Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holidays Are Here!
Well the term has flown by and we find ourselves negotiating the holiday period again. I know that many of us are welcoming a short break to recharge our batteries ready for a busy term 4! I wish everyone a very restful, enjoyable and safe holiday period and look forward to working with you as we progress through to the end of the year.

The school holiday break commences from Saturday 20th September and concludes on Monday the 6th October with school resuming on Tuesday 7th October.

Student Detail Notifications
Our office staff have been busily preparing and posting out our the records we hold on your child at our school. In particular we are looking at medical details and also asking that you review the contact details we have on file. We sometimes have difficulty contacting parents as they have changed contact details and forgotten to let the school know.

Of particular interest also is the medical details section of the form where allergies and any significant medical details should be noted. This might include things like medically diagnosed life threatening allergies, asthma, a heart murmur and so on. Generally if it is significant for your child and represents a health risk then we would like to be aware of it.

We would appreciate the return of these details with your signature and date at the bottom of them regardless of whether any changes are required or not. This will allow us to ensure that all details are correct on our system and that where required we have clear directions and plans in place to support your children.

Uniform Policy
One thing I love as a Principal is a school where you can see great pride in the uniform and where the policy of the school is upheld in this area. This is certainly a strength in our school, however I am noticing some areas of uniform which do not conform to our expectations. I would ask that all students are equipped with the stated items as outlined in the policy particularly:

- Hat – A broad brimmed HRSS hat with toggle
- Shoes / Socks – white jogger/athletics shoes plain white ankle socks

Further detail on the approved policy can be found on the school website at:

If for some reason your child is not in the correct uniform which happens from time to time, I would request a note addressed to the teacher be provided please.

Library Books
Overdue library book lists have been given to teachers to follow up. Any assistance in locating and returning overdue books from parents would be greatly appreciated.

We Are All Sun Smart!
Sun safety is important to us! It is equally important to your child/children! Listed below is some of our policy around making sure we protect our children as much as possible from sun damage whilst at school.

Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Of all new cancers diagnosed in Australia each year, 80% are skin cancers. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure in an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer later in life. Given that students are at school during peak ultraviolet radiation (UVR) times throughout the day, schools play a major role in both minimising student’s UVR exposure and providing an environment where policies and procedures can positively influence student behaviour.

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is a result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Research shows that severe sunburn contributes to skin cancer and other forms of skin damage such as sunspots, blemishes and premature ageing. Most skin damage and skin cancer is therefore preventable.

Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are highest during the hours that children are at school. As children will spend a portion of their day outdoors, we are committed to protecting them from harmful effects of the sun.
With this in mind Highland Reserve State Primary School realises the need to protect children’s skin and educate them about SunSmart behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

As part of this policy students:

- take responsibility for their own health safety by being SunSmart
- comply with SunSmart rules and guidelines by wearing suitable hats, clothing, sunscreen

Our school uniform policy has provisions for sun safe hats and shirts. Students should be wearing the approved hat for sun safety at all times when outdoors.

Our full policy can be found at: https://highlandreservess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Policies%20and%20Procedures/sun-smart-policy.pdf

Thank you for helping us to keep our school a sun safe place for our children!

**School Council Nominations**

We are still in the process of forming our School Council as part of our status as an “Independent Public School” (IPS). Whilst most positions have been filled successfully there is one outstanding position for an additional Parent Representative available.

Nomination forms for this position are available from the front office of the school. Interested applicant should ensure a nomination for election to the school council is received at the office no later than 3:15pm on Friday 17th of October. Should multiple nominations be received then a ballot will also need to be conducted.

**Maintenance Funding**

Advancing our Schools Maintenance (AoSM) allocations have been put out for the 2014/15 financial year. Our funding allocation for the year is $12,969 for planned maintenance and a further $30,885 for routine maintenance. The total budget for 2014/15 - $43,854. This is a good outcome for our school and will ensure we keep this beautiful facility in excellent condition.

**School Facilities**

We have also met recently with our Facilities Infrastructure Advisor from Regional Office to discuss school growth and capacity. Whilst in the very early stages of discussions, information is being provided centrally to assist with planning for an additional permanent classroom block which is to be situated behind the current demountable buildings that are currently house our year 5/6/7 students.

