Dear Parents and Carers,

GRADUATION

When this school opened in 1929, the graduating classes were from Year 8. That’s the way it had been in Queensland since 1876. That all changed in 1962 when Year 8 became the first year of high school and our graduating classes were from Year 7. That all changes this week when we farewell not just our Year 7s but we start a new tradition of farewelling our Year 6s.

Our community can be justly proud of our graduating students. They have contributed significantly to what has been the best yet academic year for the school. They have also made very significant contributions to the life of the school through their sporting and cultural pursuits. Most importantly they have been excellent role models for our younger students. We will be graduating our Year 6 students on Tuesday night and the Year 7s on Wednesday night. The prize winners announced on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at our Graduation Ceremonies will be published on our Facebook page on Thursday.

STAFFING MATTERS

The following list shows the names of staff, their class assignments and room numbers for next year.

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Calendar

- **9 Dec**  Year 6 Graduation
- **10 Dec**  Year 7 Graduation
- **10 Dec**  LAST TUCKSHOP DAY
- **11 Dec**  Class parties – free dress
- **12 Dec**  LAST DAY OF TERM – clean up

- **26 Jan**  AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY
- **27 Jan**  FIRST DAY OF TERM 1, 2015

SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88

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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  

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

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contact the curriculum as well as they might. There is a lot of data in the school that is a tribute to the fine work he has done. Everyone in the school wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Tony Lashmar took over our instrumental program at a difficult time and has done a marvellous job in instilling a love of music that is evident every time the junior and senior bands perform. Tony will be working full time at Cavendish Road High School.

Robyn Howard has been at our school for some time and has had many different roles. This year she has been a Year 3 teacher and has contributed significantly to the excellent results obtained by Year 3 students in NAPLAN. Robyn has also contribute significantly to our Japanese program by conducting a Cultural Club in her classroom in her own time during lunch breaks and has helped out significantly with our exchange program.

I would like to welcome to our teaching faculty the following: Sharyn Blanchfield coming from Moorooka State School and Nicole Trembath coming from Tingalpa State School.

FLAG COMPETITION

After much consultation and discussion the flag competition winners are now known. The winner of the school flag design competition is Tara Lynam from Year 5. She wins a $200 book voucher. The winner of the design for house flags goes is Lachlan Parenti from Year 6. Lachlan wins a $150 book voucher.

The designs are very rich in symbolism that has been explained at assembly. I will not reproduce that here but after the flags have gone through a stage of finessing with a graphic designer, we will organise a special assembly for their official launch.

For all those for whom this week will mean the end of your association with Holland Park State School, I would like to wish you and your families well, to thank you for your contributions to this community and to encourage you to stay in contact with the school.

For all those continuing next year, class assignments for students will issued with report cards on Wednesday.

It has been a very good year at Holland Park. Academic results have strengthened even more and our cultural and sporting achievements have made us proud. The vibrancy and strength of our partnership with parents have grown enormously. This is particularly so in our relationship with the P&C and its members who have contributed tirelessly through the course of the year. Finally I would like to wish you all the very best for the coming festive season. I look forward to working with you again next year.

Regards
Anthony Gribbin
Principal

Ready! Set! Go! Preparing for the Prep Year of Learning

On Thursday 4 December, appointed Prep teachers met with their new students and families. Karen Oliver, the Community Liaison Officer, welcomed the new Prep families to our school hall where they were introduced to their Prep teachers. We thank all new Prep families for taking time to meet their 2015 Prep teachers.
Graduation Trees – a new HPSS tradition

This year the Student Council came up with the idea of finding a permanent way to celebrate the graduation of students from our school.

It was decided that the Student Council would purchase, for each graduating cohort, a Golden Penda tree which would be planted by the school leaders. A plaque would also be placed in front of each tree, in recognition of each Year 6/7 group.

Our first tree planting ceremony for Year 6 and Year 7 took place last Wednesday at the front area of the school, just above the wall mural. A plaque for each tree has been placed at the top of the mural.

We are hoping that this new tradition will continue for many years and, in time, will create a beautiful row of trees which will be of significance to our past students and their families.

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.

Sports Report

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the pool with our Swim Carnivals and Swim Fun days. We have had 5 carnivals across our Year levels from Year 1 to Year 7.

