Talent Show News!

Congratulations to our winners of our 2013 HRSS Talent Show! All of the acts impressed not only our judges but the entire school community.

School Disco!

The student council would like to thank everyone that attended the School Disco for Term 4. We had a wonderful time dancing to the music and appreciate the time and effort volunteered by parents, families, P&C and staff members.

P&C News

End of Year Raffle and Christmas Party!
How great would Christmas be if you won an iPad mini? This year the winner of the HRSS P&C Christmas raffle wins a 32GB iPad mini!

But you have to be in it to win it!

We have a heaps of other great prizes for you to win for just $1 per ticket. A book of 10 tickets has been sent home to each family and they need to be returned to your class teacher by 9:00am on Tuesday 10th December. Tickets will be drawn at our Annual Christmas Party in the Park which will be held at Tallowwood Park on Thursday 12th of December from 3:30pm. We will have games, a free Sausage Sizzle and we would love to see you there to celebrate what has been a truly amazing year at HRSS.
Year 4 Project 600

This semester, twelve year 4 students have been participating in weekly online learning sessions for Project 600. The online teacher was our very own, Mrs Palmer. Each week the students spent 70 minutes mastering maths concepts that were also being covered in class. Students wore a headset with headphones and a microphone to be able to listen and communicate with Mrs Palmer who was not in the classroom with them. Students were always very enthusiastic to participate in the online sessions and also at home via a Project 600 virtual classroom. Not only did their maths skills improve greatly, but also their ICT troubleshooting skills. All students involved are now more confident learners in Maths and ICTs.

Robotics Club

The robotics club initially met every Monday during the lunch breaks in term 2 and learnt to build and program robots. Students from year 4 used the Lego Mindstorms kits to create basic soccer bots. They worked together in teams and were given different roles. The Manager ensured everyone worked together to create the robot. Two Mechanical Engineers looked at various designs and helped build and rebuild the robots while two Software Engineers learnt to program and test the robot. These roles were interchanged every fortnight to ensure everyone had a chance to get involved. During term 3 and 4 dedicated students met on Fridays during the lunch break and continued their interest with robotics.
Chaplain News

Hi Parents!

With Christmas fast approaching, I thought it would be nice for the community of Highland Reserve State School to provide a Christmas hamper to a family in need.

On Monday 2nd of December a Christmas tree will be set up in the Administration foyer. Under the tree will be a basket for items to be placed in.

If you are in a position to help add to this hamper, we would be so appreciative.

Anything tinned or similar from the pantry at home, or if when you are grocery shopping, you can add a few small items to the trolley to donate.

If you wanted to do more, vouchers are a great way to really ease the burden.

The hamper will be donated on Thursday 12th December 2013, so if we can have your items in before this date.

There are so many families in need at this time of year, and it is just a lovely way to be able to give generously when we have so much ourselves.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Stay safe, hug your kids, and enjoy one another's company. I look so forward to seeing all their lovely faces in 2014. It has been a pleasure and an honour working with and supporting your children this year.

Your HRSS Chaplain,
Shannon

Prep B News

Well it's coming to the end of a fantastic year in Prep B! Our little ones are very excited to graduate to Grade 1. Here are some highlights of our year together:

"I loved working on the iPads" - Ethan
"I loved Green Eggs and Ham Day" - Blane
"My favourite thing was cooking" - Kari
"I liked reading" - Hope
"My favourite day was Fairytale Day... Or the Alphabet Party... I can't choose" - Cooper
"I really liked reading to my Year 7 buddy" - Sam

But the stand out event for the year for Prep B was the iWalk for iPads... Take a look!
We are getting into the Christmas spirit and are looking forward to the culminating activities that will be happening in the next few weeks. We’ve been practising our Christmas song everyday and can’t wait to show you at our Christmas concert in week 10. Mrs Power and I would like to thank all of the wonderful parents in our class for your support throughout the year. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch your children grow and learn this past year and we wish you all the very best for a safe and happy school holidays and can’t wait to see you all again next year.

Miss Edmondson & Mrs Power

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**Year 1 News**

**Year 1 Christmas Capers Day!**

Come along and have a great time making lots of special Christmas treats!

**When:** Tuesday 3rd December  
**Where:** Year 1 Classrooms  
**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am  
**What to bring:** Your Christmas spirit

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**1A News**

Congratulations to 1A's newest sight word sleuths! Well done to Zak, Alex and Harrison for working very hard over the year to learn all of their sight words.
4A News

The year has passed by so quickly. We had a great year with some roller-coaster moments. Students in 4A learnt to be tolerant and to cooperate with each other. They learnt social skills from programs such as ‘The Kids Matter Program’ and ‘Life education program’.

