

Friday 21st February 2014

Principal's News

School Leaders

Our school leaders were very proud to receive their leadership badges from Mr Mark Boothman MP at last Monday's parade. It was a special occasion that we celebrated with our students and their families. 2014 is a great year for our leaders at Highland Reserve State School as we welcome our Year 6 students into our leadership programs, I look forward to working with our new student leaders, whose enthusiasm for their new positions is praiseworthy. Thanks to Mrs Sandeman, Mr Travers and Mr Johnson for their involvement in establishing a great start to 2014 with our leadership groups.

Achieving your personal best

I have recently been speaking with the students regarding what they ASPIRE to achieve in their school and out of school lives. Many students have identified learning and behaviour goals that they aspire to achieve in their classrooms and I am also constantly amazed at the sporting and cultural achievements of our students. Achieving your personal best is encouraged in all classrooms at Highland Reserve SS and we are very lucky to have dedicated and committed staff who work with your children to help them identify their strengths and work towards achieving their goals.

Later this term I will be presenting the first round of Gold and Silver awards to students in Years 2-7

Does your child aspire to being a Silver or Gold student?

Does your child have a behaviour and a learning goal?

As teachers, we work beside students and their families to personalise learning and to help students achieve their personal best both in and outside of our school. Parent support of our school processes and active involvement in school activities is appreciated by both teachers and your own children.

Make every day count in 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

<http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland>

Fiona Graham

Acting Principal

Active School Travel

This year Highland Reserve SS is participating in the Active School Travel program aimed at reducing school traffic by promoting walking, riding a bike or scooter, sharing a car with other families and using public transport to and from school. It's also about increasing physical activity levels of children. If you wish to see a safer school community with active and healthy children arriving at school bright, alert and ready to learn, I encourage you to participate in this program.

We need to evaluate the success of the program and we invite you to assist by filling in this short 10 minute survey.

The survey will ask you a series of questions about how you currently travel to and from school and your child/children's current health and fitness levels. This includes if you or your children currently travel to school by car. We need your responses! Please access the parents Active Travel survey at the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CNSMG86>

All of your answers and input will be confidential.

Traffic Newsletter

Important information regarding the school Kiss 'n' Go.

The Gold Coast City Council has placed 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 \(PDF, 460KB\)](#).

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.

When calling the absentee line please ensure the reason is explained with clear and concise information.

Absences of 3 or more days will require notification in writing.

Illnesses of 3 or more days will require a medical certificate.

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.

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.

Student Resource Scheme

The 2014 Student Resource Scheme is now due. The scheme is supported and approved annually by the School's Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), is managed by the school and operates in accordance with section 51 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. Participation in the scheme provides quality resources for your child to use in the classroom as well as online subscriptions. Once the school receives your payment, your child is subscribed to the educational websites our teachers use in class. These websites may include Mathletics, Spelling City, Rainforest Maths, Reading Eggs, Mathsonline, Study ladder, Wings readers and many others. Payment of the scheme will allow your child to access these websites from school and home.

The provision of this scheme ensures that well resourced learning by our students remains our key focus. The scheme is not a fund raiser for the school. Its purpose is to provide you, the parent, with a cost effective, value for money alternative to purchasing resources, consumables and materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from school's bulk purchasing processes.

The participation form for the 2014 Student Resource Scheme will be available online from Monday 10th Feb. Please note - For 3 or more students in the same family, there is a reduced rate of \$100 per student.

Internet banking payment details are below. Other payment methods are available.

EFT Reference: Student's full name and class

BSB: 064-486

Account Number: 10243582

Account Name: HRSS General Account

Amount: \$125.00

Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure – Education Program

Prep to Year 3 students only

On Friday 14th March 2014, your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Program 'The Ditto Show'.

Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

'The Ditto Show' is a 35 minute, live performance with 'Ditto' being the star attraction.

Please note that our program is accredited by Education Queensland.

There is no cost required for your child to attend The Ditto Show.

Complete the [Ditto Show Permission Form \(PDF, 381 KB\)](#) and return it to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

P&C News

The Highland Reserve P&C Association had its first meeting of the year and we had over 30 interested parents and community members attend. What a turnout!

We are so well supported by the community and the HRSS parents. We are very much looking forward to having another great year and being able to provide funds that go directly to enhancing your child's education and time at school.

Our first event of the year will be a Cake Stall at the upcoming Cross Country day on the 18th of March and we will have more details on this in the next newsletter. We also have one of our biggest fundraising events of the year before the end of Term 1 so stayed tuned!

And last but not least a great way to stay up to date with all the important P&C information is to 'like' our Facebook page.