YEARS 1 & 2 SWIM FUN DAYS

The Year 1 and 2 Swim Fun Days provided our students a wonderful way of celebrating our Aquatics program. It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers and supporters attend and watch the students have their time in the pool. Students had the opportunity to do freestyle and back stroke in 12m or 25m events. We had a fun cross pool beach ball relay that created a lot of excitement. The students finished off the event with their favourite stroke.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Year 3 had their first carnival using the swimming Timing System which we used for the 25m events. With a great team of House Captains, volunteers and teachers we created a great event for the students. It was time for the Year 3’s to shine and they generated a great deal of excitement and cheering. Students were timed on
their Freestyle and Back stroke. It was fantastic to hear all of the support from classmates as everyone zoomed by in their 12m or 25m events and the finals were very exciting.

Congratulations to our finalist

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What a fantastic effort from all of our Year 1, 2 and 3 students!

INTER HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

Congratulations Lavarack House for winning the 2014 Inter house Swimming Carnival with Wilson coming in second and Bowen third. We had a very hot day for the Year 4/5 carnival and the Year 6/7 carnival started off as a wet day. However, the weather favoured us and we were able to complete the events without disruption.

I was really impressed with the overall behaviour of all students. The House Captains did a fantastic job in getting their house members cheering for their team mates. This year was a special event as we had both Year 6 and Year 7’s moving on to high school in 2015. I hope that you all enjoyed your day and that you will have fun memories of the many Holland Park State School sporting events.

Holland Park State School Age Champions 2014

9 Years  Ambryn P and Connor S
10 Years  Charlotte M and Jacob H
11 Years  Lily M and Kellen R
12 Years  Holly H and Isacc W
13 Years  Jeremy P

Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic carnival.

There are so many people to thank for making all of our aquatic events such successful days and on behalf of Holland Park State School I would like to thank all of the teachers, parents and supporters for your assistance during this celebration of sport.

A special thanks to Lexia Wilmington, Tim Currie and Coach Phil for their preparation and assistance.

Library News – Read all about it!

BOOK FAIR 2014

A big thank you to all members of our school community - students, parents and families - for supporting this year’s Book Fair. We had a really good outcome with over $11,000 worth of goods being sold. The school gets a commission on all sales. Once the paperwork is finalised and the commission is paid to the school, an amount of over $2000 will end up going into the 2015 library cost centre.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY
The Library needs empty hard plastic video cases to use as shelf markers in the library. If you still have any videos at home - with digital technology video is now largely obsolete we can make use of the empty cases in the library. There are a number of cases already in use as shelf markers in the library's fiction collections. Ideally we'd like to have enough to be able to do the same with our non-fiction collections. Any donations can come straight to the library.

Margaret Kittson (Teacher-librarian)

HPSS Christmas Celebrations & Fireworks

The HPSS P and C would like to thank all the wonderful participants who contributed to the success of this year's HPSS community celebrations.

Mr James planned an entertaining and musical concert and we thank him for another successful year. Mr Groth kept the concert on-track as MC and looked great in his Hawaiian shirt. There were many highlights and congratulations to the large number of children who took part. The disco kept the atmosphere in "party mode" and the children enjoyed dancing in the hall and were delighted when Santa arrived and distributed sweets.

The school community spirit on Saturday night was everywhere.... the kitchen was well stocked with volunteers, the oval and playground entertained many families and the tennis courts enabled families to mingle. The cake stall tables were covered with delicious options, thank you again to our busy "cupcake army" and Sueellen who coordinated it. Can you believe we had left over lolly necklaces for the first time ever?

Wonderful families arrived early to set up the shades and do salad preparation. The alpha males were busy on the BBQs. The slushies made by Chaplain Howard were well received in the hot weather.

When our school community comes together like this we always deliver a great event. In planning for next year, please consider how just contributing a half hour can really lighten the load and enable such a wonderful night for our children. Thank you to the people who stayed behind to pack up after the event. Your work is really appreciated. Special thanks to the Bettenay family who were there all day and came back early on Monday morning too!

So to all our volunteers from the lolly necklace makers, the cake bakers, tent builders and sausage turners, please accept our thanks.

We have already had messages from new families to our school who were "overwhelmed" with how great our Christmas celebration is...... We're delighted to welcome them into our school community.

Thanks to our wonderful coordinator Cathy Carmody, she has done a fantastic job again this year and she has been in our thoughts as we wish her a very speedy recovery.

The HPSS P and C wishes the school community a very happy, safe and restful festive season.

Happy Holidays!
**Tuckshop Talk**

It’s nice to see children using manners at the tuckshop -some unfortunately still need reminding. A BIG THANK YOU to Nick L in 5/6KD for using his manners every time he comes to the tuckshop. It is a pleasure to serve such a well-mannered young boy.

