

Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER

5 February, 2015

Deputy Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 2 and another exciting fortnight at Holland Park. At a whole school level we are busy settling into class, moving to the selection of school leaders and beginning the process of formation of interschool sporting teams.

CURRICULUM

One of my key roles is to support staff in their effective delivery of our curriculum. Two areas of particular focus are our whole school approach to reading comprehension and problem solving skills. These programs are important as they foster a consistent approach across the school in language, delivery and understanding for two of the key subject areas. They also target 'metacognitive' understanding for students as they use these skills not only across the subject area but also across all/most other subjects.

In reading comprehension we have 8 key skills which appear below. There are, however, other skills that teachers may include in their program depending on the students' needs. To explain further for example, the reading comprehension skill of 'Finding the Main Idea' can be used whether your child is completing a science task, reading a novel or analysing an advertisement. For this newsletter I have listed the 8 reading comprehension skills and some parent 'tips' for reading for your consideration when supporting your child at home.

Reading comprehension skills:

- Main idea
- Author's purpose
- Making connections
- Accessing prior knowledge
- Inferring
- Predicting
- Questioning
- Summarising



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Parent tips for reading and storytelling

- Read to your children every day, even for a few minutes.
- Bedtime is a good time.
- Take your children to the library for story-telling sessions and to choose books to borrow.
- Find picture books that don't have words and make up the story together.
- Be guided by your child about books they like, and read their favourite parts over and over again.
- Stop when they want to.
- Stop, skip the bits they want to skip. Avoid reading stories they don't like.
- Try out a range of different books and stories.
- After a scary bit in a story, stop and let your children talk about it.
- Pay attention to detail in the book, for example, point out the time on the clock in a picture.
- If you have more than one child, read or tell stories that they all like, for example stories about your childhood. Make time to read to each child individually.
- Talk to your children about the things you read, such as the newspaper, so they can see that reading is important to you.
- When your child reads out words on signs or food packets tell them you are proud of their reading.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PARENT NIGHTS

In week 3 we will be conducting parent information evenings for all classes. We extend an invitation to all families to attend these evenings where you will be welcomed by the Principal, P & C President and School Chaplain and afterwards receive valuable information from your child's classroom teacher about curriculum and planned activities for the year ahead.

NB. Please note a change in date for the Years 5 & 6 evening. Prep and Year 1 – Monday, February 9 – 6.30 pm in the hall and 7.00pm in classrooms.

Years 2, 3 & 4 – Tuesday, February 10 – 6.30pm in the hall and 7.00pm in classrooms.

Years 5 & 6 – Thursday, February 12 – 6.30pm in the hall and 7.00pm in classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you all at these important information sharing evenings.

SENIOR BAND

Senior Band will be commencing on Monday, February 9 at 7.30am in the music room. Junior Band will commence later in the term.

Regards

Leigh Harrod (Acting Deputy Principal)

Calendar

- Feb 9 Prep & Year 1 Parent Night
6.30pm in Hall, 7pm in classroom
- Feb 10 Years 2, 3 & 4 Parent Night
6.30pm in Hall, 7pm in classroom
- Feb 12 Years 5 & 6 parent night
6.30pm in Hall, 7pm in classroom
- Feb 19 Free Dress Day

- Mar 10 & 11 School Photos
- Mar 16 GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK starts
- Mar 29 P&C Easter Eggstravaganza,
1.30 – 4pm, HPSS Oval

Excursions/Incursions

- Feb 18 & 19 Years 5 & 6 Nexus Art Incursion
- Feb 25 Camp Quality Puppet Show, P - 3

Sport

- Feb 12 Mt Gravatt District Swimming
Carnival

SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88

P&C Contacts

Email: pandc@hollandparkss.eq.edu.au



Swim School: 3421 6262
hollandparkpool@gmail.com
Enquiries 3 – 5pm Mon – Fri term time

Swim Club website:
www.hollandparkswimclub.com

Uniform Shop: (07) 3397 7426
Open Mon, Wed and Thurs,
7.00am – 9.30am term time

Tuckshop: 07 3421 6263
Open Monday – Friday
Order online at
www.school24.com.au (ID: 25245963)

The P&C meets at 7:30pm on the 4th
Wednesday each month.

**HPSS Gifted and Talented
Education Committee
proudly announces
GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK 2015
16 – 20 March
“The Many Faces of Giftedness”**

Free Dress Day – Thursday 19 February

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR BRIGHTLY COLOURED OR FLURO CLOTHING TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER FOR ACT FOR KIDS. PLEASRE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION.



ACT FOR KIDS is an Australian charity working tirelessly to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

Finance News

Please take care when paying accounts via the internet. Payments are paid to incorrect accounts. Below are the 2 accounts used at the school.

Account 1:
Holland Park State School (for school related costs)
BSB: 064112
Account Number: 00090133

Account 2:
Holland Park P&C Association (for swim school, fete, P&C activities)
BSB: 064112
Account Number: 00901733

New Policy:
Cash or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) must be used for payments under \$10. Credit Card payments under \$10 will not be accepted.

HPE News

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport (for Years 4 - 6) begins on Friday 27 February. Before students can be considered for participation, we require a signed and returned parent permission slip. These slips will be distributed on Friday at an interschool sport meeting.

The permission slips are due by Wednesday 11 February at 3:00pm. Please check this with your child to help ensure a smooth process for our students.

DISTRICT TRIALS

AFL – 19th February
Basketball (Boys) 24th February
Basketball (Girls) 23rd February
Netball (12 years & under) 26th February
Netball (11 years & under) 25th February

District trials are available to students born 2005, 2004 and 2003. All students that are attending District Trials must take to the trials their student participation forms. These forms include parental authority, consent, medical and student details. It is also necessary to have principal approval to attend all trials.

