

Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER

5 March, 2015

Deputy Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 6 for the 2015 school year. This week our student leaders were presented with their badges at a ceremony attended by invited guests, Joe Kelly (State Member for Greenslopes), Councillor Ian McKenzie (Councillor for the Holland Park Ward) and Lisa O'Donnell (Vice President of our P&C, as well as parents and teachers. The leadership roles included School Captains, House Captains (Wilson, Lavarack and Bowen), Senior Choir Captains, Recorder and Band Captains, Senior Band Captain, SEP Representative, Chaplaincy Representatives and Student Council Representatives. These roles provide opportunities for students to have a 'voice' in what happens throughout the school as well as enabling students to develop their own leadership skills.

SCHOOL DISCO

The term 1 disco for Year 4 – 6 students is being held on Friday evening (6th March) in the hall from 7.00 – 9.00pm. At the end of the disco the lights and music will be turned off and students will sit quietly in the hall. Parents are requested to come into the hall to pick up their children promptly at 9:00pm. This is a change to policy but will create a smoother and safer transition for the end of the evening.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographs are next week on Tuesday and Wednesday (10th and 11th March). Students have been issued with an envelope with payment details and package options. Please return payment to the school office by Monday 9th March.

Students should wear their blue school uniform on the day of their photo as indicated in the table below.

Date	Classes/ Groups
10 th March	All Prep Classes; 1SB, 1BD, 1MG; All Year 2 Classes; 3FM, 3LR, 3KD
11 th March	1WJ, 1RB; 3JM, 3AM; All Year 4, 5 and 6 Classes, School Captains, House Captains, Music Captains, Student Council, Chappy Reps and SEP.



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Finance: Minimum Credit Card payment accepted is \$10.
Payment window is open until 11am each day.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Interschool sport is underway with students in Years 4 to 6 travelling to compete against other schools each Friday afternoon. We would like to clarify one item in relation to interschool sports; students who are selected to compete in interschool sports teams make a 10 week commitment. Therefore, they are expected to travel with their teams **every week** regardless of whether they have a bye or may have forgotten a piece of sporting equipment. If your sport has a bye, this time will be used as additional training or a good opportunity to watch senior games which can assist with skill development.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction (RI) is commencing next week. Parents of children participating in this program are advised that \$7.00 is required to cover the expense of materials used during the lessons. Please pay this at the school office. Students are allocated to RI based on information provided by parents on the completed Application for Student Enrolment unless other written instructions have been provided to the school. If your details or wishes have changed since enrolment and you now would like your child to participate, please advise us in writing either to the class teacher or the school office. Students who are not participating in RI will be provided with other instruction in a supervised location.

ONLINE PROGRAMS

We have three online programs that complement and enhance curriculum delivery and provide students access to additional resources to support their learning in reading, spelling and mathematics. They are Maths Online, *ABC Reading Eggs* and *Mathletics*.

Mathsonline

This year the school has funded an online mathematics tutorial program aligned with the Australian Curriculum for every student in P-6. Maths Online can be used in classes as well as at home. Teachers are able to monitor their students' progress through accessing progress reports and make informed decisions about how best to support their learning. The program also provides the facility for teachers to set Mathsonline homework tasks. Parents too can see how their child is going and access ongoing progress reports that are built for each individual. It is a valuable resource for students who want to consolidate and improve their basic mathematics skills as well as for those who want to extend themselves. All students will be given a user name and password to access the program.

Reading Eggs

ABC Reading Eggs is another online program that students can use at school and home. Once a subscription of \$7.00 is paid to the school office, students are issued with a user name and password. ABC Reading Eggs is designed to build reading and comprehension skills for students aged 7–13 years. The website has an enormous range of learning resources, lessons, motivational games, e-books and a comprehensive reporting system that gives feedback on students' progress.

Mathletics

Mathletics is another fun online tool that contains many activities that are matched to the Australian Curriculum. A user name and password is issued to students once a subscription of \$9.00 is paid to the school office. All students can track their progress,

Calendar

Mar 6 Disco, Years 4 – 7, Hall, 7 – 9pm
Mar 10 1WJ Toohey Forest Excursion
Mar 10 & 11 School Photos
Mar 11 PGY, PDY Lone Pine Excursion
Mar 11 1MG, 1SB Toohey Forest Excursion
Mar 12 1RP, 1BD Toohey Forest Excursion
Mar 16 GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK starts
Mar 18 & 19 Yrs 5 & 6 Nexus Art Incursion
Mar 26 Yr 5 Star Lab
Mar 27 Yr 1 – Arty Aussie Animals Incursion
Mar 29 P&C Easter Eggstravaganza,
1.30 – 4pm, HPSS Oval

SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88

P&C Contacts

Email: pandc@hollparkss.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”**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

If you are looking for a stimulating holiday activity for your child (aged between 7 – 12 years old) the **Young Ethos Scholars one-day program** may be for you.

