It was great to watch all of our students positively competing in our School athletics days last week. Our students are very fortunate to have parents who cheer them on to have a go, try their hardest and celebrate in their successes. Thank you to all those who contributed to making these great experiences for our students. The age champions and winning house will be announced at assembly next Monday.

Many of the students at HRSS benefit physically, socially and intellectually from the sporting programs that are offered in our school and in our local community. This Friday we will be asking our senior students to nominate for our Term 3 Cluster Sports Day. This day involves a number of training sessions, a clear standard of behaviour (green level and above) and a fantastic culminating sports day. Funding for additional sports and recreational opportunities may also be available for some families in the Queensland Government’s Get Started program outlined below.

The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club. Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s Get in the Game website - http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/

David Roach
Principal

Welcome Constable Mick!

This week at Parade we welcomed our new adopt-a-cop, Constable Michael O’Halloran to our school community. We would like to thank our local Member of Parliament, Mr. Mark Boothman MP and Senior-Sergeant Andrew Godbold for their assistance in the adoption. Constable Mick is very excited to start working with our community.

The Adopt-a-Cop program was implemented in 1985 to build positive relationships between police and members of the school community through the voluntary appointment of Adopt-a-Cops to schools and other relevant organisations. Note: Members of the school community include students, staff, parents, carers, other interested community members.

The program is an integral part of policing and reflects a greater emphasis on police partnerships with the community. Currently there are over 950 Adopt-a-Cops performing duties in over 1100 Queensland schools.

Adopt-a-Cops are police officers and Police Liaison Officers (to be referred to as ‘Adopt-a-PLOs’) who volunteer to participate in the program. Adopt-a-Cops are generally appointed to primary and secondary schools, however may also be appointed to special schools, early childhood centres and community groups.
For more information, head to the Adopt-a-Cop website.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Do you know the area and perimeter of the hall?

Can you find how many more seats than tables are in the prep eating area?

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week the students at Highland Reserve took part in a maths trail. The trail sent each class searching for answers to maths questions that were placed around the school. It was fantastic to see students participating enthusiastically and putting their 'maths brains' on to solve each problem.

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.
Dear Parents / Carers

Parent/Teacher interviews will begin on Tuesday 3rd September.

You can book interviews at www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Bookings open Monday 5th August at 9am and close on Friday 23rd August at 3pm.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, computer kiosks will be available at the office and in the hub, so that parents can still make their own bookings. Please contact the classroom teacher if you experience any difficulty making your booking.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the classroom teacher directly.

Science Night 2013 - Sciencebration!

When: Thursday 15th August
Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Where: Science Room and Hub

Please join us for an exciting night of science discovery! Come and learn about different Australian Scientists and participate in fun hands-on activities. There will be food available on the night:

- Hot Dogs - $2.00
- Cup of Chicken Noodle soup - $2.00
- Tea and Coffee - $2.00
- Juice Boxes - $1.50

Book Fair 2013

14th August to 16th August

Thank you to all of our students and families who supported our Book Fair in 2012. By purchasing many great items at the fair in 2012 you helped raise $2226.15 worth of valuable classroom readers and SmartCart books for our school.

The Book Fair this year will be located in the Science Centre at these times:

Wednesday 14th August
8:15am – 8:45am
3:00pm – 3:30pm

Thursday 15th August
8:15am – 8:45am
3:00pm – 3:30pm
5:00pm – 7:00pm (Science Night - Sciencebration)

Friday 16th August
8:15am – 8:45am
3:00pm – 3:30pm

Students will have a chance to preview the Book Fair with their classes, and to create a ‘wish list’ on Tuesday 13th August.

We look forward to your continued support and welcome all of our new students and families to attend the Book Fair in 2013.

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!

Year 4 Excursion to St Helena Island

This term students from Year 4 will be travelling to St Helena Island as part of our early convict settlement unit for History and English. The excursion is being held on Wednesday 21st August and students will need to arrive at school by 7:20am and return at 3:30pm. The cost of the excursion is $36.40 and all money and the Year 4 St Helena Excursion Permission Form (PDF, 434KB) need to be returned by Friday August 16.

Dental Van Appointments

Students in Years 3-7 have been offered Dental visit information. 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. When attending your appointment, parents will need to sign in as visitors to the school administration before collecting their child for the appointment.

Prep Information - students starting in 2014

Prep Information Sessions

With Prep Enrolments for 2014 now open, Highland Reserve State School would like to invite families to attend the Prep Information Sessions for students commencing next year in Prep. There will be two sessions held on Tuesday September 17th at 9:00am and at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

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).

School Banking News

School Banking Account Opening Day

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is at HRSS. To help get your child involved we will have representatives from the Commonwealth Bank visit the school on:

Thursday 8th August between 8:15am - 9:00am in the Prep Area

Staff will be available to help complete the application form required to open a Youthsaver account for your child so they can participate in the School Banking program.
- Please ensure you bring along photo identification such as a valid driver’s licence or passport for yourself.
- No identification is required for your child as the school will confirm their identity.
- Siblings are welcome to participate, however you will need to bring along their birth certificate or passport.
- If you can’t make it to school this morning you can visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch with both your and your child’s identification.

School Banking is every Thursday

This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for every child $5 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit).

Term 3 Competition!

Just bank once this term through School Banking to automatically go in to the draw to win an iPad mini!
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 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).

