Dear Parents and Carers,

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Our school community honoured the sacrifices made by the Anzacs and by soldiers, sailors and air-force personnel in all wars. By their bravery and willingness to fight for our country, we continue to share the joy of living in a democratic country which enjoys freedom of speech and a wonderful lifestyle.

Our guest speaker at the ceremony was Leading Seaman Oliver Polities, who recounted his experiences of going to the gulf war in Iraq and how these experiences made him so appreciative of returning to his homeland, free from the destruction of war. We were also fortunate to have at our ceremony, Petty Officer Alan Hellier, who read the Ode, and his wife Sonya Hellier. Thank you also to Tony Lashmar, who played the Last Post and Reveille and to Warrryn James and the Senior Choir and Recorder Band, who performed so well and made our ceremony very memorable.

In the afternoon prep teacher, Chelsea Murray, spoke to the prep students about her great grandfather Harry Murray, who was a recipient of the Victoria Cross. He was decorated several times throughout his service in the First World War and is often described as the most highly decorated infantry soldier of the British Empire.
The Holland Park RSL sub branch’s 8am Anzac Day service at the WJ Scott Park this year enjoyed another huge turnout. Each year the numbers swell which signifies that we have a very respectful community in Holland Park.

It was a beautiful sunny morning for the service and it was pleasing to see our Holland Park State School representatives showing their respect and support for our troops. Thank you to our students, parents/carers and the school community for supporting the Anzac Day Service.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 13–15 May 2014. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/).

As you are most probably aware, NAPLAN is a series of tests of literacy and numeracy conducted across Australia for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The tests are timetabled this year as follows:
- Tuesday 13 May: Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 14 May: Reading
- Thursday 15 May: Numeracy

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**St Laurence’s College presents OKLAHOMA!**

2 – 3 May, 2014
Edmund Rice Performing Art Centre
Book via [www.slc.qld.edu.au](http://www.slc.qld.edu.au)
These tests provide valuable information for students and their families as well as providing for the school a comprehensive summary of how the school is performing against the goals it has set itself in each of these key areas. These goals are set as percentages of students achieving above the National Minimum Performance and in the top bands of achievement. Put simply, we want 100% of our students above the National Minimum Standard in each area. We want also to maximise the percentage of students achieving in the top bands and minimise the percentage of students in the lowest bands.

Students with diagnosed disabilities which include dyslexia, anxiety disorders and obsessive compulsive disorders may be given special considerations for taking the tests. These considerations may include having extra time to complete task requirements. In a limited number of cases, it may be appropriate to exempt students from some or all of the tests. If exemption is being recommended by the school, consent will be sought from parents.

There is facility for parents to withdraw their children from the testing program. These withdrawals are intended to address such issues as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. Formal notification of a desire to withdraw from testing needs to be made to the principal prior to testing dates.

The school will attempt, as much as is practicable, to have catch up tests for students who were absent during the week. These catch up tests will only be conducted on the afternoons of 14 May, 15 May and on the morning of 16 May.

I hope you can reinforce my message to students that the purpose of NAPLAN is not to cause them stress but simply to find out how they are going at school so that we can help them be even better students. It would be great too if students get to do the test feeling as well as they can feel, that is after a good night’s sleep and having had a good breakfast.

Regards
Cathy Polities
Deputy Principal

Behaviour Management at HPSS

At HPSS the following school rules promote our high standards of behaviour:

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful

RULES REMINDER

STAYING SAFE AROUND SCHOOL BUILDINGS:
- Walk, not run, on hard surfaces
- Stay off stairs and verandahs before school and at playtimes
- Move quickly and quietly to line up and sit down when the ‘end of play’ bell rings
- Walk bike/scooter in and out of the school grounds

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

COURAGE – Always do your best:
- It doesn’t matter if you come first or last; it is how hard you try that matters
**Gifted & Talented Education**

**OPEN LEAVES BOOK DISPLAY VISITS HOLLAND PARK STATE SCHOOL THURSDAY MAY 8 2014**

In HPSS Staff room on Thursday 8 May there will be a book display from the Open Leaves Book Shop. This shop is located at Ashgrove and recently had a display at the QAGTC 22nd Inc State Conference. Open Leaves Book Shop has a variety of recommended books suitable for both parents and educators. This book display will focus on learning needs of all students and the books are well worth a viewing. Any interested parents are invited to visit this book display to firstly view or make any purchases they require.

Teachers and specialist teachers will also be viewing books on display. This book display will be available for viewing and purchasing from 8.00am.

If require any further information please contact Gail Young. (Gifted Education Mentor)

**CHALLENGE 2014 WORKSHOPS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS CONVENED BY THE QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN INC DATE CLAIMER**

Challenge 2014 offers a gathering place for gifted students and will take place in the June holidays on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 July 2014 at Brisbane Boys College Toowong.

The aim of the workshop is to provide students with programs which are challenging, fast-paced and offer a level of complexity two years above the age-grade level of the students. Holland Park State School hosted Challenge in 2013. Rigorous workshops will meet the criteria of Passow’s ‘Would, Could, Should’

Would all children want to participate in this workshop?  
Could all children participate in the workshop?  
Should all children participate in the workshop?

