

## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been fortunate to have the Gold Coast City Council 'Wipe Out Waste' van visiting our school and all students have been participating in excellent lessons regarding recycling and ways to reduce the impact we have on our Earth and our own communities. Make sure you have a chat to your child about the ways your family can reduce, reuse and recycle. Thanks to the Gold Coast City Council for ensuring that our young students are educated and informed with regards to caring for our environment.

### iChallenge

WOW what a great day ! - the weather was kind to us on Tuesday for the iChallenge. A huge thanks to the P&C volunteers who made the day fun and exciting for all our students. Well done to all the children, I am still amazed at how you managed to get to the top of the huge inflatable slide! - Read the [P&C News section](#) for more information and photos from the day.

### Year 2- 7 Gold and Silver Students

Mrs Ross presented the Year 2-7 Gold and Silver awards at parade on Monday. Congratulations to the 169 students who received an award. The smiles on their faces and the pride they showed in achieving either a Silver or Gold level was very pleasing to see. Please discuss your child's behaviour level with them and ask them about their behaviour goals. All students regularly conference with their classroom teachers and have identified behaviour goals to work towards.

### ANZAC Day

Once again Highland Reserve State School will participate in the Upper Coomera Rotary Club ANZAC Day march on Friday 25th April. All student are welcome to march with the school and are required to be in school uniform with a school hat. Please meet in Gawler Place from 8:15am on the Friday morning. We will march together down the road to the ANZAC Day service. In the past the weather has been very hot. Please ensure that each student has a school hat and water bottle with them.

### NAPLAN 2014

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 annually in May. It tests the types of skills developed over time through the school curriculum that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. NAPLAN is made up of tests in four areas - reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. A report of student performance is issued later in the year. It is expected that students participate in NAPLAN. Please note the dates below for each of the tests.

- Tuesday 13th May - Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation) and Writing
- Wednesday 14th May - Reading
- Thursday 15th May - Numeracy

At Highland Reserve State School, students are working regularly with NAPLAN style questions and problems as part of the daily teaching of the Australian Curriculum in English and Maths. Teachers also provide regular opportunities leading up to NAPLAN for students to improve test taking skills by developing familiarity with formats, procedures and questioning.

Our students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have already had the chance to participate in practice tests. This is particularly important for Year 3 students taking the tests for the first time. The information about student performance gained from these tests is used by the school and teachers to inform and target further teaching and learning of the curriculum, and to provide feedback to students about their learning.

Excellent information and tips about helping your child in literacy and numeracy and examples of NAPLAN test formats are available on the NAPLAN website at <http://www.nap.edu.au/>. The 'helping your child at school' information can be accessed in multiple languages and is supported by video clips. Example NAPLAN tests are available in all test areas for each year level. If you have further questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, please organise a time to speak with their teacher.

### Thank you

As Term 1 concludes I would like to thank all our HRSS teaching and non teaching staff, our volunteers and the P&C for the commitment and

dedication they show towards our students and their families. Our hard working school community continually strive to ensure our school maintains a strong focus on our high academic and behaviour expectations within a safe and supportive school environment. I look forward to seeing you at school when we return for Term 2 on Tuesday April 22nd. There will be some new teachers and support staff joining our team and I know that our community will extend a warm welcome to them. In Term 2, Mr Roach will continue in his new role in Central Qld, I will be continuing on as Principal of Highland Reserve State School and Mrs Ross will also be continuing in her role as Deputy Principal.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Kind Regards,  
**Fiona Graham**  
Acting Principal

## Updating Student Enrolment Details

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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

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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

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

\*Please note that a volunteer must not commence until they hold a valid blue card and positive notice.

## No Parking Please

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Please be aware of no parking areas around our school.

Service and delivery vehicles need access to these areas throughout the day.



## Student Council News

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The hard work of previous years student councils have been realised with a fully functioning Environmental Enclosure or what we are now calling our 'Living Classroom'.

This term has seen us planting and selling some of the produce that has been grown in our Living Classroom at Assemblies and our tuck shop also received some of our school grown lettuce and tomatoes!

We are enjoying being a part of this project and hope as our winter plants grow so will the selection in our Fresh Food Markets on Monday mornings!



## P&C News

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What a unbelievable start to the 2014 year the P&C has had!

Term one has seen the P&C co-ordinating and working with HRSS to implement the Active School Travel Program. The Living Classroom (our very own school garden) that the P&C financed and built is now fully functional.

We have had truly wonderful support by both volunteers and HRSS families in our Cross Country Bake Stall and the biggest 'student' fundraiser of the year the iChallenge.

This means that we will now be purchasing two more Gazebo's for school events like Cross Country and all of our profits from the iChallenge will be used by the school to buy more iPads for the students to use. All winners of the iChallenge will be announced at the first assembly back in Term 2 on the 28th of April so stay tuned!

