

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into the second half of term 2 and NAPLAN assessments for 2014 are complete, our focus returns to our class programs. Students are completing a number of summative assessments and beginning new units of work. I congratulate our students on their positive attitude towards their learning and the pride they display in the quality of their work. At the end of this term, parents will receive written report cards, indicating the achievement levels for students in each of the subject areas. These reports are comprehensive and are a reliable indicator of every child's progress.

For teachers to have the assessment data collated and analysed and reports completed in readiness for distribution before the holidays, every class will be undertaking assessments within the next few weeks. This assessment is directly based on the work taught within the class program.

Parents are asked to ensure that absences are kept at a minimum such that every child is able to undertake their assessment tasks as per the class schedule. It is also essential that students are arriving at school on time. Teaching begins at 8.50am and students who are continually late are missing the very important orientating part of the first lesson for the day.

Our student attendance rate for term 1 this year was 94.7%. To date, during this term, our student attendance rate is 93.7%.

Our school target is to have 95% of our students attending school each day.

Driver Safety

The parking spaces in the Kiss and Go area are designated drop off/ collection car parks to be used before and after school.

This means that parents/drivers are able to park briefly to drop off or collect a student. The driver must not leave their vehicle.

If this facility is used properly, cars can move through relatively fast in the busy times before and after school. Should one car be left unattended, the effectiveness of the zone is greatly reduced.

Active School Travel (AST)

A number of classes have demonstrated excellent participation levels in AST over the last week.

Remember, you can Park and Stride with your child from Cafe Two every Wednesday morning around 8am and then have a healthy breakfast up at the hall.

We thank our students and parents for your efforts to help reduce traffic congestion around our school.

Kind Regards,
Fiona Graham
Acting Principal

School Disco

It's disco time!



The student council invites all students to come along to our School Disco for term 2.

Time: It will be held on 12th June as two sessions:

- Junior Disco (Prep -2) 4:00pm-5:00pm
- Senior Disco (3-7) 5:30pm-7:00pm

Theme: Get your pyjama pants or onesies on ready for our 'Pyjama Party' theme.

Food: Sausages, chips, slushies and lollies available for sale.

Cost: \$3 entry

Hope to see you there!

Car Parking Volunteers needed for School Disco

Volunteers are the backbone of any school and its P&C so if you can spare just 30 minutes of your time, click on the link below and pop your name down on your preferred time slot. Just a reminder that you must hold a blue card!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084BA4A92AA20-disco/3239009

Eduquest

On Wednesday 28/5/14 a pre-selected group of students from HRSS were invited to attend 'Eduquest' at Mt Tamborine College. We spent an educationally challenging day on Mt Tamborine with one of our wonderful competitors winning a half scholarship! There were many team building experiences to be had along with personal challenges in all key learning areas.

Congratulations goes to:

- Raidah
- Lily
- Riley
- Bethany
- Taleah
- Emily
- Chelsea
- Madison
- Indya







We Need Your Help

School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson. We depend on students, parents and all members of the local community to:

1. Look
2. Listen and
3. Report to 13 17 88 or your local police

Absence Notification of 10+ Consecutive School Days

Every parent or carer of a child of compulsory school age has a legal obligation to ensure their child is attending school.

Parents and carers can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend school for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:

- Illness
- Family Reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

For more information regarding an application for exemption from compulsory schooling for more than 10 consecutive school days please contact Administration on 55883333 or via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au

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.

Phone messages to students in class

As Highland Reserve SS continues to grow, so does the number of parents/caregivers contacting the school administration requesting messages to be passed on to their child/children in class.

Please be aware that each time a phone call is made to a classroom, it interrupts the valuable learning time in that classroom.

We understand that there are occasions where pick-up arrangements are required to be re-organised due to unforeseen circumstances, and we always endeavour to pass on these messages to students via the class teacher. However, please keep in mind that message requests to students after 2:00pm each day cannot be guaranteed due to the possibility that students are not always in their classrooms, as they are attending either a specialist lesson or are at sport.

