

Principal's News

Thank you to all those who have helped make 2012 a great year for our students. Our students are very fortunate to have a staff and parent group who work hard to ensure they get a first class educational experience in a 21st Century School. Over the school year our students were involved in a wide range of educational, sporting and cultural activities. Many of these activities can only be offered because of the strong support we have from our staff who willingly give up their free time to organise these activities and our parents who give time and money to support these experiences.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year sevens all the best for the future. Many of our Year seven students have demonstrated outstanding personal qualities and have been great role models for our younger students leading a range of exciting programs and events across the school. I hope the next stage in their life journey is equally rewarding and challenging for them.

On behalf of all the staff at Highland Reserve State School we wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas break and we look forward to working with you and your children in 2013.

David Roach
Principal

2013 School calendar

Parents are advised of the following dates relating to the 2013 school year. These dates may assist families with forward planning.

- 24, 25 Jan – Pupil Free Days for HRSS staff
- Monday 28 Jan – Australia Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 29 Jan – first day of school for students
- Term 1 – 29 Jan to 28 Mar (9 weeks)
- Term 2 – 15 Apr to 21 Jun (10 weeks)
- Term 3 – 8 Jul to 20 Sep (11 weeks)
- Term 4 – 8 Oct to 13 Dec (10 weeks)
- Term 4 begins on a Tuesday, after the new Labour Day holiday on Monday 7 Oct.
- There is a State wide pupil free day on Monday 21 Oct.

New classrooms

You may have noticed the fences that were put up earlier this week near our Multipurpose Centre. Due to our current growth in enrolments, our school is set to receive two new classrooms in this location which are to be ready for the start of Term 1 2013.



Crossing supervisors

The Highland Reserve State School community would like to wish Selwyn and Jenny a very Merry Christmas and thank them for keeping our students and their families safe on Reserve Road.



End of year procedures

Notification of students leaving

If a student is leaving Highland Reserve State School during or at the end of Term 4 (excluding graduating Year 7 students) please contact the office and complete a [Student leaving form \(PDF, 156 KB\)](#) before their final day of school.

Notification of students who will be absent at the commencement of school in 2013.

A notification will be required for students who are returning in 2013 and will be absent from school when it resumes on Tuesday 29th January 2013.

Please notify our office before their last day at school in 2012 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

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 2012.

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 2012 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 2013, a new [Request to administer medication form \(PDF, 128 KB\)](#) and [Medical details form \(PDF, 76 KB\)](#) is to be 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 or via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au.

Notification of students absent at start of Term 1 2013

A notification will be required for students who are returning in 2013 however will be absent from school when it resumes on Tuesday 29th January 2013. Please notify our office before their last day at school in 2012 on (07) 5588 3333 or via email at office@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au.

Please provide name of student/s, dates of absence and absence reason.

Young Discoverers OSHC Vacation care

Our on-site outside school hours care facility provided by Young Discoverers are providing our families with a vacation care program for the 2012-2013 summer holiday period.

The [Young Discoverers OSHC vacation care flyer \(PDF, 771 KB\)](#) contains more information about the program.

If you require further information, please contact the Young Discoverers OSHC coordinator, Lynda Squires via email at lynda.squires@youngdiscoverers.org.au or phone (07) 5588 3356.

Highland Reserve C&K Kindergarten 2013

We are now taking enrolments for 2013 with limited spaces available!
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

Health Care Card subsidies are available.

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.

For more information, please phone (07) 5580 5013 or email info@candk.asn.au.

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion coaching

Parent sessions will be held at Highland Reserve State School at the following times:

- Feb 25 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Mar 4 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Mar 11 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

'You Can' fundraising campaign

Your old phone can help save a young life. Donate it today!

Sony foundation and CanTeen have joined forces to help young Australians survive cancer through their 'You Can' fundraising campaign. Highland Reserve State School has chosen to support this important charity drive by collecting old mobile phones which will be recycled to raise much needed funds to build youth cancer centres across the country. The school will be rewarded for their efforts with exciting educational tools including interactive whiteboards, laptops and video cameras – all of which will contribute to your child's learning experience.

To help Highland Reserve State School reach our phone target we need your help. Please send any old mobile phones lying around the house to your school with your child. Also, talk to your friends, colleagues and other family members and encourage them to clean out that bottom drawer and get rid of all their old mobile phones. By doing so you will not only be helping your child's school receive important educational products, you will also be helping young Australians survive cancer.

The drop off box will be located in the office.

P&C News

The P&C would like to wish everyone in the school community a safe and happy Christmas. Thank you to our wonderful members for their amazing work this year and the school community for supporting the P&C initiatives, which has assisted the P&C in raising nearly \$100,000 for the school.

Environmental enclosure

It seems as though Santa has come early to HRSS Student Council & the students at our school! HRSS Student Council have been working towards an environmental enclosure for our school for the last few years and the P&C lodged an application for a \$12,000 grant to make this happen. Although the ink has not dried, we have been advised that Highland Reserve State School looks likely to be the pilot school for this awesome opportunity.

Gold Coast City Council has been working closely with Stocklands in relation to a funding grant program to enable primary State schools to establish school garden enclosures to help teach students about the relationship between the water cycle and gardening. So it will fit in perfectly with our sustainability efforts here at school.

Watch this space as our school community takes on this wonderful opportunity. Congratulations to Mrs Mac and all our wonderful Year sevens on getting us this far. It was well worth all those gorgeous cup cake and slushies' days for sure!

On behalf of the P&C community we wish you well on this next very exciting journey into Secondary School. You have been an integral part of our P&C and your efforts, ideas and smiles have been much appreciated and very much enjoyed!

Welcome BBQ 2013

The P&C are going to celebrate the new year with a complimentary 'Welcome BBQ' on 5 Feb from 8:00am at the Multipurpose Centre. This event is sponsored by Cr Gates (Division 1) and Cr Owen-Jones (Division 2). Everyone is invited to come along & welcome new families to the school and

catch up with friends.

Next P&C meeting: Tuesday 5 Feb 2013 6.30pm in the School Staffroom

P&C AGM: Tuesday 5 Mar 2013 6.30pm in the School Staffroom

Remember to check out the [P&C Facebook](#) for all the latest P&C news.

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