Principal's News

Staffing 2015

In 2015 we welcome some additional staff to our school. In some cases the position is new and the staff have already been at the school. In other cases staff are new to our school in newly created positions designed to focus on school improvement.

Congratulations to the following staff:

- Wendy Winspear – On her appointment as HOSES Highland Reserve State School (New position commencing 2015 centrally funded)
- Sarah Gatti – Master Teacher (0.5), currently at Beenleigh State School (New position commencing 2015 centrally funded Queensland Government initiative – to assist teacher development.)
- Kathryn Field – Head Of Curriculum (HOC), currently at Boronia Heights State School as a substantive HOC (School funded position to address heightened curriculum coordination needs as we grow and new curriculum areas come on line in 2015.)

We have taken applications for our 2015 Guidance Officer position and will be announcing the successful applicant early next week. We are looking to interview on Friday 28th November.

Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be held next Thursday (4th December). I remind parents and students that this is a school curriculum event and that attendance at the day is expected. Swimming carnival days are always a great opportunity to have some fun, build school and house spirit and for us to engage our children as a community in a healthy lifestyle initiative. I hope to see you there to join us in this fun filled day!

Volunteers

We have a wonderful volunteer culture in our school! I just want to thank all those people who have volunteered in any way to contribute to the school but more importantly to the lives of the children we educate. Without volunteers we would not have many opportunities available to our children. We recognised volunteers this week at our Volunteer Morning Tea. Thank you sincerely for your work in our school.

Constitutional Changes – School Council

We had our first meeting of the School Council last week and elected a School Council Chairperson and Secretary. The positions were highly contented! Congratulations to Christine Main who is our Chairperson unopposed and also to Helen Eckert-Hawksford who is the Secretary elect also unopposed.

We had some discussion on terms of office for School Council members, some discussion on the School Council composition and also importantly on some proposed constitutional changes.

These changes included:

1. Some flexibility around terms of office and eligibility for the School Council Chairperson (with the intent of ensuring consistency on Council).
2. That School Council meetings would be closed to observers unless specifically stated by the council that they are open meetings.

The thinking behind this is that given we are a strategic body we felt the opportunities to give input on matters could be achieved through the P&C arena. The issue of maintaining the current feedback mechanisms of the school was also discussed. That is: Teachers first, Deputy Principal/Principal if required. We don't want confusion over the purpose of the School Council.

Class formations
I expect the class formations to be done in the coming week. Children will have some idea of those arrangements in the last week of school. Please resist phoning the office or questioning staff as we are working on a very large and complex task. We will give information as it becomes available and staffing is finalised for 2015. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

Andrew Cummings
Principal

Sports News

Our Swimming Carnival for Year 4-7 students will be next week on Thursday the 4th of December. It will be held at the Coomera Anglican College pool again which was a fantastic venue last year with plenty of seating for parents and cheer squads! The day will run from 9:30am - 2:00pm with plenty of competitive races and free swims for all to enjoy!

Regards,

Simon Travers
PE Teacher

Chaplains News

Highland Reserves Christmas Hamper Drive

We are looking for donations of long-life food and new toys to help support the Salvation Army Christmas Drive. The Salvation Army delivers food and toy hampers to many struggling families in our local area to help them celebrate Christmas.

Over the course of Term 4, please drop off any items in the designated box in the office.

Thank you for your support towards our local community. Together we can all make a difference to those facing challenging times!

Year 6/7 Graduation

Just a reminder to parents/caregivers to send graduation seating forms back to classroom teachers ASAP.

Graduation for Year 6 and Year 7 will be held in the HRSS Hall on Wednesday the 10th of December, starting at 5:30pm and finishing at 7:15pm. RSVP by the 28th of November, please email your child's teacher directly.

Thank you for your assistance.
You are cordially invited to attend the Year 6 & 7 Graduation Ceremony on

Wednesday 10th December 2014
being held at the
HRSS Hall
5:30pm – 7:15pm

RSVP jkerr151@eq.edu.au
by 28th November 2014

Prep News
Finance/Uniform Shop

**Uniform Purchasing 2015**
With the end of the year fast approaching, we would like to encourage all existing families to make their uniform purchases during Term 4 if possible. This will help with managing our stock supplies and parents can avoid the rush at the beginning of the year.

The uniform shop will be CLOSED for the last week of Term 4 (Mon 8th Dec – Fri 12th Dec 2014).

**Uniform Shop 2015**
The Uniform Shop will be open EVERYDAY between Monday the 19th of January to Friday the 23rd of January 9:00am–11:00am.
We will also be open on Tuesday the 27th of January 8:30am–10:00am.
We will then resume our usual operating hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am–10:00am.

