Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what an outstanding school I have landed in! It is my pleasure to be here at Highland Reserve through until the end of this year as your Principal.

I have had the extreme pleasure in my very busy 2 days in the school, of meeting so many people from our parent community. Thank you for your warm welcome to this wonderful school.

I must say I have been nothing but impressed with the children I have met as well. They have all been so welcoming and there is clearly a very high level of pride in their school evidenced by student attitudes to schooling, care of the school and certainly their presentation in full school uniform. It is excellent to see children in their uniform enacting the school’s values around effort, safety, respect and self-responsibility.

I am still in the process of meeting with all staff but I hope to have achieved that goal by the end of this week. It’s a large staff of highly committed dedicated professionals working to deliver a state of the art quality schooling experience for your children. I thank the staff for their warm welcome into the school and their ongoing focus at all levels to making sure our children have the very best schooling experiences and opportunities.

A snapshot of me I have been a school administrator for about 15 years in various school settings across the state. I have worked in small schools, medium schools and large schools in varying administrative roles, mostly as a Principal.

I have 3 children of my own who range in age from 8-13 years old. I know the challenges of family life as busy, high paced environments! My wife is a teacher herself so we are constantly busy with balancing our work and family commitments. We are very fortunate to have a loving family who support us to achieve the very best we can for our children!

I know that many people in our community will have questions about my leadership and my vision for our school. I have to say, my intentions are simple. Continue to follow the wonderful direction that exists in our school already and be an active part of this brilliant journey the staff here are on. I simply want to look for opportunities to be involved and grow what we already have here at Highland Reserve State School.

I will be out and about in the mornings and afternoons, so please take the time to ask any questions you might like to! I look forward to meeting you as our pathways cross in my role as Principal.

Student drop off and pick up

I attended the last P&C meeting where there were some concerns raised around the bottom car park area. This is certainly a highly complex area of traffic management, pedestrian management and student safety.

I have made some preliminary enquiries through our facilities office and will update you on any progress as it arises.

In the meantime some safety tips whilst using this area and any school road:

- Please ensure you adhere to the 5km/h speed limit – your vehicle will move very slowly, in fact pedestrian traffic may actually move faster than you!
- Please follow the directions of staff in these areas to ensure student safety and correct procedures are followed, particularly in the “kiss and go” zone.
- Drive with extreme caution as children are often unpredictable in their actions. This is particularly complex in our school as we release over 750 children in the afternoon.
- Please be careful not to park in places that may potentially obscure the view of other drivers or obstruct pedestrian pathways.
- When leaving the “kiss and go” zone please depart cautiously and observe the 5km/h speed limits in place.

We will revisit our school departure arrangements with students and would ask that you also talk to your child about safe travel at these times. I understand it is a very difficult matter for us to resolve but we all have a very important role to play in making sure our children are safe! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to ensure our children are safe.
Deputy's Debrief

Behaviour @ HRSS
I have been so proud to see children putting in an effort to improve their safety and respect in all eating areas of the school. Two of our school rules we have been focusing on in Term 3 so far have been safety and respect.

**Safety:** We have the right to work and play in a pleasant, clean and safe environment.

**Respect:** We have the right to be happy and to be treated with respect, understanding and politeness.

Our rule of the week has been focusing on our safety and respect in all eating areas.

To show that we are safe in our eating areas we have been making sure we:

- Sit down while eating
- Wait until a teacher has told us we can leave our area
- Sit down and for our teacher in our class line when the bell rings

To show that we are being respectful we:

- Listen to and follow instructions
- Use quiet voices while eating
- Wait for a teacher to dismiss us before we leave our area

Teachers are always ready to hand out Stop Think Do awards to students who are making an effort to follow all our school rules.

Don’t forget that our next Gold & Silver assembly will be in Week 10 of this term! Your teachers should be reviewing your behaviour goals with you in the next week or so to establish your behaviour goals to reach Silver or Gold.

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces in the classrooms and in the playground and eating areas.

Kind Regards

Abby Ross
Acting Deputy Principal

Silly Socks Day

14th August

Gold Coin Donation
Wear your silliest, craziest, brightest socks!

Science Night

20th August 2014
When: Wednesday 20th August 2014
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: Science Room and surroundings

Our school will be involved in the National Science Week this year, hosting a Science Night. This year, the theme is Food for our future – Science feeding the world. The theme is Food and there will be plenty at the P&C stalls! So come along and have some fun with food!

Science Corner

Our School Science Club, “The Mad Scientists” is now is full swing. Every Wednesday we try a fun, new experiment. In the past few weeks we have investigated mixing and non-mixing colours by dissolving M&Ms in water, and looked at the refraction and bending of light to create water illusions. All students are welcome to join us Wednesdays at 1:10pm in the Science Room.

On Wednesday 6th August a group of Science students were selected to go to the Queensland Museum and Sciencentre. The students enjoyed exploring a number of interactive exhibits, learning about gravity, space, rockets and even decoded a 'top secret' computer chip mystery. It was great to explore the world of Science in a fun and interactive way!

Students from the HRSS Robotics Club are demonstrating their creations at the GC Science Fair on Saturday 16th August. Feel free to come along and support our school from 1:30pm to 2:30pm at Broadwater Parklands. You could also make some other great scientific discoveries along the way.
The HRSS Talent Show is fast approaching!
It will be held in week 9 of this term. Class and year level auditions will start in week 4 to 6.
Have your act ready so you can showcase your talent.
Happy practising!