This is early planning and I will keep you informed of how this project develops over the coming months.

Key to this process will be a review of our Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) for Highland Reserve State School. The EMP is required to be updated to reflect the additional capacity spaces added to the school since the last EMP which was Gazetted on the 15/11/2013. This process will need to be completed by the end of the year and will require discussion with the P&C. After this stage the document will go the Regional Director for approval. The main change to the EMP will be around the additional capacity to house students given the demountable buildings already provided.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday period – looking forward to seeing you in term 4!

Kind Regards,

Andrew Cummings
Principal

**Acting Deputy Principal News**

**Behaviour @HRSS**

Wow! I can’t believe how quick Term 3 has been. I am so proud of the high level of behaviour that has been displayed at HRSS this term. Well done to all the students who have worked hard to achieve their behaviour goals in the classroom and outside in the playground. It is great to see that staff, students and parents are dedicated in making sure Highland Reserve State School is a safe, respectful and responsible learning environment. A BIG congratulations to all the students who have received awards this term! Looking forward to Term 4 and finishing strong for 2014.

SAFETY    RESPECT    RESPONSIBILITY    EFFORT
Active School Travel Video Competition

Congratulations Highland Reserve State School for winning the Active School Travel Video Competition! Nate Hinkins, Jada Smart, Katie-Jo Smart and James Field produced a fantastic video to “Get the Gold Coast Moving” with the help of Mr. Howland, Jason and IT Matt. The students and staff brainstormed ideas based on certain criteria and were able to utilise new technology such as a video equipped quadcopter to film some of the shots.

For winning the competition, Highland Reserve State School receives a GoPro camera and a $500 Amart All Sports voucher!

Check out the winning entry below:

Bright for Bryn Day

Highland Reserve State School thanks all those who participated in the Bright for Bryn day to support the Asthma Foundation. We were able to raise funds that will directly help those affected by this condition.
Year 6/7 Graduation

Our Year 6/7 Graduation night will be held on Wednesday 10th December starting at 5:30pm. We hope to see as many family and friends as possible to help us officially celebrate our students passage to High School. More details will follow soon.

News from Prep F

Wow what an amazing, fun, busy, exciting term we have had. Check out some great photos of our Father's Day afternoon and our excursion to Sea World. Thank you to everyone who has helped out this term, we can't thank you enough :)

Mrs Patterson, Miss Vasil and Miss Caroline
Year 2C

This term, the Grade 2’s have been learning about life cycles, and have documented the growth of their own grass head plants. 2C have also demonstrated their understanding of money by taking their grass heads to the hairdressing salon, where they had to buy products to give their grass heads a new hairdo. It is safe to say that there are some very stylish grass heads this term!
Year 4 News

St Helena Island – Year 4 Excursion
Our Year 4’s stepped back in time to the late 1800’s and travelled to St Helena Island, as prisoners. We were greeted on the ferry by fellow inmates and our guard who took us on a tour of the grounds, including cell blocks, the kitchens, the courtyards and the cemetery. Over-looking the scenic views and amongst the wildlife that surrounded us, our little prisoners witnessed a day in the life of a convict, as our guard and inmates ‘56 and 31’ taunted us with stories of punishments and solitary confinement. Remember Bella getting married... and then quickly divorced? Who won a prize on the way home during St Helena Island trivia? A fantastic day was had by all and we were very proud of the student’s beautiful behaviour throughout the day.
Student Support News

The Year 6/7 Literacy Group has had an eventful term with a huge improvement in reading, writing and developing a narrative text. Students are working well at researching information using the iPads and we have numerous literacy and numeracy games that our fantastic IT Matt and Jason so kindly downloaded for us.

Individual literacy programs, various life skills programs such as cooking and social skills programs across various year levels have been very successful. This term we cooked a variety of dishes such as pasta, muffins, pies and our favourites were the muesli cookies. Students have been learning to read and write recipes and have participated in making and tasting the various recipes.