![Image](4A students during the Kids Matter Program)

Students learnt to become proactive with their learning. Content that was covered ranged across English, Art, SOSE, History, and Science. For example the life of people during colonialism. Students went on an excursion to St. Helena Island to learn first hand about the experiences of the prisoners. They wrote a recount and performed it in character in front of the class.

![Image](Students on their excursion to St. Helena Island)

The students of 4A learnt to work alone, in groups and what the words team means. They also worked with students from across the cohort.

![Image](Students managing their learning using individual effort, groups and teamwork)

Cafe News

**Friday Flexischools**
As Friday is the busiest day in our café, starting next year, every Friday will be ‘Flexischools Friday’. This means all orders will be done through flexischools ONLY (no paper bag orders). Students will still be able to purchase over the counter for second break.

The first day of operation for our café will be Friday 31st January 2014.

**Weekly Absence Notification Email**
Each Friday a weekly email will be sent to ALL parents/caregivers of students attending HRSS. This email is a general reminder for all parents/caregivers who have not already informed the school office of their child’s/children’s absence for that week to do so.

Please disregard the weekly absence email reminder if you have already notified the school office of your child’s/children’s absences for that week.

**Student absences**

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 on (07) 5588 3366, via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au or directly to the office on (07) 5588 3333.

Absences of 3 or more days will require notification in writing.

Illnesses of 3 or more days will require a medical certificate.

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**Booklists 2014**

Booklists for 2014 are now available for download from the Booklist Page on our School Website. This is such an easy way of organising next year’s books and avoiding the back to school rush. Did you know you are also supporting the school and it’s P&C by using this easy ordering system?

The P&C gets a small amount of money for every $1 that is spent with EDSCO which we use to buy books and home readers for your children.

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**SPECIAL CODE: ZFA186**

If you would like a new faster and cheaper way to cover school books, as well as supporting our school, we encourage you to purchase EZCOVER reusable book covers.

10c per book cover will be donated to our school when you order online and enter this special code: ZFA186

Visit [www.ezcover.net.au](http://www.ezcover.net.au) and order online today.

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**QSchools App v2.0**

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about HRSS. The app is designed to integrate with our school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to the HRSS school website.

Recent updates to the app include the following new features:

- School tuckshop, uniform shop, class times and customised contact details
- Access to school and Departmental social media including Facebook and Twitter
- Enhanced school search options
- Access to school forms and documents within the app
- School holidays and term dates information
- Ability to share and copy links
- Support for iOS7

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.
Android and iOS versions of the app are available for free download from the [iTunes Store](https://www.apple.com/itunes/) and [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store). 

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**2014 Enrolments**

Enrolments are now open for new students to commence in 2014!

If you currently have a child who is attending HRSS that has a sibling eligible for Prep in 2014 (born between 1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009) and you have not already enrolled them for Prep 2014, please complete and return an enrolment application form along with their original birth certificate to the office as soon as possible.

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](https://www.statsresearch.qld.gov.au) or [catchment map (PDF, 1.3 MB)](https://www.statsresearch.qld.gov.au). Evidence of residency is needed to prove you live within catchment upon enrolment.

Download the enrolment package [PDF, 2.7 MB](https://www.statsresearch.qld.gov.au).

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**Uniform News**

New School Bag

HRSS school bags have arrived!
$45 from the uniform shop or via [flexischools online](https://www.statsresearch.qld.gov.au).

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**Uniforms for 2014**

At Highland Reserve State School, we encourage our students to wear their correct uniform with pride as they are representing themselves, their school, their family and the community.

This year has seen the introduction of a ‘dress’ uniform to our range. Next year we will continue to allow parents and students to choose which uniform they wear each day. However, we do encourage that the polo shirt and sports shorts be worn on the day your child has their Physical Education lesson. We will be continuing with the coloured house shirt days of Thursday P – 3 and Friday 4-7 however this is still optional.

If you have any further questions, please contact administration.

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**Uniforms 2014**

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Winter Uniform
- HRSS jacket
- Plain navy tracksuit pants
- Full length navy opaque tights

Afternoon Sport / House Shirt
- optional
- Coloured house shirt
- Unisex navy blue shots with white piping

Shoes / Socks
- White jogger/athletics shoes
- Plain white ankle socks

Uniform Purchasing 2014

With the end of 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. Don’t forget, you can also purchase through Flexischools online!