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**Talent Show**

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**Book Fair**

20th August - 22nd August

Thank you to all of our students and families who supported our Book Fair in 2013
By purchasing many great items at the fair in 2013 you helped raise $1343.15 worth of valuable classroom readers and SmartCart books for our school.
The Book Fair this year will be located in the school's Science Centre at these times:

**Wednesday 20th August**
8:00am - 8:45am  
3:00pm - 3:30pm  
5:00pm - 7:00pm (Science Night)

**Thursday 21st August**
8:00am - 8:45am  
3:00pm - 3:30pm

**Friday 22nd August**
8:00am - 8:45am  
3:00pm - 3:30pm

Students will have a chance to preview the Book Fair with their classes, and to create a ‘wish list’ on Tuesday 19th August.

We look forward to your continued support and welcome all of our new students and families to attend the Book Fair in 2014.

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**Sports News**

**Go ‘N’ Run**
Go ‘N’ Run is still on 8:30am on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Congratulations to all the students so far this year achieving amazing results because of the commitment and effort they are putting in on these mornings.

Just a quick reminder that if your child is sick, injured or cannot partake in Physical Education can a parent or caregiver please write a note excusing their child from the lesson.

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**Prep News**

**Prep Sea World Excursion**
Date: Thursday 28th August 2014  
Time: 8:30am for a 9:00am sharp departure  
Bring: hat, fully disposable lunch and water bottle (in a plastic bag with your child’s name) – no containers please!  
Students are required to wear full school uniform for the event.

Payment & Permission: Due by Monday 25th August
Download the [Sea World Permission Form](#) or ask the office ladies for a printed version.

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**Year 5 News**

**Camp**
The Year Fives will be going to Lake Moogerah in Term Three from September 1st to 3rd. Payment is due by August 25th. Download the [Year 5 Camp Lake Moogerah Permission Form](#) for more information.

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**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](#) and return to the Office.

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**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.

School Baking News

Welcome to Term 3! Just a reminder that School Banking is on Thursday each week, so please remember to send in your kids banking books so they can be rewarded for their saving achievements! It is wonderful to see how many there are banking.

Happy Banking!
Sharlene Dippel
School Banking Co-ordinator

P&C News

Highland Fling

Tickets on sale now!
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.

You can now email events@highlandreservess.eq.edu.au with your table name preferences and numbers. Once submitted and confirmed, you will receive an email with step by step instructions for booking and payment options.

Please note this is a very popular event and tickets do sell out quickly and are strictly limited, so get in early!
You can either book a whole table of 10 or you can book a single ticket and we will seat you with other friends for the night.

Garden Club
The children are really enjoying getting their hands dirty and growing lots of beautiful fresh produce in our HRSS ‘Living Classroom’! If you are after some fresh lettuce, herbs, silverbeet, cherry tomatoes and anything else that might be ripe in our garden please pop by (we are at the C&K end of the school oval) on Monday and Thursday mornings between 8:15am and 8:40am. See you there!
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
Enrol now at C&K Highland Reserve

2015 Enrolment Process has begun...if your name is not on the waiting list you might miss out!

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

ACEQUA has rated C&K Highland Reserve as Exceeding in all National Quality Standards.

Health Care Card Holders pay as little as $1.56 per day!

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.

Contact us today to enrol your child or put their name on our waiting list.

Address: 580 Reserve Road
(Behind state school)
Phone: 5580 5013
Email: highlandreserve@candk.asn.au

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

Coomera Cubs Baseball
Coomera Cubs Baseball Club
Saturday 2nd & 9th August
Sign on for all new & existing junior to senior Coomera Cubs players!
All Aussie T-Ball registrants get a Free Player Pack
With a Rawlings ball, glove & more!
10am - 2pm
At Coomera Cubs Baseball Club - 22 Riversdale Road, Oxenford
Still have Questions? Please contact:
Nick Day - info@coomercubs.com - 0400 000 046
Scott Sharple - cdb@coomercubs.com - 0407 070 561
Coomera.Baseball.com.au

Why not give Baseball a try this winter? Find out more at:
www.qld.baseball.com.au

Memorial Walk
Memorial Walk
QUEENSLAND
“Walking in honour of all the precious babies little lost lives”
Get a team together, bring your family or come alone and join us to raise awareness for Pregnancy and Infant Loss and raise funds to ensure our program can continue to reach out to bereaved families.

When: Sunday September 14th 2014
Where: Damian Leeding Memorial Park, QLD
Time: 9:00am Registration 10:30am Start
Walk or run 1, 2 or 3 laps of the lake

Register Online at

Contact Details
Tammie Pask - 0413 866 502 qlq@pregnancylossaustralia.org.au

Registraion Costs
Individual - $20
Family (2 Adults & up to 4 Children) - $50
Corporate (Min 6 people) - $15 per person

Fundraise & Win
Major prize valued at $250 to be won for the person, family or corporate group that raises the highest amount of deposited funds for the memorial walkathon! Fantastic 2nd and 3rd gift prizes will also be given.

Online Fundraising:

Featuring
- Face Painter
- Kids Jumping Castle
- Sausage Sizzle
- Market Stalls
- Balloon Release
PEARLS Program

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Working Together for our Children

Presentations from Leaders in:
- Working Memory & Education
- Speech & Language
- Educational Psychology
- Occupational Therapy
- Paediatrics

Register

www.queenslandldc.com.au
### 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)

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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**Note:** 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.
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 3411

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