Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Night
What an absolute pleasure it was to see the wonderful work of our Science committee and the efforts of our school staff in delivering a really fantastic night of fun and exciting scientific activities. From my conversations with staff it was a highly successful event with possibly even stronger attendance than last year. This year the theme was around science and food and there were many exciting food based activities with surprising results! We also had technology based science at work where children were programming vehicles to do amazing things!

It was obviously enjoyed by the students and parents as they navigated their way through the exhibits completing the treasure hunt sheet. I had the opportunity to talk to many children and so many parents who all commented on the wonderful activity and the sense of community here at Highland Reserve State School.

A sincere thanks to our P&C for their efforts in providing food and drinks on the night as well. Our community and our school depend on the wonderful volunteers we have who go the extra mile for our children and indeed our school community.

Teaching and Learning Audit and School Discipline Audit
In week 8 of this term (1/2 September) our school will be audited around Teaching and Learning and also School Discipline. The internal audit carried out by Central Office Staff, provides us with a chance to measure our success against an internationally developed tool that encompasses the key elements of high performing schools and high performing classrooms. As you can imagine there are common elements that exist in studies undertaken to determine what high performing educational sites look like.

The audit process involves us being able to furnish evidence to the auditors to demonstrate our performance across the audit domains. It is a process designed to assist us to strive towards excellence and also to validate the excellent work that our teachers and our teams do here on a daily basis. I’m looking forward to sharing the outcomes with you once that are made available to us.

2014 Highland Fling!
Our P&C are hosting the Highland Fling again in 2014! It’s a wonderfully fun games and trivia night from all accounts I have heard. Importantly this fundraiser is one of the many things our sensational P&C commit to each year to provide enhanced resourcing for our children.

I understand tickets are limited and selling fast! So support our school - grab some friends and come to the Fling for a great night of fun and games!

Tickets are $20pp and the event is held on October 11th. We hope to see you there!

Traffic Management
Our school is a very busy place, particularly in the afternoon when we have everyone exiting from various locations. I met this week with our Facilities Services Branch to discuss some concerns that had been raised around traffic management. We were able to discuss some solutions to slow traffic around our school and to enhance the safety of parents and children exiting the school. In the coming months we will commit to some of those plans to make our school the safest it can be for students, staff and parents.

Our “Kiss and Go” zone is working really well – please make sure you do not leave your vehicle parked in this area during those peak times as it creates further congestion.

Thank you!
Thanks once again for your warm welcome and open honest conversations about our wonderful school. I appreciate the time that parents have invested in making me feel welcome to this beautiful school community!

Kind Regards,
Andrew Cummings
Principal
2014 NAPLAN Results

Parents in Year 3, 5 and 7 will receive their child’s NAPLAN 2014 reports next week.

Initial reports for HRSS students show strong results with great gains being made for students from Year 3 to 5 and Year 5 to 7. We have an increased percentage of students into the upper 2 bands and the number of students who are below the national minimum standard has decreased significantly from last year.

Our school wide focus in the first six months of this year on reading, spelling and numeracy has resulted in an increase in the number of children operating in the top 2 bands of the tests.

A snapshot of our 2014 results show the following:

- Reading Year 3 - 57% of students in the top 2 bands.
- Reading Year 5 - 37% of students in the top 2 bands.
- Reading Year 7 - 19% of students in the top 2 bands.

- Spelling Year 3 - 51% of students in the top 2 bands.
- Spelling Year 5 - 36% of students in the top 2 bands.
- Spelling Year 7 - 41% of students in the top 2 bands.

- Numeracy Year 3 - 50% of students in the top 2 bands.
- Numeracy Year 5 - 26% of students in the top 2 bands.
- Numeracy Year 7 - 38% of students in the top 2 bands.

Overall the NAPLAN results for HRSS place our school in an excellent position in comparison to other State, Catholic and Independent schools.

Our students achieved 15/15 domains higher than the QLD mean and 14/15 domains equal or higher than the National mean.

I would like to congratulate our students on their commitment to learning and also acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all our teachers from P-7 in preparing and supporting every one of our students as they work towards achieving their individual learning goals.

We have also been able to achieve another of our Great Results Guarantee Targets of achieving 100% of our Year 3 students achieving the National Minimum Standard in Reading.

This again is a great result for our students and an indication of the supportive team approach to learning at HRSS during semester 1 this year.

Kind Regards,
Fiona Graham
Deputy Principal

Behaviour @ HRSS

This week we have been working hard at showing respect in the play areas. We have the right to be happy and be treated with respect, understanding and politeness at Highland Reserve State School.

To show respect in play areas we:

- Play fairly – take turns, invite others to join in and follow rules
- Care for the environment
- Follow instructions from teachers on duty straight away
- Encourage fair play and show good sportsmanship in games

It has been impressive to see so many students put an effort in following the rule of the week and I look forward to handing out Stop Think Do’s during play time and teachers are always on the lookout as well.

Don’t forget that our next Gold & Silver assembly will be in Week 10 of this term!

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces around the school.

Kind Regards,
Abby Ross
Acting Deputy Principal
A huge thank you too all who attended and assisted with the annual Science Night for Highland Reserve State School. The attendance was remarkable this year and students, families, friends, staff and the greater community thoroughly enjoyed the activities that were available. We hope to see you next year!

