Deputy Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Holland Park we conducted three well attended parent teacher information sessions. Each session began in the school hall with a welcome from the school Principal followed by updates on the valuable work of the P&C, including road safety initiatives to keep our students safe. Additionally, the school Chaplain explained his role supporting the social and emotional development of students, and teachers provided valuable information about curriculum and planned activities for the year.

Information from the P&C about road safety initiatives is attached with this newsletter to provide parents and others who drive children to school details about the new procedures for using the school drop off zones. Also, an information sheet about school sores is attached with this newsletter.

Should you at any time have any concerns or would like to request any information about your child’s progress please see you class teacher first.

Master Teacher

I have been appointed as Master Teacher at Holland Park for the next three years. The Master Teacher position is an additional classified teaching position provided to selected Queensland state schools to build professional excellence in teaching. This week I attended a two day conference which provided me with the opportunity to network with 300 Master Teachers from all around Queensland and learn more about my role which involves working with teachers and school leaders to enhance the learning outcomes for our students. Some of the key tasks I will undertake at Holland Park include:

- Researching and modelling quality teaching
- Providing coaching and guidance to teachers and other staff in delivering quality teaching with an emphasis on the school priorities of Reading Comprehension Strategies, Mathematics Problem Solving, Science Inquiry Skills, Spelling/Words Their Way and the Seven Steps to Writing Success
- Improving the capacity of school teams to use evidence-based assessment to inform teaching and learning
- Supporting all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systemic and student data

Students will benefit from innovative best practice strategies with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy. In addition, the role is supported with a resource grant of $75 000 over three years for supporting literacy and numeracy in the Early Years.
Cybersafety

Students are spending increasing amounts of time online and using technology more than ever before. It is important for students to know how to stay safe online. Parents and school staff can support them to keep themselves and others safe online. A number of great resources are available to help your child stay safe online, including fact sheets, videos, tips for safety and tools for online security. These can be accessed at: http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/cybersafety/Pages/parents.aspx

On the Twelfth Day of Prep

Our 2015 Prep students are brimming with excitement and enthusiasm and so are their teachers. “What have you learnt at school?” I asked. I was very surprised at the variety of their responses and how much they had learnt in just twelve days of Prep at Holland Park.

“I have learned how:
- to pack up things
- to share things
- to play games with other children
- to make new friends
- to observe things with my senses and draw them
- to write letters
- to draw
- to paint some things I imagined
- to do dancing
- about favourite food
- to hold a pencil
- the letters “S”, “A” and “T” – sat
- to use my senses
- sugar gliders like eating sweet things and that’s why they’re called sugar gliders
- to count numbers backwards, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0
- to say hello and goodbye in Japanese
- to write my name
- about the world by looking at maps
- to play computer games with numbers and shapes
- to be a good friend
- to hold a pencil
- to sort
- to write numbers
- to draw shapes
- to hold hands
- to unpack my lunchbox
- to tidy up
- to spell “animal”
- to keep hands and feet to yourself
- the rule “No running in the classroom”

So if they have learnt all this in just twelve days, just imagine how much they will learn in twelve months. The Prep teachers of Holland Park are looking forward to a wonderful year teaching our 2015 Prep cohort and would like to thank all the parents for attending the Prep Parent Information Night on Monday the 9th February.

Regards
Julia Whittaker (Acting Deputy Principal)
Timely reminder of stranger danger

When out and about, you need to always take care and be aware of strangers. With the help of your friends, you can together be stranger danger safe.

Why not walk with a friend. Help each other whenever you are out and about. We alert each other to danger, and we make sure we always stay together - no walking off alone or talking to strangers!

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.

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.

Library Matters

A warm welcome to all members of the Holland Park State School community – new or returning – for 2015.

LIBRARY STAFF

I am working a three day week this year (in my capacity as the school's teacher-librarian) and am here on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. As things currently stand, there will be three teacher-aides timetabled to work in the library. Mrs Judy Rix is working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We welcome a new teacher-aide, Mrs Stanislava Lasica, who will be working in the library on Thursdays. Mrs Morag Witney is here on Fridays.
OPENING HOURS 2015

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

BEFORE SCHOOL
Mon – Thurs: 8.15 am – 9.45 am

FIRST BREAK
Mon – Thurs: 11.15 am – 11.45 am.
Fri: 11.05 am – 11.25 am

SECOND BREAK
Tues – Thurs: 1.25 pm – 1.55 pm
Computer access (with teacher permission.)

Margaret Kittson (teacher-librarian)

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. PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION.

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

Chaplaincy at HPSS

CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT FOR HPSS STUDENTS

Holland Park State School is extremely fortunate to have Chaplain Howard Sanders assisting our wonderful HPSS staff. Howard provides incredible support for students, families and staff members alike.

