Deputy Principal's News

Report Cards
This week teachers have been sending student report cards to parents directly via email. It has been very pleasing to read the student reports and acknowledge the hard work and effort that students have been making throughout semester one to achieve some excellent results. If you have not received your child's report cards, please contact your classroom teacher to update your email address or contact the office to request a hard copy.

School Uniforms
On several mornings this week we have been greeted by a chilly breeze flowing across the school grounds. This has resulted in a range of colours and styles of jackets, leggings and jeans being worn by students. Highland Reserve State School has high expectations regarding the uniform that students wear. This high standard is a direct result of you, the parents and carers working with the school to set these high expectations for all students. It is extremely important that we continue this high standard throughout the winter months. Students may wear a school jacket, navy jumper, navy tracksuit pants or navy full length tights. If you have any questions regarding the school uniform, please check the website or contact the office.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Start reading!
The reading period for the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge students has begun. You have until Friday 6 September to read 20 books if you are in Prep - Year 3 or 15 books if you are in Year 4 - 7. If all students in the school complete the challenge we are entered into the draw to win some great prizes for our school. For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge.

Enjoy your holidays!

Fiona Graham
Deputy Principal

Project 600 - Year 5 Numeracy
In Semester One the year 5 students at Highland Reserve State School were fortunate to be offered the opportunity to participate in Project 600. This was an online learning partnership between the school and the School of Distance Education.

During terms one and two, 23 students participated in a one hour conference with a teacher in a remote area and completed online learning tasks. At the completion of the lessons each student was required to complete follow up tasks in their own time, prior to the commencement of the next lesson.

As the supervising teacher, it was very pleasing to see the extremely high levels of engagement of all the students. The greatest reward was to see the students rediscover learning and success through the integration of computers and technology.

Abby Dakis-Ross
Dental Van Visit

The Oral Health Service Dental Van will be visiting Highland Reserve State School from Monday 15th July 2013.

If you would like to arrange an appointment for your child to visit the Dental Van please contact the Oral Health Call Centre on 1300 300 850. (Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding Public Holidays).

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

Students in grades 5A, 6A, 6/7A and 7A have already been provided with an offer of oral health care pack to take home.

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 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).

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.
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 staffroom.

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

Absence Notification of 10+ Consecutive School Days

Every parent or carer of a child of compulsory school age has a legal obligation to ensure their child is attending school.

Parents and carers can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend school for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:
- Illness
- Family Reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

For more information regarding an application form, for exemption from compulsory schooling for more than 10 consecutive school days, please contact Administration on (07) 5588 3333 or via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au

General Information

Finance/Uniform Shop
Please be advised that the Finance window and Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 21st June 2013.
It will reopen on Monday 8th July 2013.

Café News
The Café will be closed on Friday 21st June and Monday 8th July.
It will reopen on Wednesday 10th July 2013.
Semester One Report Cards
Semester One Reports will be emailed to parents and carers at the end of this term. Please ensure to update your email address by contacting Administration via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au

Emergency Contact Details
It is important that in the event of an emergency, the school has the most current contact details for all parent and carers. Please ensure to update all contact details regularly by contacting Administration via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 5588 3333.

Student Services Centre News
The Year 5 Literacy Group has had an eventful term with a huge improvement in reading, writing and developing an imaginative text. We now have 10 iPads which have been a great asset to the SSC. Students are learning how to do research using the iPads and we have numerous literacy and numeracy games that our fantastic IT Matt 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, soup and fruit sticks. Students have been learning to read and write recipes and have participated in making and tasting the various recipes.

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.

Enjoy your holidays as I am sure we all will having had such a busy and successful SSC this term.

See you in Term 3.
Cheers,
Wendy and Breanne
Year 2B have been working on writing persuasive arguments. We read a book called “Hey Little Ant” by Philip and Hannah Hoose which provokes thought through a discussion between a boy and an ant. The book encourages children to formulate opinions about animals, peer pressure, and
ways to deal with violence. What does the boy decide to do? Check out 2B's opinions to find out!
Year 3 News

Next term, Year 3 students are studying Space. As part of the orientation to the unit, they have an excursion to the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium planned. The excursion will take place in week 2. 3B and 3C are attending on Thursday 18th July and 3A and 3D will attend on Friday 19th July. The final day for payment is Wednesday 17th July. Payments can be made at the school finance window or paid online. The Year 3’s look forward to sharing their experiences with you next term! If you need a copy of the permission form, head to our Permission Form page on our website.