<http://www.facebook.com/HRSSPC>



Prep News

Well our year has well and truly begun and the children are all settled into their classrooms and their new school! We are happy to inform you that your children have been making friends and learning lots of new things during their four weeks at Highland Reserve State School. We hope that your children are enjoying their homework, practising sight words and reading their readers each night. If you have any questions regarding homework, please don't hesitate to ask and we will be more than happy to help.

We have had lots of parents eager to get involved in their child's schooling and volunteer in the classroom. As the children are now settled into the routine of school and familiar with their surroundings, we would like to invite parent helpers along. Morning sessions are 'prime learning time', so this is when most parents choose to help out. If you are not able to volunteer on a regular basis, but would still like to be involved, that is fine! You are more than welcome to pop in whenever you get a chance (even if it is in the afternoon before you pick your child up from school). The children love having their parents involved in their learning and you are their biggest role models!



Cafe News

Friday Flexischools

As Friday is the busiest day in our café, starting this year, every Friday will be 'Flexischools Friday'. This means all orders will be done through flexischools ONLY (no paper bag orders).

Students will still be able to purchase over the counter for second break.

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](#).

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

<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

School Banking News



For all existing Banking Parents/Children from 2013, please be aware that all tokens from last year are no longer available for any redemption prizes. Children were given the opportunity to redeem these at the end of last year and were advised of the new Token Tally School Banking System for 2014. Every child begins their new tally at zero from the beginning of 2014. With every deposit made the new system now automatically tallies each child's tokens. Your children will still receive their silver token with each deposit and they can redeem prizes from the new 2014 Deep Sea Savers Redemption Card that your child's teacher has handed out to them. Once you have saved your 10 Tokens, your redemptions will then be ordered and delivered to your class.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 22 21 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

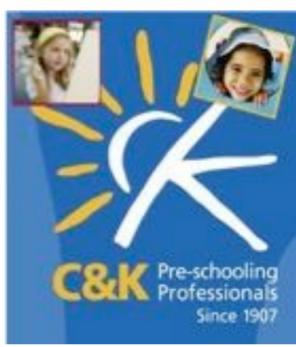
When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Happy Savings!

HRSS Banking Co-ordinator Sharlene Dippel

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 22 21 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 22 21.

C&K Kindergarten News



Limited Spaces - Enrol Now!

Due to popular demand, we are pleased to announce the opening of our 4th group. We have limited spaces available so if you would like your child to participate in a quality education care program which values your child's individuality and interests, please contact Tina to discuss enrolment opportunities for your child.

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.

We are one of the very few Kindergarten's that have been ranked exceeding in all 7 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> , call (07) 5580 5013 for more information or pop in to see us at 580 Reserve Road (behind the school).

Community Notices



NORTHERN GOLD COAST COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre (OCCYC), 25 Tamborine
Oxenford Rd 4210, Oxenford Ph: 55804995/55298087



FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS : Term 1, 2014

<p>PARENTING MADE EASIER</p>	<p><i>This is a 6 week program written from a Counsellors perspective having had 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>Wed: 19th February -26th March : 6:30pm-8:30pm (OCCYC)</p>
<p>1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING</p>	<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>Thurs: 27th Feb- 13th March 6:30-8:30pm (Good Start Early Learning Centre 1 Michigan Drive Oxenford)</p> <p>Fri: 21st March- 4th April 9:30am-11:30am (OCCYC)</p>
<p>BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Mon:17th Feb- 24th March, 9:30am-12midday St Georges Church Hall, Mt Tamborine</p> <p>Thurs: 27th Feb- 3rd April, 9:30am-12midday (OCCYC)</p>
<p>RELATIONSHIP RESCUE</p>	<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>Tues: 18th Feb-25th March, 6:30pm-8:30pm (OCCYC)</p>
<p>BABYSITTING TRAINING</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Thurs: 20th Feb-27th March, 4pm-6pm (OCCYC)</p>
<p>BUILDING A CONFIDENT SELF</p>	<p><i>This 6 week program nurtures the development of a healthy self esteem, supporting you to fulfil your goals in life.</i></p> <p>Fri : 14th February-14th March 9:30am – 12 midday (OCCYC)</p>
<p>While parents participate in our <u>day programs</u>, children who require childminding 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 <u>bookings are essential</u>. Fee to be paid prior to commencing program.</p> <p><u>Please phone 5580 4995/5529 8087 to book a place and / or to register your child/children for childminding</u></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>




saverplus

Would \$500 assist with your child's school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition.

You may be eligible if you:

- have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are 18 or over and
- have some paid income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Sylvia Constantin, your local Saver Plus Worker:
07 5644 9182 / 0431 076 011 or
sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Gold Coast North by The Benevolent Society. Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?



Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have **ANY** child that was born between **1 July 2001** and **30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

ACT NOW!
DEADLINE
JUNE 2014

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