Talent Show
The HRSS Talent Show is fast approaching!
It will be held in week 9 of this term.
Have your act ready so you can showcase your talent!
Happy practising!

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**Book Fair News**

Thank you to all of our students and families who supported our Book Fair this year.
By purchasing many great items at the fair you have helped raised money for valuable classroom readers and SmartCart books for our school.

**Sports News**

**Go ‘N’ Run**

Go ‘N’ Run is still on 8:30am on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Congratulations to all the students so far this year achieving amazing results because of the commitment and effort they are putting in on these mornings.

Just a quick reminder that if your child is sick, injured or cannot partake in Physical Education can a parent or caregiver please write a note excusing their child from the lesson.

**Prep News**

We have been busy learning about different sea creatures in class. This week in measurement we have been exploring the length of the Blue Whale. The Blue Whale is the biggest mammal in the world, measuring longer than 30 metres. Prep C and D students used their bodies to measure out the length of a Blue Whale on our oval.

Here are some interesting facts that the students have learnt and would like to share:

- A Blue Whale’s heart is the size of a small car
- Each mouthful of Krill that they eat is equivalent to eating 1,900 cheeseburgers
- A Blue Whale weighs roughly the same as forty African Elephants - WOW!

Miss McLean and Miss Edmondson
Prep Sea World Excursion

Date: Thursday 28th August 2014
Time: 8:30am for a 9:00am sharp departure
Bring: hat, fully disposable lunch and water bottle (in a plastic bag with your child’s name) – no containers please!
Students are required to wear full school uniform for the event.

Payment & Permission: Due by Monday 25th August
Download the [Sea World Permission Form (PDF, 946 KB)](http://example.com) or ask the office ladies for a printed version.

Year 5 News

Camp
The Year Fives will be going to Lake Moogerah in Term Three from September 1st to 3rd. Payment is due by August 25th. Download the [Year 5 Camp Lake Moogerah Permission Form (PDF, 325 KB)](http://example.com) for more information.

Oral Health Update
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 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

Welcome to Term 3! Just a reminder that School Banking is on Thursday each week, so please remember to send in your kids banking books so they can be rewarded for their saving achievements! It is wonderful to see how many there are banking.

Happy Banking!
Sharlene Dippel
School Banking Co-ordinator

P&C News

Highland Fling

Tickets on sale now!

For more information about this year’s Highland Fling and to choose your table name visit the dedicated P&C Highland Fling Information section of our website.

You can now email events@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au with your table name preferences and numbers. Once submitted and confirmed, you will receive an email with step by step instructions for booking and payment options.

Please note this is a very popular event and tickets do sell out quickly and are strictly limited, so get in early!
You can either book a whole table of 10 or you can book a single ticket and we will seat you with other friends for the night.
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
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

Currumbin Valley Spring Festival
Coomera Hope Island Cricket Club
Coomera Hope Island Cricket Club
Milo Cricket Season Sign on 2014-15
(5-9 olds boys and girls)
Saturday 16 and Sunday 24 August – 9 am till 12pm

Take Backyard Cricket to the next level and have some fun with your mates and make new friends. For only $80 you can sign on for your milo cricket and support your local community cricket club. Registration includes a full milo in2cricket set containing backpack, t-shirt, water bottle, hat, bat, ball and 12 weeks of Friday afternoon cricket.

www.chicc.net

Milo Season starts on Friday 24th October @ 4pm
For any questions please contact our club president Matt Haydon on 0402 987 698
or contact Lyndall on 0422 378 165
25 Tamboines-Oranford Road, Oranford.
Oranford Oval
Visit www.chicc.net or like our fan page at www.facebook.com/coomeraCrocs
## FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS Term Three 2014

### PARENTING MADE EASIER
This is a 4 week program written from a counsellor’s perspective who has 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.
- **Monday 21st July - 11th August**: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm (OCCYC)
- **Wednesday 23rd July - 13th August**: 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm (OCCYC)

### 1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENTING COURSE
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.
- **Friday 1st August - 15th August**: 9.30 - 11.30 am (OCCYC)
- **Monday 18th August - 1st September**: 9.30 am - 11.30 am (OCCYC)

### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
A 4 week program that uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children, to promote more respectful interactions and encourage the development of children’s positive self-identity.
- **Tuesday 5th August - 26th August**: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm (OCCYC)

### 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 22nd July - 26th August**: 6:30pm - 8:30pm (OCCYC)

### SELF-ESTEEM
This is a 5 week nurturing program that helps build your self-esteem, increasing your confidence and feeling better about yourself.
- **Friday 22nd August - 19th September**: 9:30am - 12:00 midday (OCCYC)

### 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.
- **Thursday 7th August - 11th September**: 4:00pm – 6:00pm (OCCYC)

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

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**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.

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Benevolent Society News
Special Needs Playgroup
for carers and their children, newborn to 6 years

- Facilities and resources provided by Benevolent Society
  - Run during school terms
  - NO COST

Fortnightly on Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.00am

At Coomera Springs Early Years Centre, 255 Old Coach Road, Upper Coomera 4209
(2nd driveway on the left after Coomera Springs State School)

For further Information, please contact Karen Carter on 5644 9411

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