**Wanted - Spare HRSS Uniforms**
Donations of any spare HRSS Unisex Shorts for our Healthroom would be greatly appreciated. These items are used for students who may require a change of clothes during the day.

If your child has recently borrowed uniforms from our Healthroom, could these items please be washed and returned to our Office as soon as possible as our stocks are running low.

Back to School Office Hours
The office will be open EVERYDAY between Monday the 19th of January to Friday the 23rd of January 2015 9:00am–12:00pm.

Café News

The Café will be closed for the last week of Term 4 which is Monday the 8th of December to Friday the 12th of December 2014.

It will reopen on Friday the 30th of January 2015.

QSchools app

New features of the Department's QSchools mobile app have been released, including an exciting push notification feature which offers a direct communication channel from your school.

To be able to receive important messages instantly to your mobile device (push notifications):

2. If you already have the app, please ensure it is up-to-date, as out-dated versions will not receive notifications.
3. Make sure you select your favourite school.

You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device.

Notification of Students Leaving HRSS in 2014

If you have a child/children who will be leaving Highland Reserve State School during or at the end of Term 4 this year, please complete the Student Leaving Form and return this form to the school Office before their final day of school.

This does not apply to graduating Year 6 & 7 students.

Notification of Students who will be Absent at the Commencement of School in 2015

A notification will be required for Students who are returning in 2015, however will be absent from school from when it resumes on Tuesday the 27th of January 2015 up until Thursday the 5th of February 2015.

Please notify our Office before their last day at school in 2014 on (07) 5588 3333 or via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au.

Please provide the name/s of student/s, dates absent, absence reason and confirmation that your child/children are not enrolled at another QLD State School.

Students with Medication at School – End of Year Process

If your child has ANY medication at school including Asthma puffers, EpiPens, medicines or tablets these MUST be collected by a parent from the Office on your child's last day of school for 2014.

If the parent is unable to collect it themselves then a letter in writing is to accompany another nominated adult to collect any items stored in the Healthroom. Students will NOT be allowed to collect medications of any sort.

Any medications still in the Healthroom after the students last day of school in 2014 will be disposed of and not held on the premises over the holiday period due to security reasons.

Please ensure that if your child needs to continue, or start medication at school in 2015 that a new Request to Administer Medication Form, Medical Details Form and Asthma Policy Form (if applicable) is completed upon return next year.

Also ensure that the medication being sent to school is not about to expire and has a pharmacy label and action plan attached to it.

If you have any questions regarding medication please contact the Office on (07) 5588 3333.

Attendance Matters
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1 or 2 days a week may not seem much however...

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'Every Day Counts!' at

Highland Reserve
State School

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much... however

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Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

School Starts at 8:50am

'Every Day Counts' at

Highland Reserve
State School
Picnic in the Park

To celebrate another great year the P&C association invites you to a Picnic in the Park. Come along with your packed picnic and share a bite to eat with your friends while the kids play ball games with the Senior students.

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 Summer Vacation Care Program

To join us this holiday period, please fill out the Young Discoverers OSHC Summer Vacation Care 2014-2015 Form (PDF, 465 KB) and return ASAP.
Due to popular demand
Young Discoverers is giving you a choice of locations for all your School Age Care needs!

We are excited to announce: Term one 2015 we will see the arrival of school care at our lakeside centre. (25 Rose Valley Drive)

For more information chat with: Lynda (5588 3356) or Charmaine (5519 3476)

Discover the Difference!

Enrol now at C&K Highland Reserve

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 Holders pay as little as $1.56 per day.

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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 5613
Email: highlandreserve@candk.asn.au

Where children come first
Hello to all our School Bankers! We are fast approaching the end of term and 2014 and would like to remind everyone that week 9 is the final week for redemptions to receive your rewards by the end of the school year, week 10, and YES we will be banking on Thursday 11th December, so don’t forget your deposits!

The following reward items unfortunately are no longer available:

- Projector Cup
- Swimming Bag
- Hand Ball
- Penguin Key Ring
- Shark Whale Pencil Case

The good news is that all tokens that the children have at the end of 2014 will carry over to 2015, so they might like to wait until then to redeem if there is nothing that they want from this year’s rewards.

All the Ladies at School Banking would like to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY & SAFE NEW YEAR!!!!

Also a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all our Senior Year Students. We wish you all well on Graduation Day and in your future years. You will all be missed, but remember to continue to always put a little savings away each week and you will achieve your dreams!

Happy Banking!