**Only those children who use their manners will be served.**
**NO MANNERS = NO SERVICE**

Wednesday 10th December is the last day of tuckshop for the year. There will be limited food that last week so your child’s order may need to be changed. If anyone can spare an hour first up in the morning please come in.

If you have not signed up to online ordering, over the holidays is a great time to become acquainted with it.

There are a lot of plastic containers left in the tuckshop from various events throughout the year. If they are not collected they will be donated to the tuckshop.

One last GIANT thank you to all the volunteers this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Mel
0408628800 / 34216263

**Swimming Club**

**FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB**

The inclement weather kept a few members away, but the rest enjoyed their last night of racing for the year. Thanks to the timekeepers and marshals who had to brave the drizzle on the evening.

Congratulations to Jacob K who broke the 6 years, 25m Breaststroke Pool Record.

This coming Friday is the club’s Christmas Break-Up party, with pre-ordered pizza on the menu and a few freebies for the kids. Adults can bring their togs to join in on some of the relays. There is no formal racing, but there are fun games to play. There will be no barbeque only the pizza order, so make sure you order and pay by midday Tuesday.

The results from Friday night club are on the website.

The website will be updated with the latest version of the squad and learn to swim information for the holidays, so visit the website for any information.

**MOST IMPROVED AT CLUB NIGHT**
The club wishes to acknowledge the great improvements in times achieved by swimmers throughout the season. Each week we shall list the swimmer who took the most time off their previous best swim for the season. The following children will be presented with a “Treat Voucher” for the canteen. (only 1 voucher per child per week) Friday night’s most improved were:-

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Vouchers will be issued on the first night back in January.

**NOMINATIONS FOR SPRINT MEETS**

East Brisbane and the Commercial Swimming Club are hosting sprint meets over the holidays, so swimmers can try to achieve qualifying times for the upcoming Brisbane and Queensland Sprint Meets in February. If any BSA registered swimmers wish to attend either of these meets, please have your nominations to Lexia Willmington, by Wednesday 24th December. Information will be forwarded about the Brisbane Sprint once Brisbane Swimming has posted this information.

**CHRISTMAS**

Swimming club re-commences on the first Friday back at school on Friday, 30th January 2015. New members are welcome for the second half of the season. The nomination sheet is already at the pool, so don’t forget to nominate.

The Swim Club Committee wishes everybody a very happy Christmas and a safe holiday.

**Front Garden Planting Bee - Thank You!**

Thanks to all the parents and families that came on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning of the 22 and 23 November. We planted over eighty plants! The front of the school has been truly transformed into a garden.

The P&C funded $2000 for these latest plants, mostly understory Lilly Pillies but also taller Lemon Myrtles and Grevilleas, which will provide more valuable shade.

Special thanks to the Bishop family, who were keen to see fruit trees and shrubs and a Maple tree in the garden. On Saturday they selected plants from Turner’s nursery, delivered, planted and donated towards the cost of these. Look out for the flowering apricot and peaches near the Cherry Blossom on the mural, and the foliage of the Maple tree near Building A.

Enjoy watching the garden grow!

Lisa Kuiri
Spark your imagination with summer reading at a BCC library

Council’s Summer Reading program takes place from 13 December 2014 to 26 January 2015.

Jack and Emily return this summer with loads of fun activities. Jack and Emily encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading by collecting stickers to complete their Summer Reading pocket book, each time they attend a library event or finish reading a book. Participants who have collected 10 stickers for their pocket book will receive an exciting prize as a reward!

Summer Reading offers terrific free events and activities, including:

- Writing and illustration workshops
- Live performances
- Science workshops

And, it’s free to participate. Don’t miss out on the fun! Visit your local library this summer and get reading.

For more information about the Summer Reading program, pick up a copy of What’s On in Libraries, visit the website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

LOST & FOUND

Girls size 8, Black & Blue Speedo one piece togs. Lost last swim club night. Please hand in to school office if found.
KIDS CLUB 2015
A FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN.

THIS YEAR KIDS CLUB IS GOING TO LEGO LAND, SO COME EXCITED FOR
LEGO THEMED GAMES, ART, DRAMAS, PRIZES, FOOD AND FRIENDS.
EVERYONE WILL BE A PART OF A TEAM AND WILL COLLECT POINTS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO WIN A PRIZE FOR THEIR TEAM.

7th TO 9th JANUARY 2015
WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM
+ A FREE FAMILY BBQ AFTER THE PROGRAM ON FRIDAY

109 Golda Avenue, Salisbury, QLD  Register at kidsclubrego.com
Contact: kidslife@lifechurchcentral.com 07 3719 3177  lifechurchbrisbane.com