General Information

Gold Coast Show Holiday - Friday 30th August

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).

Year 1 News
Last Thursday we had great fun in participating in our Junior Sports Carnival. Everyone got into the spirit and cheered for their team and friends. After the heats and finals of the sprints were completed, we split into our classes and participated in a series of tabloid games. The games included sack races, an obstacle course, bean bag tossing and the clear favourites of three legged races and tug o’ war. Everyone had a great time, and enjoyed a bit of healthy competition.

A big thank you to Mr Brightwell and Ms Sullivan for all the effort that went into the organisation and running of this fabulous day! We can’t wait to hear the news of the winning House for 2013.

Year 1C News
We are so excited! We filled our very first class bucket on Monday! In our classroom we have been working really hard on being bucket 'fillers' by giving each other compliments, using our manners, making new friends and always being positive. (Everyone has an invisible bucket that represents our mental and emotional health.)
We are looking forward to our first class reward and seeing if we can fill our second bucket quicker!

Year 2C News
2C had a great time at the excursion to Mount Tamborine. We got to learn how the mountain has changed over time. The children saw how people
lived, what they did each day, and then compared this to present time. Thanks again to our wonderful parent helpers for making the day possible!

Year 2E News

As part of our history unit, 2E travelled to beautiful Tamborine Mountain to visit the Heritage Centre. Students were transported back in time to see the history of the mountain. Amongst many things students saw equipment that was used by loggers, cow milking machines and walked through an old cottage. Thank you to the parent helper volunteers that accompanied us on the day.

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 SUNDAY - LAST CHANCE!
The photo fundraiser weekend is next week so this is the last chance for families to get a family portrait taken for only $20.

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.pcsec@gmail.com and be sure to check out the Facebook event for more info
https://www.facebook.com/events/335485316579239

Highland Fling

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for the Highland Fling Trivia and Games night are now on sale. Tickets are $15 pp and it's on Saturday September 7th so grab some friends and make it a night to remember!!

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.

For more information, visit the P&C events website - www.hrsspandc.com.au
FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS: Term Three, 2013

**PARENTING MADE EASIER**
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, cooperation and responsibility.

- Mon 5th August – 16th September: [not 12th August public holiday] 9:30am – 12:00midday (St Georges Hall, Cnr Dapping Drive, Tamborine Mountain)
- Mon 12th August – 16th September: 9:30am – 12:00midday (OCCYC)
- Wed 7th August – 31st September: 9:30am – 12:00midday (OCCYC)

**1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENTING COURSE**
A 6 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.

- Mon 29th July – 12th August: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Koala Kindy, 51 Ashford Rd, Helensvale)
- Thurs 15th August – 29th August: 9:30am – 11:30am (OCCYC)
- Thurs 15th August – 29th August: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Good Start Learning Centre, 1 Michigan Drive, Oxenford)

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**
This 6 week course is a practical and inspiring approach to parenting that uses mindful reflection to support parents to review and understand their patterns of communication with their children; promote more respectful interactions; and encourage the development of children’s positive self identity.

- Fri 2nd August – 6th September: 9:30am – 11:30am (USQ – 3 Jowett Street, Coomera)

**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.

- Tues 6th August – 10th Sept: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (OCCYC)

**BABY SITTING TRAINING**
For 12 – 17 year olds, this 6 week course is a practical and fun approach to baby sitting. The course covers interacting with kids, basic first aid, and tips on managing difficult behaviours. A certificate of attendance is provided at the end, supporting you to gain employment.

- Thurs 1st August – 5th September: 6:00pm – 8:00pm (OCCYC)

**Building a Confident Self**
This 6 week program nurtures the development of a healthy self esteem, supporting you to fulfil your goals in life.

- Thurs 15th August – 19th September: 10:00am – 12:00 Midday (OCCYC)

While parents participate in our day programs, children who require child minding can participate in “Kids at Play” activity group (0-5 years accepted). A kid at Play is $4.00 per child, numbers are limited and bookings are essential.

Please phone 5590 4995/5529 8087 to book a place and / or to register your child/children for childminding.

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.

Community News

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.
Enrolments for Year 7, 8 and 9 are now being taken for the 2014 school year.

An Expression of interest can be downloaded from the college website at www.pimpamassec.eq.edu.au

The College’s Signature Programs in Design Excellence and Performance Excellence will be available for Year 7 and 8 students in 2014. Further information will be available soon.

An Information Night will be held at the College on August 07 from 6.00pm in the Lecture Theatre.

The College Principal John Thornberry will be available in local Primary Schools throughout the term (dates to be advised) to speak with parents and answer any questions.

Pimpama State Secondary College

Helensvale State High School Excellence Programs
Helensvale State High School, will be holding Round 2 of the following Excellence Programs

EXCITE      SPORT      ART
MUSIC      DRAMA
JAPANESE       DANCE

Applications are available from Monday 29 July.
Applications Close Friday 16 August 9am

Dance, Drama, Music, Art & Japanese auditions, exam and workshop will be held on Monday 26 August 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Sport Trials will be held on Wednesday 28 August 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

EXCITE Interviews will be held within the week of 26-30 August.

For further information contact the Administration Office on 5573 8555, email: admin@helensvaleshss.eq.edu.au or visit our website www.helensvale.eq.edu.au