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.

[http://www.ccypcq.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/13-849-052-Blue-card-\(BC\)_MAY13.pdf](http://www.ccypcq.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/13-849-052-Blue-card-(BC)_MAY13.pdf)

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.

Personal Technology Device Etiquette

Bringing personal technology devices to school is not encouraged by the school because of the potential for theft and general distraction and/or disruption associated with them.

However, if they are brought to school, they must be turned off and handed into the office before school commences and then picked up at the office at the end of the school day.

Failure to do so will result in the device being confiscated by school staff and may be collected at the end of the day from the school office.

Breaches of this prohibition may result in discipline.

Book Club Ordering

The latest Scholastic Book Club – ISSUE 4 has been issued to all students in their classrooms.

The orders for ISSUE 4 are due back at school by Friday 6th June 2014.

Cash will not be accepted for book club orders, please refer to the following payment methods.

Credit Card Payment

1. Visit the scholastic website <http://www.scholastic.com.au/>
2. Click on the Parent Payments tab on the top right of the page.
3. Click on the PAY NOW tab of the Book Clubs section of the page.
4. Complete the Parent Book Club Payment section.
5. Once payment has been processed you will receive an 11 digit receipt number.
(Please record this payment receipt number on to the order form.)

Phone Payment

Free-call 1800 557 908

Cheque

If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

Attach the cheque to the fully completed order form.

All completed order forms are to be returned to your child's teacher or to the School Office.

Year 3 Excursion



In Week 10, the Year 3 Students will be travelling to Mt Coottha Planetarium and the Botanical Gardens. This complements our Science Unit 'Spinning in Space' and students are already very excited about the excursion. Your Year 3 class teacher will email out the permission note or you can download the [Year 3 Planetarium Excursion Permission Note \(PDF, 978 KB\)](#). Please return the permission note and payment to the office by Monday 23rd June.

P&C News

Save the Date - 11th October 2014

At Tuesday's P&C meeting we set the date for the annual Highland Fling! So put this date in your calendar and start talking to your friends and family about coming along as tickets will be up for sale in Term 3.

Every year we have had rave reviews of what is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we only have 30 tables of 10 available!

More information on this night will be released in the coming months however if you would like to be a part of this GREAT event by volunteering or by way of sponsorship we would love to hear from you. Our email is pandc@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au



School Facilities and Tuckshop Fundraiser



Our School and its Tuckshop prides itself on being an environmentally conscious and healthy environment.

Norwex is committed to radically reducing chemicals in personal care and cleaning and provides safe effective cleaning solutions which are Eco friendly as well and safe to use with Septic and Bio Cycle systems.

To this end the P&C is holding a Norwex Fundraiser with proceeds going towards much needed cleaning equipment and cloths to contribute to safe and effective cleaning solutions for the school's Tuckshop.

With specials just for HRSS and 15% of all sales being donated back to the school there's never been a better time to try Norwex!

Call Juanita should you have any questions regarding hard to clean areas in your home.

Why buy Norwex Now?

- Special prices just for HRSS
- 15% of all sales going back to the school to buy supplies
- \$20 per in home demonstration booked donated so you can show your friends

View the products and have a chat to Juanita at the school Tuckshop on:

- Wednesday 4th June 9:00am – 11.30am
- Monday 16th June 9:00am - 11.30am

You can place an order by calling or emailing Juanita on details listed below.

View the catalogue online or contact Juanita for a copy of one.

All orders must be submitted by the 16th June thank you for your support.

Juanita Garland - Independent Norwex Sales Consultant
Mobile: 0409 607 876
Email: juanita301070@yahoo.com.au
www.juanitagarland.norwexbiz.com.au

Walking, Wheeling Wednesday

Prizes for collecting 5 stamps for actively travelling to school are starting to be handed out so don't forget to walk, scoot or ride to school every Wednesday!

We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in Walking and Wheeling Wednesday and Park and Stride this week.

