notification
When notifying the school of a Student Absence please ensure the reason is explained with clear and concise information by calling the Student Absentee Line on (07) 55 883366. If a student will be absent for more than 1 day the absence dates will be required. If the school does not receive notification of the reason for a student absence - it will be an 'Unexplained Absence'. Leisure activities, visiting relatives, shopping and tiredness are examples of an 'Unauthorised' reason for an absence.

Lost Property - Winter Jackets
An increasing number of winter jackets are being lost or misplaced at school. To help alleviate this could parents ensure that the jackets are clearly labelled on the inside of the jacket with a permanent marker. In the event of another student's jacket accidentally being brought home, could parents also regularly check the names on the inside of the jackets.

Traffic Newsletter
The Gold Coast City Council has recently placed new traffic signs in areas around our school. For the safety of our school community, please take a moment to read the following recommendations from the HRSS P&C Association in the P&C Traffic Newsletter (PDF, 450 KB).

Great teachers = Great results
Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better. It will:

- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live. There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.

Find out more about the plan: [www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers](http://www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers)

Student Services Centre News

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**Year 1A News**

Mrs Foley and Whaea McNabb wish to give a big thank you to Mrs Flynn-Cox, who came in to teach 1A about Aboriginal families and their relationships for NAIDOC week. 1A learned names of some of the Aboriginal tribes in the Gold Coast, their totems and relationships with animals. Here are some of those tribes: Munanjali, Koomermerri: Some of the tribes were collectively known as Yugambeh (Yoogambeh). We also coloured in the flags of the Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders. We cooked and tried bush damper and kangaroo sausages. We had a wonderful day.

**Do you know how places on the Gold Coast got their names?**

- Coomera is actually Kummera-Kummera - The Wattle tree
- Surfers Paradise is actually Umbigumbi - Place of the ant
- Coombabah is actually Koobahubah - Home of the turtles
- Pimpama is actually Peempeema - Peewee bird
- Tamborine is actually Gumai bireen - A big cliffy mountain
- Nerang is actually Neerang - Shovel-nosed shark

**Roman Siulera:** “Yesterday we learned about kinship. Mrs Cox came to teach us about Aboriginal families and food. Our tribe was called Munanjali. We ate kangaroo sausages and damper bread".

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Julia Piegzik: “We ate kangaroo sausages and damper bread with sauce”. (wild bush honey)

Year 1C and 6A News

This term 1C is very excited to be working with the wonderful students from 6A. Last week we got to meet our Buddies for the first time, it was wonderful to see both the Year 1’s and 6’s getting to know one another and brainstorming ways to be a good Buddy.

Year 2 News

Welcome back to Term 3! In history this term the students will be investigating the significance of a local historical site. We have chosen to look at Mount Tamborine. To help us in our learning, we will be visiting the Mount Tamborine Historical Centre. Please take note of your child's excursion date and ensure the slips are returned by the due date. If you are interested in helping, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.
P&C News

The Highland Reserve State School P&C Facebook page is back!

“Like” our page at https://www.facebook.com/HRSSPC?v=info to stay updated on all of the latest P&C news and events.

Photo Fundraiser

AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY

After successfully booking out the 10th August 2013, the P&C is offering families the chance to get a family portrait taken for only $20 on 11th August 2013 at the School Hall! The whole $20 goes directly to Highland Reserve State School P&C to be used for the direct benefit of the students. You have the option of purchasing more photos from the photographer after your shoot – these range in value up to the complete package for $199 where you get three different poses, several copies of different sizes photos, greeting cards, an A3 pencil sketch and lots more.

To book your time contact Cheryl at hrss.pcssec@gmail.com and be sure to check out the Facebook event for more info https://www.facebook.com/events/335485316579239

Highland Fling

The 2013 Highland Fling - Save the date! - Saturday September 7th

Miss your senior prom or “formal”? Tired of watching Pretty in Pink, The Breakfast Club, 16 Candles or Grease and pretending that was you?
Wish you could relive the glory of your senior year at high school?

Then don’t despair as this year, we are bringing out the taffeta, the tuxes, the perms and all the funky moves to do the Highland Fling – Old School Style!
Oh yeah! This year we’re gonna party like it’s 1989!

BUT… ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE

The Highland Fling is the biggest fundraising event on the school calendar and the money we raise goes towards our incredible Kids Matter initiative. Kids do Matter at Highland Reserve State School and we have an ongoing commitment to build a positive school community of healthy, happy people!

Last year we raised almost $15,000 from the Highland Fling and so our aim is to reach that again or better it!

The Fling is also a great place to get together with your school community and to meet new people in a fun, social environment.

Tickets will be on sale from 9am Monday 30th July and are $15 per person so grab some friends and make it a night to remember!

For more information, visit the P&C events website - www.hrsspandc.com.au
THE HIGHLAND RESERVE STATE SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

The 2013 Highland Fling Senior Prom

Don’t miss the highlight of the HRSS social calendar!

Get your table of ten together or simply come along and meet other people from our school community.

Either way it’s guaranteed fun and a great way to get to know the school community better - plus as our major fundraiser for the year, it’s a fab thing to do for all our kids...

for all the details visit www.hrsspandc.com.au

ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER THE 7th, LET’S PARTY LIKE IT’S 1989!
Secondary Schooling Information

Information Sessions at Gaven State School
UCSC 2014 Signature Program Applications

Applications are now open for the UCSC 2014 Signature Program classes. This includes:
- Year 7-10 Honours;
- Year 7-9 High Performance Sport;
- Year 8 Creative Arts.

To apply for any of these programs you need to complete the full application package which can be found on the school website under Our Students or Enrolments- "Signature Programs"

All applications close on Friday 16th August (end of Week 6).

Applications will not be considered after this date.

All application packages need to be addressed to Katrina Ryan and can be sent to or dropped off at the main administration building.

School Banking News
STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school or an iPad Mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 3.

The school with the highest percentage of active students making at least one School Banking deposit in Term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of 1 school banking deposit in Term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad Mini or a Dollymite Backpack.

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.