This program is designed to inspire and challenge gifted and talented children to be innovative and resourceful, and to become thoughtful leaders of the future.

The Ethos Foundation is a not-for-profit learning organisation. The various program options will be offered on WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL during the next school holidays.

Please visit

http://ethosfoundation.org/course/young_ethos_scholars/
for further details and registration.

Bookclub

Bookclub is due on the 10th of March and it is to be handed to the classroom teacher, not handed into the office. Thank you.

Library Matters

READERS' CUP 2015

With Year 7 now in high school, the format of Readers' Cup, a competition for keen readers run by the Queensland Branch of the Children's Book Council, has been reformatted. This year for the first time, school teams will consist of students from Years 5 and 6. Holland Park State School will be entering a school team in the Brisbane South Regional Final scheduled to take place at Algester State School on Tuesday 16th June.

All students in Years 5 and 6 can try out for the school team by participating in the 'in school' final. This event will take place at first break in the library in Week 9 of this term, on Wednesday 25th March. Students need to read *Mac Slater, Cool Hunter* by local author Tristan Bancks and answer questions on the book. Copies of the book are available for loan from the school library.

KNOWING YOUR CHILD'S READING AGE AND HOW TO HELP THEM

An excellent article posted on *The Spoke*, Early Childhood Australia's blog, written by Ryan Spencer, a Clinical Teaching Specialist in Literacy Education at the University of Canberra. It provides some great strategies to guide parents and caregivers on how to help children learn to read. It's well worth reading.
<http://thespoke.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/knowing-your-childs-reading-stage-and-how-to-help-them/>

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS SLIGHT REVISION

The library is open for student use at the following times.



Join our Creative Hub in Holland Park

Road 2 Art offer a fun, creative studio vibe with quality art workshops to inspire budding artists of all ages!
(pre-prep to adults)

Our 2015 class program is available on our website
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LAFFS TENNIS – Free Racquet Offer
Enrolment forms for tennis coaching second term 2015 have been distributed and are to be completed and returned to the school office or to our PO Box address by Thursday 19 March, 2015.
Any new pupil signing on for these lessons will receive at no charge a Junior Tennis Racquet
A school Holiday Clinics are available at Chandler tennis centre – please call 07 3245 4494

BEFORE SCHOOL

Mon – Thurs: 8.15 am – 9.45 am

FIRST BREAK

Mon – Thurs: 11.15 am – 11.45 am.

SECOND BREAK

Tues – Thurs: 1.25 pm – 1.55 pm.

Access by prior arrangement or with teacher permission (for instance, for computers)

Margaret Kittson (teacher-librarian)

Sports Report

DISTRICT TRIALS

Hockey Girls 12th March
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Football Girls 9/10/11th March
Football Boys 16/17/18th March
Rugby League 12 years & under 10th March
Rugby League 11 Years & under 11th March
Touch Football Boys 18th March
Touch Football Girls 19th March

Please see Mr Walker for all trial participation forms.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

HPSS was represented by six studentts who were members of the Mt Gravatt District Swimming team. It was another tough day of swimming! Congratulations to Eliza P who has been selected into the Metropolitan East Swimming team.

Thank you again to Coach Phil for supporting studentts at the event. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the teachers and parents for this event. Another great result for the swim club and our school.

Awesome effort from everyone!

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Being a SunSmart school please ensure that all students have their school hat for Friday Sport. Also, please reinforce the importance of taking a water bottle and staying hydrated.

We are into our second week of our Friday Sport options and studentts are very excited and keen to participate. This year we have been fortunate to have Brisbane Kung Fu return to hold martial arts lessons and we have also re-established a pathway to Lawn Bowls at Holland Park Bowls Club. It is fantastic that we are able to get such a large number of students participating in a variety of different sports. One of the great benefits is that the Friday Sport options offers a large variety of sporting codes which then provides a pathway to many of our local community clubs.

As inter school sport has commenced could you please ensure that Year 4, 5 and 6 students that are travelling by bus from school to their sport do not order tuck shop items for 2nd break. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our tuck shop convenor.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sam C and Joseph C who have been both selected for the Mt Gravatt District AFL team . Well done!



