**Principal's News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Bling Your Bike**
It was great to see such a large number of children participate in the Bling Your Bike day! I saw some outstanding entries as I went through the school. What I really loved was the level of participation and also the underlying aim of the project – that is the front ending of travelling to school with modes of transport that allow us to engage our children in exercise. Well done to the parents, children and community members who supported this great initiative.

**Active Travel**
I met last week with the Gold Coast City Council team who are working with a project around travelling to school promoting healthy modes of travel for children and families. I understand that next term we will be looking at launching our active travel routes. Again this is an exciting partnership for our school and our community in engaging us in healthy modes of travel to and from school.

**Class Visits**
I thoroughly enjoy all of the wonderful work I see as I travel across our school. I had the pleasure last week of going to choir during the lunch break. It was really a lovely experience! I’m so delighted by the enthusiasm of our staff to provide these brilliant opportunities for our children!

I did mention on assembly a couple of weeks ago that I come from a family of musical talent. I got the short straw there, I play the trumpet and love to sing but I’m hardly outstanding! So from my perspective it is so exciting to see the programs in this school being carefully grown with our children.

I really enjoyed my opportunity to sing with the choir and the nature of the complex work they were doing was really outstanding! I’m not sure I value added at times, in fact I may have confused things at various stages! What I did love was the absolutely obvious progression of the session from a developmental perspective. We struggled with 2 part harmony to begin with, but the children were truly outstanding by the end of the break and it was sooooo much fun. Plenty of work to do but wow what an amazing experience it was. Thanks for having me!!

**School Teaching and Learning and Discipline Audit**
This week we had an internal audit from Education Queensland Officers of our curriculum, teaching, learning and discipline processes in the school. It was a full on 2 days for staff and at this stage I can’t share the results because they have to be moderated centrally before being delivered to me by e-mail.

Once I get those details I can share them with our community and we have 50 days to draft a consultative plan about how we will ensure that the performance of Highland Reserve State School continues on a trajectory of improvement. It's exciting stuff and I'm really looking forward to sharing this process with you as we make those plans for the future of our school.

Thank you once again for the absolute privilege of working with you in this outstanding school.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Cummings
Principal

**Bright Dress Day**

**Wednesday 17th September**
Prep F have been very lucky to be working with Louise from Confidence at Play. We have been developing our relationships with each other and our self-esteem through lots of exciting songs and games. Check out our plate spinning and team work!!!
Year 5 News

We had a great time at camp this past week at Lake Moogerah. They worked on their leadership skills and worked as a team to complete many challenges. The muddy obstacle course and low rope challenge were a few of the highlights from camp.
Sports News

On Tuesday our Year 4, 6 and 7 students attended the Touch and T-Ball Gala Day at the Coomera playing fields. Playing against students from Park Lake, Coomera Rivers and Coomera Springs, our students performed brilliantly! Their sportsmanship was outstanding and I received many comments about how beautifully behaved our students were, so well done. Unfortunately we did not take home any trophies but all students gave 100% on what was a very hot and tiring day. Congratulations to all of those who attended!!

We also had three students attend the Gold Coast North Regional Athletics Carnival at Griffith University. Jessica M, Taleah B and Ian L represented our school and the district putting in a massive effort and achieving some fantastic results. Ian L made it to the final of both the 100m and 200m and came 5th. Congratulations Ian! Taleah B placed in the top 10 for high jump and jumped a personal best of 1.25m which was a fantastic effort. Jessica M also made the final of both the 100m and 200m and placed 4th and 6th. Congratulations Jess! All these students performed exceptionally well on what was a hot and highly competitive day.

Oral Health Update
Finance/Uniform Shop

Please be advised that the Finance window and Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 19th September 2014. It will reopen on Tuesday 7th October 2014.

Café News

The Café will be closed on Friday 19th September 2014 and Wednesday 8th October 2014.
It will reopen on Friday 10th October 2014

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.