There is a strict District rule of 'No student participation forms, no trial'. For all trial information please see Mr Walker.

Changes to School Bus Routes

Holland Park State School has been advised of the following **changes for the school service in 2015.**

Firstly, the **846AM service** as well as the **838PM service will not be running next year.**

However, the children affected by the 838PM cancellation can **catch the 837 service, which will run from Holland Park SS to Rowton Street.**



GREATER BRISBANE JUNIOR TENNIS (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 8 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

HPE AQUATHLON

2015 has seen the introduction of a new HPE unit for Years 4, 5 and 6. Students will participate in an Aquathlon Unit. This new unit is a combination of running and swimming to maintain student's aquatic abilities and also provide an opportunity to increase their stamina for the school Cross Country event. Students will build their physical ability towards the current Triathlon Queensland Aquathlon requirements. This unit will also create a pathway to Aquathlon and Triathlon events offered throughout Brisbane.

At the end of the term we will celebrate the Aquathlon unit by holding a HPSS Fit-Kids Aquathlon event during 1st break. Parents are welcome to come along and be a part of this celebration. A date for each Year level will be confirmed as soon as possible.

This week's Aquathlon lessons have been very exciting and students have been eager to get involved. I am looking forward to our students increasing their physical abilities and developing a basic understanding of distance running and swimming. Parents who have volunteered as a poolside spotter are more than welcome to put their joggers on and join us for the run!

Please remember that students will need their school hat, swim cap, goggles, swim wear, sun shirt, towel and joggers each week.

CROSS COUNTRY DATES

Years 4, 5 and 6 – Term 1, Week 8

Matt Walker
HPE Specialist Teacher

ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

NOTICE TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the supervised crossing and to set a good example themselves by obeying the School Crossing Supervisor's directions whenever they use the crossing.

Stop when the STOP sign is displayed

When the School Crossing Supervisor holds up the STOP sign all road users must stop their vehicles, clear of the crossing. Road users must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians including the School Crossing Supervisor are safely on the footpath on either side of the road. If a vehicle has stopped to give way to the pedestrians at a crossing facility, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary.

Failure to comply is an offence that will be reported to the Police.

No Stopping Zones

The 'No Stopping' zones delineate the School Crossing Supervisor's workplace and serves to protect an area on either side of a crossing facility. It is important to the safety of pedestrians who use the crossing facility that this road rule is followed. If this is ignored the enforcement agencies will be contacted. The design of a crossing facility is a standard layout described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to allow School Crossing Supervisors/ pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching vehicles and vice versa.

ANNERLEY & DISTRICTS BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY

Next Dance : Friday 6th February 2015

AGES: 7 – 15yrs

TIME: 7pm-9.30pm

COST: \$10.00

PLACE: Marymac Community Centre (616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley)

CONTACT: Senior Constable Lisa

VOYSEY or Constable Rachel

CUCKSON, Annerley Police Station Ph: 3892 8222

Supervised by Police & Community members

No smoking, no alcohol, no drugs, no objectionable behaviour.

Holland Park Meals on Wheels are currently looking for enthusiastic, caring people who are available from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm to help deliver meals to our elderly, frail and disabled clients. If you are available one day a week or one day a month we'd love to hear from you. For more information please contact **Natalie or Megan** on 3397 9150 between 7:30am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday.



Meals on Wheels
Holland Park & District

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School Crossing Supervisor's have the authority to report any incidents that affect their personal safety and the safety of pedestrians. They will record registration numbers and details of offending vehicles and report them. There are no circumstances where a driver can stop in the crossing zone, drivers delivering or waiting for children are no exception and are not exempt.

Supervised crossing procedure

The School Crossing Supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath. When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and when it is safe to do so proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed. The supervisor will blow two blasts of the whistle to indicate that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the School Crossing Supervisor then returns to the footpath.

All cyclists, skateboarders, children wearing roller blades or with scooters will be asked to dismount and walk their 'wheels' over the crossing.

Please assist your School Crossing Supervisors – they are here to protect your children.

Tuckshop News

Welcome back to a new year.

THANK YOU to all of those people who have volunteered for Tuckshop this year.

We still need people for Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, so please fill in the forms that were sent home and drop them back to the teacher or the tuckshop.

A new menu for 2015 was sent home with the youngest child last week. If you have not received one please come and collect one from the tuckshop. There have been a few changes in prices and food. If you are unsure of prices PLEASE put in extra money and the change will be sent home. Those who have incorrect money will have their order changed. ONLINE ordering is the best way to make sure that this does not happen.

Lastly - ALWAYS USE YOUR MANNERS AT THE TUCKSHOP

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mwalk254@eq.edu.au



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WANT TO PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE?

Come and be part of the Tiger family at
— Easts Juniors RLFC —
Cnr of Flita and Harold Streets, Holland Park.

SIGN ON 2015 Sunday 8th February 9am – 1pm
Players welcome in all age groups from U6's through to U20's / Opens.

Come meet your Coach and Join us for a free Sausage Sizzle!

Registration includes:

- Full season game fees
- Brand new jersey
- Training shirt

New & transfer players need to bring an original birth certificate or valid passport.



For more info contact Greg MacDonald (Secretary)
E: secretary@eastsjuniors.com.au M: 0419 735 231.



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CRICKET Grades Prep to 3 (7.55-
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NETBALL Grades 2 to 5 (7.55-8.40am)
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lynryanmoonie@bigpond.com) or
Jody Paddison (0438 165 203 or
paddo31@gmail.com)

Taking expressions of interest for

Ladies fitness classes

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ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER – All advertising is to be at school NO LATER than 9am on Monday. Ads cost \$4 for the first 4 lines and \$2 for each additional line or part thereof. Sanja Popovic, BSM, HPSS, 3421 6222