

Principal's News

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy from 14–16 May. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Parents can help their child prepare for NAPLAN by:

- Ensuring they have the equipment they need on each day of the test;
- Providing healthy food leading up to and on test days;
- Making sure they are fresh on the day and have had at least 8 hours sleep each night; and
- Reassuring your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available at <http://www.nap.edu.au>

David Roach
Principal

School Photos



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Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on **Thursday 9th May & Friday 10th May & 2013.**

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a "family order envelope" from your school & return it to the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

Winter Uniforms

With winter fast approaching, now is the time to purchase a HRSS winter jacket!
Cost is \$48 and can be purchased from the uniform shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:30am - 10:00am.
Alternatively, you can purchase through Flexischools online.

If you are unsure of sizing, feel free to come in and try one on!

Students are permitted to wear plain navy tracksuit pants (eg from Target or K-mart) during the cooler months.
Girls can wear FULL length navy opaque tights (not to the ankle) under their skorts/culottes.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again in 2013.
In 2012, with thanks to our families, our school earned over 52000 Earn and Learn points.
These points were used to redeem hundreds of dollars worth of educational resources, such as this Lego Robotics equipment.



You can help our school again by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013.

For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn point from the checkout operator.

Place the points on to a Woolworths Earn & Learn points sheet. Once the sheet is completed, return it to school and drop it into the collection box situated in the Office.

The more points we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program including numeracy and literacy resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to another successful program!

Every day counts

As we start Term 2, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

Kids who read succeed!

The HUB is open every morning from 8.30am for students to share a book and read to an adult. Students are able to read their home readers or share a library book.



Student Resource Scheme

The 2013 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 [2013 Student Resource Scheme \(PDF, 347 KB\)](#) was sent home earlier this term. 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

School Banking News



Win the Dollarmites' treasure.

Simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

1st Prize.
\$5,000 family adventure to anywhere in Australia with \$500 spending money.

25 x Runners-up prizes.
Awesome kid's packs that will always have you ready for adventure! Worth over \$700, they're jam-packed with:

- A Wii U
- Walkie talkies
- Night vision goggles
- A waterproof camera
- A Razor eSpark electric scooter

Things to know before you Can: NSW Permit No. LTPS/13/1306 . VIC Permit No. 13/476. ACT Permit No. TP13/645. SA Permit No. T13/307. Competition closes 05/07/13. First entry drawn on 23/07/13 from all entries received will win, and details will be published in the Public Notices section of The Australian on 02/08/13. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, Level 13, Darling Park, Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/adventureisland



Visit by School Nurses for Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. According to the Optometrists Association Australia, approximately 1 in 4 Australian children suffer from an undetected vision problem, with many children adapting to their vision problem without knowing they could see better. Vision screening is vital to allow your child the best chance of reaching his/her full learning potential.

The School Nurses will commence Vision Screening for all Prep Year children on 30th April, 2013. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the Vision Consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Please note that if your child has already had a vision assessment at 4 years of age it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. Please ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews suggested by your eye health professional.

Lisa Hutchinson
Clinical Nurse
Child Youth and Family Health

Year 3 News

What a great start to Term 2! In SOSE this term we are comparing our lives to our Asian 'neighbours'. As part of this unit, we are encouraging children to share their knowledge and experiences of the Asian cultures. If you have any stories, photos, resources or information that you wouldn't mind sharing with the Year 3 classes, please let your teacher know.

Children are engaged in various activities to support their understanding and preparation for NAPLAN. As you may be aware the genre for this years writing task is persuasive writing. We are happy with how children are progressing with NAPLAN preparation, please continue to support your children at home with their endeavours. There are lots of resources that are available to further support children. If you are having trouble locating these resources, feel free to contact your teacher. We look forward to celebrating their achievements later this term.

5A News

5A had a fantastic first term. The students loved cooking in pairs every Friday as part of our Oral Language program.

We were also lucky enough to have Cr. William Owen-Jones from District Two come in and speak to the students about the different levels of government. A big thank you from all the Year Five students and teachers!

5A participated in raising money for 'Be Brave and Shave' and looked great doing it.

Term Two is off to a great start! Students will be using the green screen and creating a mock talk show over the next few weeks which we are all very excited about. In Science, we are exploring space and planning an imaginative mission to one of the planets in our solar system. Keep an eye out for more news from 5A.



Science in 6A

6A were lucky this week to receive a visit from keen scientist Mr Noll (Mrs Sandeman's dad). We learnt a variety of fun and interesting facts about electricity. Some of them even made our hair stand on end! We were amazed to see foil leaves, aluminium cans and water move without being touched. Mr Noll also taught 6A a cool party trick by showing us how to separate salt and pepper using just a balloon, ask us how!



Year 7 Camp

After a cancellation the first time, we could not have asked for more perfect weather second time around for our camp at Jacobs Well. We stayed for 3 days and 2 nights and had an excellent time.

The children engaged in many educational and exciting activities from trawling to night time frogging (catching and identifying frogs). We even got to get up close and personal with one of the camp residents - Agro the 2.3m python which was Miss Stewart's and Miss Callaghan's highlight!