The year 1 social skills group have been working each week on a literacy task about ‘Alien Bob’ as part of their integrated unit on Space. We have produced some rules about manners for the unit, role played scenarios on difficult situations and played a range of games to develop communication skills.

Lunch club is working well where students are developing great social skills and friendships. They are learning how to empathise with others and develop positive relationship skills. Turn taking has been an important focus and the students are working towards independence.

The year 6 students went on camp to Jacobs Well Environmental Centre. Teegan was the lucky one to go for 2 days and I took one of our students for the day. Everyone had a great time with a variety of activities.

A big thank you to Coles at Upper Coomera for donating food to the Student Services Centre. We appreciate your kindness.

Enjoy your holiday as I am sure we all will, having had such a busy and successful term in the SSC.

See you in Term 4.

Cheers

Wendy, Teegan and Sue
Finance/Uniform Shop

Please be advised that the Finance window and Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 19th September 2014. It will reopen on Tuesday 7th October 2014.

Café News

The Café will be closed on Friday 19th September 2014 and Wednesday 8th October 2014. It will reopen on Friday 10th October 2014

Please remind parents that Term 4 resumes on Tuesday 7th October due to the Public Holiday on Monday 6th October 2014

Updating Student Enrolment Details

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

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
Young Discoverer's September Vacation Care Program
To join us this holiday period, please fill out the Young Discoverers OSHC September Vacation Care 2014 Form (PDF, 441 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.

Young Discoverer's October Student Free Day Program (October 20)
To join us on October 20 for the Student Free Day Program, please fill out the Young Discoverers OSHC October Student Free Day 2014 Form (PDF, 429 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.

School Banking News

Well the end of Term 3 has come around so quickly! Thank you to everyone for your support in our School Banking throughout this term. We have welcomed a number of new students and some of you who have returned from a short break back into our system. It's so good to see the enthusiasm in our children for saving! Parents keep up the great job of encouraging your children! It is a real pleasure seeing the kids achieving their goals and being rewarded for all their hard work too. School Banking will be back first week in Term 4, that's on Thursday 9th October. So don't forget to bring your bank book into school! New rewards will also be available for redeeming throughout Term 4. Enjoy the holidays. Play and be safe! Happy Banking!

Happy Banking!
Sharlene Dipple
School Banking Co-ordinator

C&K Kindergarten News
Enrol now at C&K Highland Reserve

2015 Enrolment Process has begun...if your name is not on the waiting list you might miss out!

At C&K Highland Reserve your child will:

- Make friends and learn how to interact with other children
- Explore and express their creativity
- Connect with natural environments
- Build confidence and find their unique identity
- Learn to be an effective communicator and involved learner
- Develop early numeracy and literacy skills

ACEQUA has rated C&K Highland Reserve as Exceeding in all National Quality Standards.

Health Care Card Holders pay as little as $1.56 per day!

Becoming part of the C&K family will enable your child and your family to share in the highest standard of early childhood education and care in a supportive, fun and safe environment.

Contact us today to enrol your child or put their name on our waiting list.

Address: 580 Reserve Road
(Behind state school)
Phone: 5580 5013
Email: highlandreserve@candk.asn.au

Where children come first

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).

Extra Curricular Activities

Aussie Hoops
Auskick
HIGHLAND RESERVE SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session — Thursday 23rd October — 27th November
Times: 3:10pm - 4:10pm
Venue: Highland Reserve School oval
Address: 570 Reserve Rd Upper Coomera
Cost: $65
For more information contact: Adam Dunning on 5594 5722.
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au
Participants receive benefits, which includes, Hat, Football, Backpack and much more.

TO REGISTER:
Registration — ONLINE ONLY - Three Easy Steps:
1. Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Print submitted registration form
3. Hand form with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session

THIS CENTRE IS ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION

SIBA Soccer

SIBA SOCCER

is returning to Highland Reserve State School for another after School Soccer Program in Term 4

Following the success of our after school program at the school in Term 2, again, in partnership with Highland Reserve State School we will be running the following After School Soccer Program for both boys and girls:

Start date: Tues 14th Oct – Tues 2nd Dec 2014
Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Duration: 8 week program (every Tuesday)
Ages: 5 – 12 years old
Cost: $95.00
Venue: Main School Field, Highland Reserve State School

This program is a fun, safe and structured one hour after school program held at various schools and Colleges designed for school students to learn the fundamental skills of football in the comfort of their own school. It consists of fun warm up games, ball skills, passing/shoot on goal activities 1v1 & 2v2 games as well as other small sided team games.