Class 4A News

Below are some pictures of the students of 4A in action. They have been working well in groups and participating in classroom activities during term 2.

Some of the activities completed were...

Collages made with organic products inspired by the “The Lorax”

Collages made with manufactured products
Class 5A News

This semester has flown by, it’s hard to believe that school holidays are just a few days away. This term, 5A has enjoyed using the green screen to make mini TV shows. I will try and put these up on the class EdStudio over the holidays. They did a fantastic job! We have also been continuing with cooking each week and the students continue to be amazing little chefs. We have even had sushi... twice! 5A showed their support for the Ronald McDonald house by wearing their silly socks. We have been working hard and have filled the class gem jar. We voted on a sports day as the reward, which we held on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed themselves and worked hard all semester to fill the jar. The students have had a blast learning about angles and produced some great pieces of art in the process. I hope everyone has a great holiday and I look forward to term Three!

Kristin Zemek
Athletics Days for Term 3

Thursday 25th July - Prep – 2 Athletics Day (Sprints and Novelty Activities 9am – 1pm)
Friday 26 July - Years 3 – 7 Athletics Day (All Day, Sprints, Field Events, Ballgames, Relays. 8 years olds in Year 3 born 2005 will participate in modified field events)

More information to come soon!

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

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

Gold Coast Active & Healthy Program 2013

The Gold Coast City Council's Active and Healthy Program is running from Saturday 22nd June to Sunday 7th July 2013. Download the Active and Healthy Program Flyer (PDF, 2 MB).

Kids Matter @ Highland Reserve State School

Kids Matter Primary is a mental health and well-being framework for primary schools and has been proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter Primary is a federal government initiative and provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nature happy, balanced kids.

Highland Reserve State School is a Kids Matter school. Check out what's happening within our school, at the Kids Matter website and in the local community to help us all raise happy, balanced children.

From Kids Matter

Kids Help Line

1800 55 1800 - www.kidshelpline.com.au

Young people can access Kids Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Kids Help Line counsellors talk with more than 6,000 kids each week, and help with all sorts of problems, big and small.

When kids call Kids Helpline, they are connected to a counsellor after listening to a message about the counselling process, including privacy and confidentiality information.

All calls are private and confidential unless a Duty of Care situation arises. A Duty of Care situation occurs when:

- A child is being hurt or neglected
- A child is seriously thinking about hurting him/herself
- A child has hurt, or is seriously thinking about hurting someone else
- If we have significant concerns about a child's health and safety

The Kids Help Line website also has a fun site for kids, including hot tips for children and parents. Click on the links below for these hot tips:

What makes a good friend?
Feeling Shy

Parties

Peer Pressure

You can subscribe yourself to the KIDS MATTER parent and carer newsletter, and get tips such as these emailed directly to you, but going online to: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/main-menu/enewsletter

Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children

The Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children Newsletter (PDF, 2 MB) contains information relevant to our local community and activities going on in the area.
Be sure to check out the Confidence at Play Workshop Flyer (PDF, 408 KB) for the June/July holidays.
Visit their website for further details http://youthcentre.org.au

Secondary Schooling Parent Information Sessions

Sessions at Gaven State School
- For Pacific Pines SHS- July 30th at 3.30pm
- For Helensvale SHS – July 10th at 3.45pm
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

It’s pantomime time again! Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Come and see this fun filled family show playing at Spotlight’s Basement Theatre in Benowa. The show runs from Wednesday 26th June until Saturday 6th July two shows a day, except Sundays. You can book tickets at www.spotlighttheatre.com.au or call (07) 5539 4255

Spotlight is a community theatre and a not for profit organisation.
SNOW WHITE and the Seven Dwarfs

The Pantomime
Written & Directed by
Kate Peters

Spotlight Basement Theatre
Wed 26 - Fri 28 June 10.30am & 1.30pm
Sat 29 June 11.00am & 2.00pm
Mon 1 - Fri 5 July 10.30am & 1.30pm
Sat 6 July 11.00am & 2.00pm

Book and Pay
5539 4255
or online www.spotlighttheatre.com.au