Holland Park Tree Frog Guide Unit
has vacancies for girls from 6 to 9
years of age.

We meet at 60 Arnold Street, Holland Park on Thursday evenings between 5 to 7pm during a school term. Contact Patricia Preston on 07 3245 3575 or 0418 745 505 if your daughters would like to join us.

Come and share Fun, Friends and adventure

Taking expressions of interest for

Ladies fitness classes

- ✓ Would you like an after or before school drop off class?
- ✓ An indoor or outdoor class?
- ✓ Would you like to bring your children too?

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PLAYERS/COACHES for 2015 Hockey Season

Aged from 5 years for.....
Senior, Junior and Masters Turf Teams
Senior and Junior Grass Teams
Modified Teams

Training held at State Hockey Centre, Lytton Road, Morningside

For further details please contact:
Kay Beirne - 0409621033 or Gaye Swaffield - 0408339891

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

Commemorative Japanese Garden

There are four stages to the project which would provide themed landscaping to the eastern and southern sides of R-Block. Stage 1 of the garden on the eastern side, will complement the current Japanese themed mural on the wall of the air-conditioning block. It would be offered as a commemorative garden to celebrate the 10 year Sister School agreement between Holland Park State School and Otemon Gakuin Elementary School in 2015.

To connect with the school community this project has been offered to the Year 6 students and teachers as an opportunity to participate and engage in an activity that allows them to explore their interest in Japanese language, culture and beautification of the school.

A Year 6 student committee has been created over the last 4 weeks which will allow students to take part in a variety of collaborative teams including research, design, funding, construction and progress reporting to the school and wider school community. This group will also ensure that all Year 6 students will be given the opportunity to participate in this project.

Our committee members are Kashti P, Georgia C, Ella C, Claudia P, Laylah M, Sarah H, Annie B, Zoe R, Tara L, Georgia T and Jasmine B.

Japanese Garden Media Team.



Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 9 – 13 March (Group 2)

Mon 9 Mar: Kim Amos Hohnke

Tues 10 Mar: Elin Hyunsung Min

Wed 11 Mar: Neelima Sharma

Thurs 12 Mar: Raelene Batkin,

Fri 13 Mar: Linda Tobin, Sam Smith, Chrissa Konstantinos, Lisa Ridler, Amy Wood

Volunteer names are not always correct due to changes. If unsure, please contact Melisa.

P&C AGM

The Annual General meeting for the HPSS P&C will be held on Wednesday 11 March from 7.30pm in the library.

If you are interested in hearing what the P&C achieved in the past year, and having a say in what the P&C does in 2015 (and how funds raised get spent to support HPSS students), make sure you come along!

All memberships of the P&C will lapse at the meeting and members must complete a new membership form. The AGM is the only meeting for the year where membership is accepted immediately (and you don't have to be present). After the AGM you will have to attend the meeting, and have your nomination accepted at the end of the meeting before you become a

member. Membership forms and nomination forms for executive positions are available from the office or email us at pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au.

The election of office-bearers (P&C Executive) will take place at the meeting. Nominations are sought for the roles of President, Vice-President, Vice-President - Communications, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested, please feel free to nominate for the positions - but all current Executive members also intend to re-nominate. The audited results will also be tabled at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there.
Kumar Thaivarayan

Easter Eggstravaganza

Dear HPSS Community

The Holland Park State School Parents and Citizens Association and Chaplaincy Committee has great pleasure in inviting you to join with the school community in celebrating the end of Term 1 at our Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday 29 March from 1.30pm to 4.00pm on the school oval.

This event will include a number of fun, active and traditional Easter events - including a hat parade and egg and spoon races and treasure hunt with great prizes. Bring a picnic rug and enjoy the grand sounds of River City Music Concert Band and enjoy the Victor Scouts BBQ while the kids have a blast! The cost is \$8.00 per child (or \$20.00 for 3 or more children from the same family). Children not yet school age are welcome but must be booked and paid for. **You MUST pre-book this event by 25 March** - tickets will not be available on the day (this is to ensure we can cater for the correct number of children attending). Please return the booking form sent home last week, or book via the online tuckshop system.

We require volunteers to help on the day - more information is detailed on the booking form. Please consider what you can do to help and make sure all children attending have a great afternoon.

Please also ensure that you return all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) and raffle money to the office by 25 March. Please let us know if you would like more raffle books. Funds raised from the raffle and event will be shared by the P&C & Chaplaincy program.

If you would like any additional information, please email us at pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Kumar, Lisa, Rhian and Steph
P&C Exec
on behalf of HPSS P&C