The uniform shop will be Closed for the last week of term 4 – Mon 9th Dec – Fri 13th Dec. It will be open on Monday 20th Jan – Friday 24th Jan 2014 everyday 9-11am.

General Information

Notification of Students Leaving HRSS
If a student leaving Highland Reserve State School during or at the end of Term 4 (excluding graduating Year 7 students) contact the Office to complete a Student Leaving Form (PDF, 148 KB) before their final day of school.

Notification of Students who will be Absent at the Commencement of School in 2014
A notification will be required for Students who are returning in 2014 and will be absent from school when it resumes on Tuesday 28th January 2014. Please notify our Office before their last day at school in 2013 on (07) 5588 3333 or via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au. Please provide name of student/s, dates absent and absence reason.

Students with Medication at School – End of Year Process
If your child has any medication at school including Asthma puffers, epi pens, medicines or tablets these must be collected by a parent from the Office on your child’s last day of school for 2013. 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 2013 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 2014 that a new Request to Administer Medication Form (PDF, 128 KB), Medical Details Form (PDF, 748 KB) and Asthma Policy Form (PDF, 119 KB) (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.

Young Discoverer's OSHC Vacation Care News

The Young Discoverer’s OSHC have released their Summer Holiday Vacation Care 2013/2014 Program (PDF, 407 KB). Please fill in and return the forms ASAP to guarantee your place. We also require permission from you to show children PG rated movies during our programs. Please fill in the Young Discoverer’s PG Rated Movie Permission Form (PDF, 140 KB) and return it as well. New families will also need to fill in a Young Discover's Enrolment Form (PDF, 245 KB).

Remember to bring:
- Broad Brimmed hat
- Bathers, towel and change of clothes
- T-shirts/rash tops & hats must be worn on water play days Bring your helmet on bike and scooter or go kart days
- Drinks to last the day
- Morning tea/afternoon tea
- Lunch (Unless provided with the activity)

Reminders:
- Activities start at 10:00am unless otherwise stated
- All belongings must be named - Lost items are your child’s responsibility
Fees to be paid in advance
Cancellations less than 2 weeks before booked day incur full fees

Young Discoverers OSHC at Highland Reserve State School will close for the Christmas/New Year holiday period at 6:00pm on Friday 20th December 2013 and re-open at 6:30am on 6th January 2014. We will also be closed Monday 27th January 2014 for Australia Day celebrations.

For more information, please contact Lynda Squires on (07) 5588 3356 or via email at lynda.squires@youngdiscoverers.org.au.

School Banking News

It’s time to trade in your Dollarmites tokens for a reward.

Congratulations for being involved in the School Banking program this year. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won’t be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year so collect them now.

Select the reward item(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. 8 exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!

Important: Our Dollarmites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited supply and are on a “while stocks last” basis.

C&K Kindergarten Enrolments 2014
Limited Spaces - Enrol Now!

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](http://www.candk.asn.au/highlandres) or call in to see us at 580 Reserve Road (behind the school).

Community News

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**FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS: Term Four, 2013**

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<td>This is a 6 week program written from a Counsellor's perspective who has many years experience working with families. To understand our children's behaviour, we first need to understand the purpose behind their behaviour. This program aims to teach your children respect, cooperation and responsibility.</td>
<td>Mon: 28th October – 2nd December: 9:30am – 12:00pm (OCCCY) Wed: 23rd October – 27th November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (OCCCY)</td>
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<td><strong>1.2.3 MAGIC &amp; EMOTION COACHING PARENTING COURSE</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Mon: 28th October – 31st November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (OCCCY) Thurs: 3rd – 21st November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Upper Coomera Community Kids) Fri: 1st – 15th November: 9:30am – 11:30am (OCCCY)</td>
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<td><strong>RELATIONSHIP RESCUE</strong></td>
<td>This 6 week program offers an opportunity to explore ways to have a fantastic relationship, to repair a broken relationship or understand why the relationship isn't working. Relationships include parents, siblings, work associates, partners, spouses and children.</td>
<td>Tues: 22nd October – 26th November: 6:30pm – 8:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>ASSERTIVENESS: FINDING YOUR VOICE</strong></td>
<td>This 6 week program nurtures the development of a healthy self esteem, supporting you to fulfill your goals in life. Learn to distinguish the difference between unhelpful communication styles and how to communicate effectively to lead the life you want!</td>
<td>Thurs: 24th October – 28th November: 9:30am – 12:00 Midday (OCCCY)</td>
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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 $10.00 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 / or to register your child/children for childminding.**

**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 is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs