

Friday 8th March 2013

## School Leaders & Sports Captains

Highland Reserve State School awarded the student leaders and sports captains for 2013 with their badges this week.

Our local member for parliament, Mark Boothman MP, attended the badge ceremony and expressed his positive views on our school and our school community during his speech.



The elected students were selected based on the following three criteria:

1. Attitude
2. Behaviour
3. Effort

The leaders and captains were elected by their peers, their classroom teachers and by administration staff to ensure the entire school community were voting for our leaders for 2013.

We hope to see our leaders and captains continue with their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and impeccable effort to move forward with our vision for 21st Century learning at Highland Reserve State School.

## Crazy Hair Day



The first Student Council event on this year's calendar is to be held on Wednesday the 13th of March, 2013.

On this day, the Highland Reserve community are encouraged to wear their hair in a wacky way and in turn, bring in a gold coin donation to raise money to support the Leukaemia Foundation.

In addition to this, if we reach our fundraising goal of \$1000, Mr Johnson, Mr Travis, Mr Matt and Mr Lowe will each shave their heads live at a special assembly to be held at 2:00 pm in our Multi-Purpose Hall where the four top fundraisers in our school will have the chance to put the first blade through their hair!

So remember... wear your hair in a wacky way and bring in a gold coin donation to help us reach our target to see the staff shaving!

## Easter Hat Parade



Where: Hall

When: Thursday March 28th - 12:00pm

Prep and Year 1 children need to make their Easter Hats at home and bring to school by Tuesday, March 26th. Please no chocolate on hats!

## Kids who read succeed!

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The HUB is open every morning from 8.30am for students to share a book and read to an adult. Students are able to read their home readers or share a library book.



## General Information

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### Finance/Uniform Shop

Please be advised that the Finance window and Uniform Shop will be closed on Wednesday 27th March 2013. It will reopen on Monday 15th April 2013.

### Café News

The Café will be closed on Wednesday 27th March and Monday 15th April. It will reopen on Wednesday 17th April.

### C&K Car Park

Parents/Guardians are reminded that the C&K Kindergarten car parks are to be left available for C&K clients and staff only.

## School Sores (Impetigo)

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There have been confirmed cases of School Sores (Impetigo) at our school. Impetigo is a skin infection caused by the Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria. It is also known as school sores because it commonly affects school-aged children.

Impetigo is highly contagious and a child with impetigo should not attend school until they have received appropriate antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours. Sores on exposed areas must be covered with a watertight dressing.

For more information on School Sores (Impetigo) visit Queensland Health

[http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/BacterialInfections/staphylococcusAureusInfection\\_fs.asp](http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/BacterialInfections/staphylococcusAureusInfection_fs.asp)

For additional fact sheets about various communicable diseases visit the Queensland Health Website <http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/>

Some medical conditions require exclusion from schools to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among staff and children.

Please refer to this link which provides information on the recommended minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions.

[http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/timeout\\_poster.pdf](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/timeout_poster.pdf)

## School Banking Account Opening Day

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Don't forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to class.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Rewards this year include a Wallet, Handball, Jacks game and of course the great Dollarmite Money Boxes.

Each deposit also provides commission for our P&C.



To support this great program all your child needs is a Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver (Dollarmite) Account.

If your child would like to participate then Ann Pinnock, Commonwealth Bank Representative will be at school on Monday, 11th March from 8.30am before and after parade at the hall.

All parents need to bring in your photographic ID if you are a non-CBA customer, as the school will ID your student.

## Student Resource Scheme

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The 2013 Student Resource Scheme is now due. The scheme is supported and approved annually by the School's Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), is managed by the school and operates in accordance with section 51 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Participation in the scheme provides quality resources for your child to use in the classroom as well as online subscriptions. Once the school receives your payment, your child is subscribed to the educational websites our teachers use in class. These websites may include Mathletics, Spelling City, Rainforest Maths, Reading Eggs, Mathsonline, Study ladder, Wings readers and many others. Payment of the scheme will allow your child to access these websites from school and home.

The provision of this scheme ensures that well resourced learning by our students remains our key focus. The scheme is not a fund raiser for the school. Its purpose is to provide you, the parent, with a cost effective, value for money alternative to purchasing resources, consumables and materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from school's bulk purchasing processes.

The participation form for the [2013 Student Resource Scheme \(PDF, 347 KB\)](#) was sent home earlier this term. Please note - For 3 or more students in the same family, there is a reduced rate of \$100 per student.

Internet banking payment details are below. Other payment methods are available.

EFT Reference: Student's full name and class  
BSB: 064-486  
Account Number: 10243582  
Account Name: HRSS General Account  
Amount: \$125.00

## Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

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Throughout this term, Highland Reserve State School will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

Information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at <http://www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum>.

## Young Discoverers OSHC Vacation Care Program

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It's Time to get organised for our Holidays!  
Fill in the [Young Discoverers Vacation Care Form \(PDF, 324 KB\)](#) and return ASAP.  
Activities start at 10:00am unless otherwise stated.  
All belongings must be named as lost items are your child's responsibility.  
Fees to be paid in advance.  
Cancellations less than 2 weeks before booked day incur full fees.

For more information, please contact Lynda Squires with the details below.  
Phone: 07 5588 3356

## Prep B News

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Wow! Where has Term 1 gone?! Over the last few weeks, we have been having lots of fun making new friends, learning about letters, sight words, numbers, families and living and non-living things. We even got our own class pets to tie in with our science theme...hermit crabs! After lots of contemplating, we finally agreed on the names "Dino" and "Bam-Bam"! Make sure you come in and check them out!

In other news, well done to all of those students who have been working really hard at home to complete your homework, reading and sight words practice. All homework that is sent home is a valuable learning experience and helps to build a strong school-home link.

Whilst on the topic of homework, don't forget to check out our awesome Prep EdStudio! This is a great website that provides links to lots of fun online learning. Please see me if you need details of how to access this. Finally, thank you to all of the wonderful parents who have been volunteering their time in our classroom. We love having helpers and really appreciate you coming in.

Miss Edmondson

Take a look at some of our photos from this term:



## News from Year 1

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A HUGE welcome to Miss Amanda Matheson who has joined the Year 1 team in 1B!

The year one team wishes Miss C best of luck with her new adventure and for the safe arrival of her new addition.

Everyone has been working so hard, have a look at our great work! 1B has been doing lots of work about animal habitats!



Check out 1D's scientific drawings!



Ashley



Jarom

1A has been working hard; here are some of our warm and cool colour art pieces.



Jahna



Harrison

While the weather has been wet, 1D and 1E have been doing some 'inside PE'. Check us out doing yoga!



Don't forget that if you can spare anytime we are always happy for you to pop in and lend a helping hand, anytime, any day.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Foley, Miss Matheson, Mrs Patterson, Miss Waters & Miss Philbrook

## Year 2 News

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Over the past few weeks, the Year 2 students have been busy reconstructing simple poems. The task involved changing the rhyming words while keeping the rhythm and rhyming pattern the same.

Here are a few examples from the classes:

### Smarty Pants - By Tre G – 2C

I am a smarty pants,  
Rum-tum-plate.  
Here is a gate,  
See me skate.

### Smarty Pants - By Aoife C – 2C

I am a smarty pants,  
Rum-tum-tanse.  
Here I am,  
See me dance.

### Smarty Pants - By Jazmin K – 2B

I am a smarty pants,

Rum tum toe.  
See me do a handstand,  
Watch me go!

## Smarty Pants - By Corey M – 2B

I am a smarty pants,  
Rum tum tie,  
Look at this aeroplane,  
See me fly!

## Sound of sports -By Tehya H – 2E

Sport is my passion,  
Click, snap, woosh, bash.  
The sound of sport,  
Makes me want to crash!

## Reconstruction of Mary had a Little Lamb - Oscar had a Little Shark - By Oscar - 2D

Oscar had a little shark.  
Little shark, little shark.  
Oscar had a little shark,  
Its fin was blue as the sea.

## Reconstruction of Green Giant by Jack Prelutsky - Giant Pam - By Alysia - 2D

There once was a giant named Pam,  
Her hair was the colour of barbeque lamb.  
She had one pink and one gold eye,  
Her shirt was the colour of an orange fly.

Every child's poem will be displayed in the room. Feel free to drop in and have a look any morning/afternoon. Also, anytime you would like to pop in and listen to your child read, please feel free to do so.

## Sports News

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### Highland Reserve Sports Stars

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Emily Shore will compete at the State School Swimming Championships in Freestyle, Butterfly and Individual Medley.

Ellie Jay Beck has been selected to play Netball for the Gold Coast North District.

We look forward to hearing your results!

### Go n Run

A running club for kids (and parents, grandparents, pre preps, uncles....)

A great way to start your day.

Count your laps and earn badges to iron on to your sports shirts.

On the HRSS Oval - Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.30 – 8.40am (weather permitting)



## Student Services Centre

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This year has seen the Student Services Centre off to a flying start with a group of year 5 students accessing the centre four morning sessions per week focusing on literacy and life skills. Students are excited learning with hands on activities relating to the current curriculum. Other activities that are currently occurring in the student centre consist of individual literacy programs, various life skills programs such as cooking and social skills programs across various year levels. We have an exciting lunch club where students are supported to have fun and learn to develop friendships.



Our friendly staff consists of Breanne Callahan and Wendy Winspear (student support teachers) and Laura Dobson, Rachel Smith, Helen Drake, Wendy Smart, Pru Casey and Jason Hinkins (student support officers). We also support Students with Special Needs within the classroom working closely with each individual teacher. A special thank you goes out to our lovely volunteers Barbara Christoffel and Lisa Hollindale; our centre would not be the same without you!

## Chappy's Chat

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Hi there to the Community of Highland Reserve. Our Breaky program kicked off on Thursday. The breakfast program is available every Thursday morning at the hall and is for all ages. Please notify the office if your child has allergies and will be visiting us for breakfast. At this stage, I can't cater for special dietary requirement, but they are welcome to come and enjoy the social aspect of the morning.

Next week we will be starting a program for grade 5 girls called "Being Me...Radiantly"! It is a great program targeting areas of friendships, self esteem, and confidence. In 2013 I hope to include every grade 5 girl who is interested in participating.

I am situated in the Hub, and am at HRSS each Tuesday and Thursday. Please feel free to drop by and have a cuppa and a chat, and if ever there is any way I can help you or your family, please just ask. If I can't, I know I will know someone who can.

Until next time,

Shannon Henderson  
School Chaplain

## Hello from the Guidance Officer!

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My name is Kate Alcorn and I am the Guidance Officer at Highland Reserve State School, and I must say, I love working in such a positive and supportive school! In 2013 I will be at Highland Reserve each Monday and every second Friday and this year, I am particularly excited about the school's involvement in the KIDSMATTER program.

Children are referred to the Guidance Officer to gather detailed information about their learning and behavioural needs; these referrals come through the school's Student Support Committee rather than directly from parents. If you do have a concern regarding your child's learning or behaviour, please speak with your child's teacher in the first instance.

One of my current jobs is to compile a list of local community organisations and other professionals that can support families and children. Most community organisations receive government funding and that funding continues only if people are accessing their services, the old "use it or lose it" adage.

Until I have that list out to you, may I recommend the Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children? This organisation offers free counselling for children up to the age of 12 years, and for their families.

They also run a number of programs for us here at the school, including parenting programs (eg 123 Magic) and children's programs (eg Kids Know How).

The Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children run other support programs for adults and children at their base in the Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre at 25 Tamborine Oxenford Road, Oxenford (Ph 5580 4995 or 5529 8087). [Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children Flyer Term 1 2013 \(PDF, 2.3 MB\)](#).

I wish you and your children a very successful and happy 2013!

Cheers,  
Kate Alcorn



In 2013, Highland Reserve State School, with the strong backing and support of the P and C, has embarked on the KidsMatter journey. KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and well-being framework for primary schools and has been proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children.

KidsMatter Primary is a federal government initiative and provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nature happy, balanced kids.

KidsMatter is a four stage journey consisting of: - Component 1 - A Positive School Community - Component 2 – Social and Emotional Learning for Students - Component 3 – Working with Parents and Carers - Component 4 – Helping Children with Mental Health Difficulties

For further information check out the KidsMatter website <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary> Our KidsMatter committee consists of Elly Patterson, Kate Alcorn, Nicole Gillmore and Simon Travers in collaboration with the P&C and local community organisations. We are excited about being part of such a positive initiative for all of us in the Highland Reserve State School community.

## 1,2,3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Course

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A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old.

Information is available in the [1,2,3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Course Flyer \(PDF, 370KB\)](#)

## P&C Update

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On Tuesday 5th March we held the HRSS P&C AGM & and we are very excited to have some new faces on the executive committee this year.

<b>President</b>	Christine Main
<b>Secretary</b>	Cheryl Palmer
<b>Vice President</b>	Darren Cheal
<b>Treasurer</b>	Scott Dippel

We are looking forward to another great P&C year with the highly anticipated return of the Highland Fling being top of our agenda discussions. Anyone who is interested in being involved in the working group for this awesome event, email your interest to [pandc@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au). In 2012, this event raised over \$15,000 to support some of our social/emotional programs, as well as purchase guitars and fitness equipment for our students. More information will be coming in the next couple of months.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C this past school year in one way or another, your children and the executive committee thank you, because without you we could not achieve such amazing results for our School Community.

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