You can simply register and pay online for this program on our website www.sibasoccer.com.au (click on Calendar, then click on 14/10/14 (start date) & then click Highland Reserve State School term 4 and then please fill in the relevant booking form on that page)

*If paying online, can you please remember to enter your child’s name as a reference*

For more information please email simon@sibasoccer.com.au OR call Simon on 0434 897664

www.sibasoccer.com.au

Community Notices
https://highlandreservess.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Pages/Current-Newsletter.aspx
Have-a-Go Circus

A circus jam for artists of all skill levels and ages
Come, play and practice your skills. Have-A-Go Circus Director, Lou Moriarty, will host the evening.
Thursday 25 September 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Little Big Top, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise
BYO circus toys. FREE ENTRY, to register email cultural@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

Presented by Spaghetti Circus in partnership with Australian Circus and Physical Theatre Association.

PEARLS Program
## FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS Term Four 2014

### PARENTING MADE EASIER
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 0 – 12 years.
**Monday 10th November - 1st December: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm**
Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

### 1, 2, 3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
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.
**Monday 20th October – 3rd November : 9.30 pm - 11.30 pm**
Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre
**Friday 21st November – 5th December: 9.30 am - 11.30 am**
Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre
**Tuesday 14th October – 28th October: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm**
Bright Horizons Childcare 16 Archipelago St, Pacific Pines ph. 5519 4933

### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
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.
**Thursday 16th October – 6th November: 9.30 am – 12.00 pm**
Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

### ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS
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.
**Wednesday 22nd October – 5th November: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm**
Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

### RELATIONSHIP RESCUE
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.
**Tuesday 21st October – 18th November: 6.30pm – 8.30pm**
Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

### ASSERTIVENESS
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.
**Friday 22nd August - 13th September: 9.30am – 12.00 midday**
Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

### BABYSITTING TRAINING
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.
**Tuesday 14th October – 18th November: 3.45 pm – 5.45 pm**
Heleenvale Library

Child-minding is available during all day programs if required. $4.00 for one child, and $1.00 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.

### Southport Yacht Club School Holiday Camp
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP
at Southport Yacht Club
October 1st, 2nd & 3rd 9:00am till 3:00pm
School Holidays are just around the corner and
Southport Yacht Club is offering yet another School Holiday Camp!

Our camps cater for all children from the ages of 7-17 no matter what their sailing abilities are.
experienced to beginners and everything in between! Our Yachting Australia certified instructors
will be able to allocate the sailors in to appropriate groups to suit the different sailing abilities.

- Three days from 9:00am to 3:00pm - On water activities as well as off water activities
- Morning Tea and lunch included on all 3 days
- You are able to supply your own boat or use one of the club boats (prices vary please see below)
- Day 1 and 2 are more focused on teaching the sailors skills and developing their abilities
- Day 3 gives the sailors the opportunity to test out their skills on a destination sail

SYC Sailing Squadron: 1 Marina Cres Hollywell
Bookings via www.southportyachtclub.com.au or contact 07 5537 7030 for more details
Cost: $165 if you are able to provide your own boat*
$190 if you are using a club boat*

Vegemite Surf Groms
Get Wet Surf Schools 5 day intensive learn to surf programs for 5 to 12 year olds will be held these school holidays for level 1 beginners.
Along with learning basic surf skills the children will also be educated in essential elements of ocean awareness and beach safety all aimed at building confidence in kids.
Each child registered receives the fantastic Vegemite Surf groms back pack full of all sorts of awesome surfing goodies.

For more information call 1800 438 938

Or click here

As supporters of the Brave Hearts organisation, $10 for every child registered for the program with Get Wet will be donated to this wonderful charity.