Dear Parents and Carers,

School Opinion Survey
The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the Department’s State Schools Division to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling.

You are invited to participate in this year’s School Opinion Survey and have your say about what your child’s school does well, and how it can improve.

Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Your feedback will be provided back to your child’s school in such a way that you cannot be identified.

The online survey will be available until 3 August 2014, and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The eldest student from each family attending Highland Reserve State School will take home an A4 Parent School Opinion Survey Information Sheet on Monday 28 July. The information sheet will include the survey web address and unique survey codes.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about the survey.

Attendance
At Highland Reserve State School Every Day Counts. Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school. It is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes and foster a shared commitment to improving school attendance.

- Every Day Counts because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.
- Every Day Counts because going to school means getting a better chance in life.
- Every Day Counts because school helps children make friends and be happier.
- Every Day Counts because the laws says children must go to school.

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: (07) 5588 3366 or via Email: office@highlandreservess@eq.edu.au

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held from August 4th - 15th.
(Year Seven interviews will be available at the end of Term 3)

The online booking system is now open and will close on Thursday 31st July.
Information regarding booking an interview is available below and at www.schoolinterviews.com.au.

This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to discuss their child's progress with their classroom teacher.
Deputy's Debrief

Term two is now in full swing and it is amazing to walk around and see so much wonderful work is happening in all of our classrooms. We are continuing to focus on a rule a week this term and during week 2 we are focusing on Effort.

Effort

At our school, we have a responsibility to try our best in everything that we do.

How to make sure you put in your best effort in all you do:

1. Have a positive ‘can do’ attitude
2. Take risks even if you are not sure you are right. Everyone learns from their mistakes.
3. Be persistent - keep trying and don’t give up.

During week two the students have been focusing on giving their best effort in their school work in the classroom. They have also been asked to give their best effort to keep their bag racks tidy so that the walkways are safe.

Remember to show respect, give your best effort, show safety and be self-responsible. Looking forward to seeing all your Stop Think Do’s come up to the office and to see all your hard work in the classroom!
Performing Arts Night

A big congratulations to all of the talented performers at our Performing Arts Night this week! There were outstanding performances by the instrumental and strings program, the guitar academy and the choir. A special thanks to those that organised, helped and attended the event.

Science Night

20th August 2014

When: Wednesday 20th August 2014
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: Science Room and surroundings

Our school will be involved in the National Science Week this year, hosting a Science Night. This year, the theme is Food for our future – Science feeding the world. The theme is Food and there will be plenty at the P&C stalls!
So come along and have some fun with food!

Talent Show

The HRSS Talent Show is fast approaching! It will be held in week 9 of this term. Class and year level auditions will start in week 4 to 6. Have your act ready so you can showcase your talent. Happy practising!

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.

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) for more information.

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.

School Baking 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 1st August!**

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.

From the 1st of August you can email [events@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au](mailto: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.

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**Family Portrait Fundraiser**

Who wants a Family Portrait for $20?

For $20 you receive a 10x13" family portrait OR pencil sketch and a free keyring with wallet sized portrait.

- **When:** Saturday the 9th of August at the school hall
- **How to book:** Email the P&C at [pandc@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au) with a preferred time.

You will need to hurry as last year the available slots filled very quickly!
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](http://www.facebook.com/HRSSPC)
Enrol now at C&K Highland Reserve

2015 Enrolment Process is about to begin...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 subsidies available

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

Speech and Drama News
Speech and Drama Results for Murwillumbah Eisteddfod in June 2014
- Sinead R - Humorous Poem - 7 years - Highly Commended
- Emma Z - Humorous Poem - 8 years - 3rd Place
- Kaine N - Humorous Poem - 10 years - Commended

Well done to all that attended!
Karen Sleep
Speech and Drama Teacher

Community Notices
Memorial Walk

Memorial Walk
QUEENSLAND

"Walking in honour of all the precious babies little lost lives"

Get a team together, bring your family or come alone and join us to raise awareness for Pregnancy and Infant Loss and raise funds to ensure our program can continue to reach out to bereaved families.

When: Sunday September 14th 2014
Where: Damian Leeding Memorial Park, QLD
Time: 9:00am Registration 10:30am Start
Walk or run 1, 2 or 3 laps of the lake

Register Online at

Contact Details
Tammie Pask - 0413 866 502 qld@pregnancylossaustralia.org.au

Registration Costs
Individual - $20
Family (2 Adults & up to 4 Children) - $50
Corporate (min 6 people) - $15 per person

Fundraise & Win
Major prize valued at $250 to be won for the person, family or corporate group that raises the highest amount of deposited funds for the memorial walkathon! Fantastic 2nd and 3rd gift prizes will also be given.
Online Fundraising:

Featuring
Face Painter
Kids Jumping Castle
Sausage Sizzle
Market Stalls
Balloon Release
PEARLS Program

QUEENSLAND LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

SPEDL Qld & the Queensland Learning & Development Clinic presents...

Learning Difficulties and Disabilities: Working Together for our Children

Presentations from Leaders in:
- Working Memory & Education
- Speech & Language
- Educational Psychology
- Occupational Therapy
- Paediatrics

WORKING MEMORY & LEARNING

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS & LANGUAGE

TRAUMA & LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

SENSORY SAVVY CLASSROOMS

SELF REGULATION & LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
- Principals
- Assistant Principals
- Teachers
- Teacher Aides
- Guidance Officers
- Psychologists
- Speech Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Paediatricians
- Parents
- Carers

COST
$75.00 pp

Includes morning tea, light lunch and afternoon tea

www.speld.org.au

www.queenslandldc.com.au
**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) |
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| 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.

Communities for Children Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services
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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