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Jason and Miss Callaghan for giving up their time and coming on camp with us. We are sure they had such a great time too and have been straight to Mr Roach to put their names down to help with the next camp!



Sports News

HRSS District Team - Runaway Bay, Friday 24th May

All 2003, 2002 and 2001 place getters as well as 4th place getters from the 2013 Interhouse Cross Country are eligible to join the district team provided they:

- a) meet behaviour standards
- b) attend "at school training" prior to the event
- c) return all relevant paperwork at the advised time

HRSS 2013 Interhouse Cross Country Results

Congratulations Runners!

Age Group	<i>First</i>	House	<i>Second</i>	House	<i>Third</i>	House
PREP	Aiden Kennedy	G	Jyah White	W	Noah Meliendrez	W
	Bronte Shore	G	Madeline Main	W	Natalia Armour	G
2007	Jimmy Jack Collins	K	George Beck	G	Blayde Springall	W
	Bailey McCurdy	G				
	Mia Silcock	K	Tia Kostevski	W	Jaleal Nikora	G
2006	Hunter Smith	G	Harrison Ellis	G	Christian Tuminello	G
	Sophie Paterson	W	Annalise Cromack	G	Kristie Power	G
2005	Oliver Pratt	K	Ned Connor	W	Jackson Cacciala	W
	Holly Shore	W	Taylor Lavagna Slater	G	Jessica Ramsay	G
2004 Year 3	Tommy Beck	G	Michael Brady Fujita	K	Cooper Springall	W
	Mikaela Smith	G	Roxie Cunningham	G	Samara Parson	W
2004 Year 4	Koen Stambera	K	Oliver Cox	K	Lachlan Cleaver	W
	Jasmine Paterson	W	Kahlee Power	G	Charley Siulepa	W
2003	Zachary Cacciala	W	Ian Lee	W	Bailey Mitchell	W
	Shiloh Park	W	Ashleigh Woodbury	K	Erin Howe	W
2002	Kyran Dippel	G	Owen Cope	W	Mike Ramsay	G
	Aqua Cunningham	G	Abbie Pluples	G	Hayley Naidoo	W
2001	Jayden Gibbs	W	Oscar Pratt	K	Trent Smith	G
	Ellie Jay Beck	G	Breezanh Toia	K	Nicola McAvoy	W
2000	Paris DeGroot	W	Liam Thompson	G	Oliver Leeder	K
	Hope Rinn	K	Jordan Lawson	W		

P&C News

A very successful Cross Country Bake Stall was the perfect way to end the first term. A HUGE thank you goes to every parent, grandparent or friend who donated baked goods, to all of the volunteers on the day and to everyone that bought cakes on the day. Every single one of you enabled the P&C to raise over \$1100 dollars!!!

\$5000 for School Books

Combined with the commission the P&C received for all the bookpicks that were ordered late last year we are now able to donate \$5000 to the school. This \$5000 will purchase home readers and library books that a growing school like ours is always in need of and we couldn't have done this without you!

Community Breakfast at the Tuckshop

Come down and join us for breakfast! The first term community breakfast was so successful that Highland Reserve P&C are holding another one in Term Two. Come and meet some of the new faces on the executive committee or just catch up with other parents over a bacon and egg burger. We will be holding it at the tuckshop from 8am this Tuesday the 30th of April.

Mother's Day Stall

Has the mother in your household been leaving Mother's Day present hints? We have the solution for you! The Highland Reserve P&C is holding it's annual Mother's Day Stall for students to buy gifts for their mother, grandmother etc. All the children will get a chance to buy something during the day on Wednesday the 8th of May. We have all sorts of great gifts that will range in price but start for as little as \$2.

P&C Meeting

Thank you to all of the members and guests who came along and participated in April's monthly P&C Meeting. For those unable to make it, the Meeting Minutes are on our P&C Portal.

Our next monthly P&C Meeting is on Tuesday the 7th May at 6.30pm in the School Staffroom. Come along to a meeting to be updated and involved with what is happening at the school.

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Course

A three-session program for parents and carers

to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old is being held at:

Highland Reserve State School (570 Reserve Rd, Upper Coomera) Monday (evenings) : 20th May to 3rd June, 2013 6:00pm- 8:00pm

The [1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Course Flyer \(PDF, 185 KB\)](#) contains more information.

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.

Visit their website for further details <http://youthcentre.org.au>



In 2013, Highland Reserve State School, with the strong backing and support of the P and C, has embarked on the KidsMatter journey. KidsMatter 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.

Your P&C representatives on the KidsMatter committee are Kerry Kable and Kylie Pascoe.

For further information check out the KidsMatter website <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary>

Shy kids get online support: Beating the back to school worries!

For shy children, back to school can be especially difficult. But there is help available! A team of researchers (BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of Queensland seek children (8-12 years) suffering from social anxiety; a fear of embarrassment in front of others, or extreme shyness. This program aims to help both children and parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and ways to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations.

The program requires participating children to complete ten, 60-minute online treatment sessions over a period of 10 weeks. Parents will also be required to participate. Interested participants should contact the BRAVE team on (07) 3735 3312 or email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au. Alternatively please visit the BRAVE online website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety

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