From Sharlene Dippel (HRSS Banking Co-ordinator) and all our wonderful Volunteer Banking Ladies.
**Pop and Top Program**

*Speech and Language Groups for Northern Gold Coast Families*

**Talking First Words**

*Suitable for children: 1.5 - 3 years*

Fun, playgroup style activities based around common children's themes for children who are beginning to use words and hoping to extend to 2 word phrases and build vocabulary. Parents are provided with ideas and strategies to support their child's language development.

These groups are provided through ongoing financial support of C4C ensuring access to all families at a significantly reduced cost.

Pop and Top group program designed by Dr Brenda McMahon (Speechnet - Brisbane) - more information at www.speechnet.com.au

The groups are run by Jane & Carmen, Speech Language Pathologists.

To book a place for your child contact Carmen 0409 528 771 or E.P.E.E.H at: karyn@speechforkids.com.au

**Term 4 Dates:**

- 18 October 2014
- 20 October 2014
- 30 October 2014
- 6 November 2014
- 13 November 2014
- 20 November 2014
- 27 November 2014
- 4 December 2014

**Time:**

10am - 10:45am

**Location:**

90 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera (parking and entry off Abraham Road)

**Cost:**

$50 for the term. This provides you and your child with exciting activities to complete between sessions. All costs can be claimed against health care funds.
Pop and Top Program
Speech and Language Groups for Northern Gold Coast Families

Talking Sentences

Suitable for children:
2.5 - 4 years

Fun, playgroup style activities for children using at least 3-4 words in a sentence. This group aims for increase a child's sentence variety, length and clarity. Parents are provided with ideas, and strategies that support language development at home.

These groups are provided through the ongoing financial support of C4C ensuring access to all families at a significantly reduced cost.

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karynk@speechforkids.com.au

Term 4 Dates:
16 October 2014
23 October 2014
30 October 2014
6 November 2014
13 November 2014
20 November 2014
27 November 2014
4 December 2014

Time:
9am - 9:45am

Location:
90 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera (parking and entry off Abraham Road)

Cost:
$50 for the term. This provides you and your child with exciting activities to complete between sessions. All costs can be claimed against health care funds.
Community Notices

**Pop and Top Program**

**Speech and Language Groups for Northern Gold Coast Families**

**Talking Together**

Suitable for children: 3.5 - 6 years

Fun, playgroup style activities based around common children’s books that boost language and learning through increasing sentence structure, vocabulary and key learning areas essential for school readiness. Parents are provided with ideas, and strategies that support language development at home.

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**Term 4 Dates:**
- 16 October 2014
- 23 October 2014
- 30 October 2014
- 6 November 2014
- 13 November 2014
- 20 November 2014
- 27 November 2014
- 4 December 2014

**Times:**
11am - 11:45am

**Location:**
90 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera (parking and entry off Abraham Road)

**Cost:**
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**Community Notices**

**Simply Carols in Highland Reserve**

**PEARLS Program**
# FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS Term Four 2014

## PARENTING MADE EASIER
- During this four session course learn how to raise children that are respectful, resilient, responsible, and cooperative; how to discipline without yelling, arguing, or smacking; and much more! Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 0 – 12 years.
- **Monday 10th November - 1st December:** 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
  - Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

## 1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
- A three session program for parents, child care workers, and teachers to help promote positive behaviour and manage difficult behaviour in children 2 - 12 years old. Strategies are also suitable for children with ASD or COD.
- **Monday 20th October - 3rd November:** 9.30 am - 11.30 pm
  - Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre
- **Friday 21st November - 5th December:** 9.30 am - 11.30 am
  - Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre
- **Tuesday 14th October - 28th October:** 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
  - Bright Horizons Childcare 16 Archipelago St, Pacific Pines ph. 5519 4933

## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
- A four week program that teaches practical parenting skills for a rapidly changing society, and new techniques to deal with everyday pressures that impact on ourselves and our children.
- **Thursday 16th October - 6th November:** 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
  - Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

## ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS
- During this three session course learn new skills for resolving teenage behavioural problems, how to have conversations around problems that can't be ignored, and how to build and maintain a better relationship.
- **Wednesday 22nd October - 5th November:** 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
  - Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

## 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 21st October - 18th November:** 6.30pm - 8.30pm
  - Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

## ASSERTIVENESS
- This 5 week program will empower you to communicate in a healthy and effective way with everyone you meet in life, irrespective of their communication style.
- **Friday 22nd August - 19th September:** 9.30am - 12.00 midday
  - Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

## 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.
- **Tuesday 14th October - 18th November:** 3.45 pm - 5.45 pm
  - Helensvale Library TBC

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Child-minding is available during all day programs if required. $4.00 for one child, and $2.00 for every child after that. Children 0-5 years accepted. Places are limited. Booking 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 childcare.
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12th – 16th January

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Parents

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