Howard’s role is to provide social and emotional support to students, parents and staff, taking into account the specific needs of HPSS. Research shows that there are strong links between positive social and emotional wellbeing for children and young people and their successful life outcomes, including educational ones. HPSS promotes social and emotional wellbeing in our students and our school chaplain works alongside other school staff and stakeholders to promote the school’s goals in this area. Howard advances HPSS’s goals of student wellbeing by participating in or facilitating activities that promote a rich school culture and positive ethos, and creating a sense of belonging that leads to positive behaviour and improved attendance.

Howard is always ready to provide a listening ear and a caring presence for all our students, assisting to implement anti-bullying strategies or simply being a "trusted adult" children can turn to when they have an issue. While School Chaplains focus on prevention and support (such as helping students find a better way to deal with issues such as family separation or divorce, grief, peer pressure/bullying, loneliness or anxiety) - Howard also organises positive, fun activities during first break and and works hard to foster a supportive, caring school community. Although Howard's position is titled "Chaplain", his role does not include any faith-based activities (unless this is specifically requested by parents).

The chaplaincy program is funded by federal funding, and augmented with fundraising. The Chaplain is supported by a chaplaincy committee made up on parents and HPSS staff. If you are interested in joining this committee, please let Howard

GIRL’S BASKETBALL

Under 11 Girls (Born 2003/2004) interested in playing basketball for Hoopstars at Southern Districts Basketball Association Carina (Clem Jones), please call Jenny Reid on 0421 107 154. Training on Wed 3:30pm and games Saturday morning.
You do not necessarily have to be able to attend meetings!

Howard is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and can be contacted via the school office.

**Tuckshop News**

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**
**16 – 20 February (Group 3)**

- **Mon 16 Feb:** Hamish Tevelen
- **Tues 17 Feb:** Emily Chan
- **Wed 18 Feb:** Stella Kazoullis
- **Thurs 19 Feb:** Raelene Batkin, Jo Martin
- **Fri 20:** Chantal Dangerfield, Jody Paddison, Sophie Hill, Georgi Greer, Kate Carrafa

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

**Using the Drop Off & Pick Up Zones**

Please read this even if you have been at the school for many years, there are new stricter rules to speed up the zone on Abbotsleigh Street.

It is important that you share this information with any other family member / friend / nanny that may pick your child up from school. We also recommend that you discuss the rules with your children also.

Holland Park State School is 1 of 24 schools that is taking part in a ‘Safe Parking at Schools Programme’ in Term 1. This will involve regular visits from Brisbane City Council to ensure that vehicles are following the road rules. There will be on the spot fines for those that do not follow rules.

Thanks for your support in making HPSS a safe and positive community.

Should you have any questions regarding the zones please email the P and C on pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au

**DROPPING OFF AT ABBOTSLEIGH ST**
- If there is space within the zone marked by the yellow dotted lines, drive in.
- If there is no space in the zone PLEASE drive around the block and try again.
- **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES PARK OUTSIDE OF THE ZONE.** This is dangerous.
- Wait until you are in the bottom 3 cars for your child to exit.
- Children should exit on the pavement side.
- Children should be able to exit themselves with their bag.
- In order to make this a speedy zone, your child should be ready with his / her bag ready to exit as soon as they are in the zone.
- Unless there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. extra children and no space in the front of the car for bags), parents should not need to exit from their car to open doors or boots.

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PICK UP AT ABBOTSLEIGH ST

• DO NOT WAIT IN THE ZONE BEFORE THE BELL RINGS. This slows down the movement of the zone for you and everybody else. Your child may be late out of class and this holds up the zone.

• Waiting in the zone for more than 2 minutes is illegal and Brisbane City Council or the Police can fine you for this offence. Police and Brisbane City Council will be more active this year with their patrols.

• Once children have started waiting at the bottom of the zone, enter the zone if there is space. If there is no space in the zone PLEASE drive around the block and try again.

• DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES PARK OUTSIDE OF THE ZONE. This is dangerous and endangers children’s lives.

• When your car is at the front of the zone (first 3 cars) the teacher on duty will allow your child / children to hop into the pavement side of the car.

• Please ensure children can do up their own seatbelts, practice this at home in advance if necessary.

• If your child is not waiting at the bottom of the zone you must exit the zone and drive around the block.

• You may want to park up somewhere for 5 minutes before re-entering. You may want to regularly try a slightly later pick up time if you are having to drive around the block regularly.

DROPPING OFF AT WILBUR STREET

• Drive in to any AVAILABLE space within the Drop off zone, marked by the yellow dotted lines. If there are no spaces please circle around the block until the next space becomes available.

• The child / children should exit on the pavement side.

• Children should be able to exit themselves with their bag.

• DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES PARK OUTSIDE OF THE ZONE by the crossing. This is dangerous and endangers children’s lives. Cars could roll back into the crossing.

PICKING UP AT WILBUR STREET

• Enter the pick-up zone if there is space within the yellow dotted lines. If there are not spaces please circle around the block until the next space becomes available.

• If your child is not waiting for you please exit this zone and circle the block and try again.

• You may want to park somewhere for 5 minutes before re-entering or try a slightly later pick up time if you are having to drive around the block regularly.

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
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