It was great to see children, parents and volunteers participating in our schools Active School Travel Program. Passports were handed out and everyone who participated received their first stamp. For those of you who didn't get the chance to join in this week, we hope to see you next week!

Passports can be collected at the administration entry at the stairs, the prep entry where the stairs and bike racks are, from the western entrance on Highland Way or from your Park n Stride volunteers. We hope to see you all again next week and look forward to giving out prizes once you have reached five stamps!

Park and Stride departs 8:10 am outside Café Two, Rose Valley Drive at the community node every Wednesday. A parent or guardian must be in attendance to walk with their child and free breakfast is provided at the hall for the children. Also don't forget each week a FREE breakfast will be held at the school hall from 8:00am - 8:45am.



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>



School Banking News



This term we are giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

Major student prize

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A \$3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

Runner up student prizes

130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of \$250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes

There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:

- \$1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.
- Plus the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a \$250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school).

Rewards Program Update In Term 2

There are two new exciting rewards available for students who save 10 tokens. The rewards available this term are:

- Whale Shark Pencil Case NEW
- Shark or Penguin Key ring NEW
- Handball
- Scented Pencils

HRSS Banking Co-ordinator Sharlene Dippel

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 22 21 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 22 21.

Young Discoverers June/July Vacation Care Program

To join us this holiday period, please fill out the [Young Discoverers OSHC June/July Vacation Care 2014 Form \(PDF, 338 KB\)](#) 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.

Bring along:

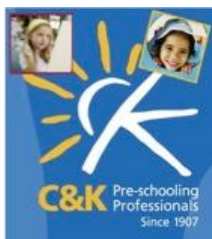
- Broad Brimmed hat
- Bathers, towel and change of clothes
- T-shirts/rash tops & hats must be worn on water play days
- Bring your helmet on bike and scooter or go kart days
- Drinks to last the day
- Morning tea/afternoon tea
- Lunch (Unless provided with the activity)

Note:

- Priority for existing families until 2nd June 2014

- 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

C&K Kindergarten News



Limited Spaces - Enrol Now!

Due to popular demand, we are pleased to announce the opening of our 4th group. We have limited spaces available so if you would like your child to participate in a quality education care program which values your child's individuality and interests, please contact Tina to discuss enrolment opportunities for your child.

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.

We are one of the very few Kindergarten's that have been ranked exceeding in all 7 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> , call (07) 5580 5013 for more information or pop in to see us at 580 Reserve Road (behind the school).

Community Notices

Queensland Father of the Year

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qldfatheroftheyear.org.au**

* Prize is for 2 adults and 3 children and includes Sea World* accommodation in a Deluxe View room
or alternative accommodation. Prizes also include 2 children's full buffet breakfasts, and airport entry to
Sea World, Warner Bros, Movie World and Wet'n Wild Gold Coast until 30 June 2014.

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PEARLS Program

Check out the [PEARLS Program flyer for Term 2 \(PDF, 421 KB\)](#)

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

Funded by Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services Queensland

Brave Program



A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University are investigating an internet-based program for children suffering from anxiety who also have a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. Anxiety can make it hard to complete school work or be around people, it may even result in worry about a lot of things, or be scared of something specific. The BRAVE Team is seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in the internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews up to four times during the study at times separate to the treatment program.

This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate.

For more information contact the BRAVE Team:
Phone: (07) 3735 3325 or Email braveforaspergers@griffith.edu.au

Griffith University Study - Seeking Non Anxious Children and Adolescents

At Griffith University we are conducting an exciting study investigating anxiety disorders in Children and Adolescents. To help us understand how anxiety develop in youth we need to learn from children and adolescents who are not fearful or anxious. We are seeking parents and their non-anxious children and adolescents (7 - 17 years) to participate in our study. To thank you for your time and involvement in the study we will give you gift vouchers to the value of \$50. To find out more about this project, please contact Dr Ella Milliner and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 5678 8317 or email e.milliner@griffith.edu.au



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