To view the images from the iChallenge, head to the [P&C Portal](#).

Thank you once again for your support of the HRSS P&C and we hope you have a safe and happy Easter Holiday!

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>



## Prep News

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Wow! We cannot believe how quickly this term has gone. It seems as though it was only yesterday that your little ones entered our school as nervous little preppies... and what a great journey we have been on this term! Over the last few weeks, we have been very busy with the cross country,

iChallenge, Easter Hat Parade, Wipe out Waste, planting our beans in the 'outdoor classroom' and in between all of these activities...lots of learning!





We would like to say a big thank you to all of our wonderful parents for volunteering your time in the prep classes over the term. Some of the parents were even kind enough to volunteer to read a story to the children. Take a look:



The Prep teachers would like to wish all of the children a very happy and safe Easter break and we will see you in Term Two for another wonderful term!

## 3C News

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3C have had a fabulous Term 1 and are all well on our way to achieving our goals and becoming the people we all aspire to be! At the beginning of this year, 3C decided that our Mission Statement was going to be to:

1. Take the path less travelled and learn new things!
2. Improve on what we already know!
3. Be Awesome!

We are well on our way to making this statement come true by:

1. Working hard!
2. Trying every day!
3. Never, ever giving up!



### Practice and perseverance helps us achieve our goals

We have had so many classmates contribute to our knowledge on various cultures, famous people, cooking, personal heroes, animals, hobbies and sports through our Oral Language program termed 'Kidz Bizz'. I can't express how fabulous 3C have been with their contributions and enthusiasm when presenting such interesting and fun oral presentations! Thank you to all who support us and guide us through our travels in Year 3.



Happy Easter HRSS and stay safe,  
The class of 3C.

## Young Discoverers OSHC Easter Holiday Vacation Care Program

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To join us this holiday period, please fill out the [Young Discoverers OSHC Easter Holiday Vacation Care 2014 Form \(PDF, 342 KB\)](#) 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 10th March 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

Young Discoverers OSHC at Highland Reserve State School will close for Good Friday (18th April), Easter Monday (21st April) and ANZAC Day (25th April).

## School Banking News

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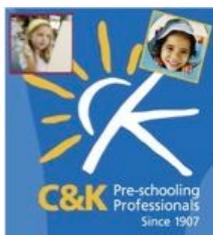


Don't forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Highland Reserve State School.

Happy Savings!

## C&K Kindergarten News

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### 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).

## Extra Curricular Activities

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Following the success of our recent soccer programs at the school in Term 2 & Term 4 last year, again in partnership with Highland Reserve State School we will now be running the following After School Soccer Program for both boys and girls in Term 2:

**Starts:** Thursday 1st May - Thursday 19th June 2014

**Time:** 3:15pm – 4:15pm

**Ages:** 5 – 12 years old

**Cost:** \$95

**Venue:** Main School Field, Highland Reserve State School

**Please Bring:** Drink bottle, appropriate footwear. (We also advise wearing shinpads)

This program is a fun, safe and structured one hour after school program held at various schools and Colleges designed for school students to learn the fundamental skills of football in the comfort of their own school. It consists of fun warm up games, ball skills, passing/shoot on goal activities 1v1 & 2v2 games as well as other small sided team games.

You can simply register and pay online for this program on our website [www.sibasoccer.com.au](http://www.sibasoccer.com.au) (click on Calendar, then click on 1/5/14 (start date) & then click Highland Reserve State School term 2 and then please fill in the relevant booking form on that page)

\*If paying online, can you please remember to enter your child's name as a reference\*

For more information please email [simon@sibasoccer.com.au](mailto:simon@sibasoccer.com.au) OR call Simon on 0434 897 664

## Community Notices

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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](mailto:e.milliner@griffith.edu.au)

## NRL Holiday Clinic

The NRL are hosting a Play NRL Holiday Clinic at Coomera Cutters Junior Rugby League Football Club on Tuesday 8th April. Boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years are invited to participate in the Clinic. Our exciting Holiday Clinic allow participants to develop their Rugby League skills in a safe, modified and fun environment. All clinics are delivered by qualified and experienced Rugby League Coaches and cater for all skill levels from beginner to junior league players. All participants receive an NRL Pack (Including Football, Water bottle, Boot bag, kicking Tee and NRL T-Shirt) in addition all participants will be provided with morning tea and lunch. To participate in our Coomera NRL holiday clinic all children must be registered, places are limited at all holiday clinics. For more information and to register please go to [www.seqdevelopment.leaquet.com.au](http://www.seqdevelopment.leaquet.com.au) or call NRL Game Development Officer Matt Palin on 0400 345 547.

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