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 September Vacation Care Program
To join us this holiday period, please fill out the Young Discoverers OSHC September Vacation Care 2014 Form (PDF, 441 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.

Young Discoverer's October Student Free Day Program (October 20)
To join us on October 20 for the Student Free Day Program, please fill out the Young Discoverers OSHC October Student Free Day 2014 Form (PDF, 429 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.

School Banking News

If you have 10 tokens already from your School Banking Deposits, now is the time to redeem your prizes! All of your 10 tokens and a claim form must be presented to the School Banking Room by Wednesday 11th September for redemption as it takes one week for delivery. So don't miss out this term! You can redeem again in Term 4 when all 10 Tokens have been achieved and new prizes will be available. School Banking will be open through to and including week 10, Thursday 18th September. Please remember your redemptions!

Happy Banking!
Sharlene Dippel
School Banking Co-ordinator

P&C News

Highland Fling

Tickets sold out!
For more information about this year's Highland Fling and to choose your table name visit the dedicated P&C Highland Fling Information section of our website.
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

C&K Kindergarten News
Extra Curricular Activities

Speech and Drama Results

Beenleigh Eisteddfod

Humorous Poem (7 years)
- Kohani P - Highly Recommended

Monologue (8 & 9 years)
- Emma Z - 1st Place
Somerset Eisteddfod

Humorous Poem (7 years)
- Kohani P - 2nd Place

Humorous poem (8 years)
- Sinead R - 1st Place

Humorous Poem (9 years)
- Emma Z - 1st Place

Humorous poem (10 years)
- Kaveendra D - 2nd Place

Humorous poem (11 years)
- Kaine N - 3rd Place

Duologue (10 & 11 years)
- Kaine N and Kaveendra D - 3rd Place

Group drama (9 years and under)
- Sinead R, Kohani P and Emma Z - 1st Place

Congratulations and well done!

Karen Sleep – Speech and Drama Teacher
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SIBA Soccer
SIBA SOCCER

is returning to Highland Reserve State School for another after School Soccer Program in Term 4

Following the success of our after school program at the school in Terms 2, again, in partnership with Highland Reserve State School we will be running the following After School Soccer Program for both boys and girls:

Start date: Tues 14th Oct – Tues 2nd Dec 2014
Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Duration: 8 week program (every Tuesday)
Ages: 5 – 12 years old
Cost: $95.00
Venue: Main School Field, Highland Reserve State School

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 (click on Calendar, then click on 14/10/14 (start date) & then click Highland Reserve State School term 4 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 OR call Simon on 0434 897664

www.sibasoccer.com.au

Community Notices

Currumbin Valley Spring Festival
PEARLS Program
### FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS Term Three 2014

#### PARENTING MADE EASIER
- This is a 4 week program written from a counsellor's perspective who has had many years experience working with families. To understand our children's behaviour, we first must understand the purpose behind their behaviour. This program arms you with strategies to teach your children respect, co-operation and responsibility.
- **Monday 21st July - 11th August: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm (OCCYC)**
- **Wednesday 23rd July – 13th August 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm (OCCYC)**

#### 1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENTING COURSE
- 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.
- **Friday 1st August - 15th August: 9.30 - 11.30 am (OCCYC)**
- **Monday 18th August - 1st September: 9.30 am - 11.30 am (OCCYC)**

#### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
- A 4 week program that uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children, to promote more respectful interactions and encourage the development of children’s positive self-identity.
- **Tuesday 5th August – 26th August 9.30 am – 12.00 pm (OCCYC)**

#### 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 22nd July - 26th August: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (OCCYC)**

#### SELF-ESTEEM
- This is a 5 week nurturing program that helps build your self-esteem, increasing your confidence and feeling better about yourself.
- **Friday 22nd August - 19th September: 9:30am – 12.00 midday (OCCYC)**

#### 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.
- **Thursday 7th August - 11th September: 4:00pm – 6:00pm (OCCYC)**

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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 $4.00 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 register your child/children for childminding.

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**Notes:**
- 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 Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

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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

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