The workshops will provide invaluable opportunities for gifted students to experience the excitement of extending their learning in novel and engaging ways.

Students will be encouraged to reach their potential.

Challenge 2014 is soon to be advertised on QAGTC Inc website www.qagtc.org.au

Gail Young HPSS (Gifted Education Mentor)

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**Holland Park State School**  
**Gifted & Talented Education Committee**  
**proudly announces**  
**Excellence Expo Date Claimer**  
**Wednesday 3 September 2014**

Excellence Expo celebrates the Gifts and Talents of all students from Prep to Year 7. All students will be invited to nominate and participate in all categories including Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Public Speaking performances, and Key Learning Areas of the Australian Curriculum. More details will be announced this term.

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**NOW ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**ANNERLEY & DISTRICTS BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY**

Next Dances:  
- **Friday 2nd May 2014**  
- **Friday 6th June, 2014**

**AGES**: 7yrs. – 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: 3882 8222

Supervised by Police & Community members  
No smoking, no alcohol, no drugs, no objectionable behaviour.

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**COME JOIN THE FUN**

Are you a girl aged five or above? Would you like to try some fun outdoor activities, like camping, canoeing, abseiling and camp cooking? Or are you interested in some less adventurous activities such as craft, ice skating and community events? Then Mt Gravatt Girl Guides would like to welcome you.

**BROWNIE GUIDES** (aged 5-9 years) meet **MONDAYS** from 5pm to 7pm  
**GIRL GUIDES** (aged 10 and up) meet **MONDAYS** from 6pm to 8pm

Where: Mt Gravatt Guide Huts, inside Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Broadwater Rd entrance.

For more information call **KILLI** on 0458 784 665
Sports Report

TERM 1 ROUNDDUP

Term 1 has been a busy time for sporting trials and I would like to thank all of the students that have represented Holland Park at each of the trials. It is important that we recognise these students for their individual talents and efforts at each of the sporting trials.

Bianca R – Basketball
Rosie P and Delilah R – Netball
Jackson W, Kai P and Joseph C – AFL
Jared H, Curtis S and Jasper Waters – Rugby League
Shatali M – Touch Football
Andrew S and James M – Touch Football
Emma H, Jessica H, Jack H, Ethan F, Nick L and Roy M – Tennis
Kira S – Soccer

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected into Mt Gravatt District Teams.
Kai P and Joseph C – AFL
Shatali M – Touch Football
Ethan F – Tennis
Jasper W – Rugby League
Maxim L and Andrew S – Soccer

Congratulations also to the following students who have been selected into Metropolitan East Teams.
Kai P – AFL
Ethan F – Tennis

A big term of sport and even bigger effort in participation, well done everyone!

CROSS COUNTRY

It was splendid weather for the Mt Gravatt District Cross Country trials and again Citipointe Christian College delivered another well organised event. 30 students represented Holland Park State School at the Mt Gravatt District Trials on Wednesday 23rd April.


On behalf of HPSS and all of the Cross Country Team I would like to thank our Team Manager Terence Farlie for all of his assistance during the event and also the parents and carers who supported on the day.

We have four students that have been selected into the Mt Gravatt District Team. Well done to –

Jaden W 8th place 11 Years
Shatali M 2nd place 12 Years
Christina C 8th place 12 years
Jasper W 2nd place 12 years

Another huge effort from everyone!

Weetbixtryathlon

It has been fantastic to hear that so far 19 HPSS students have entered into the WeetbixTRYathlon. Thank you for supporting and

HPSS Cross Country Team

MOUNT GRAVATT HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 08 MAY
9:15am-11:00am

All interested parents and students are invited to attend our Open Day which provides an excellent opportunity to view classrooms, facilities and be informed about our great school. We are enrolling now for Years 7 and 8 in 2015 and out of catchment enrolments are welcome.

For further information: ☏ 3291 5222
www.mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au

Pamper Mum this Mother’s Day

For lovely gift ideas see the latest Nutrimetics catalogue at
10% of sales from catalogue donated to HPSS

For more information, please contact
Lynd Ryan (0428 650 166 or lynryanmoonee@bigpond.com) or
Jody Paddison (0438 165 203 or paddo31@gmail.com)

LET’S TALK DEVELOPMENTAL HUB – 1/9 Hubert St, Woolloongabba – is having an Open Day on 3 May to provide opportunity for parents to visit the clinic and talk with therapists. Let’s Talk is a not-for-profit organisation that provides assessment and therapy services for children with language and associated disorders. There will also be lots of fun for the kids – jumping castle, sausage sizzle, face painting, give-aways. Hope to see you there!
let's hope that we can get more students entered for a chance in winning the $5000 cash prize for our school. Awesome!

**QUEENSLAND ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Saturday 10th May 2014
St Pauls School, Attunga St, Bald Hills.

**UPCOMING SPORTS TRIALS**
Regional golf trials 29th May 2014 –
12 YEARS AND UNDER: Both girls and boys must not be older than 12 years as at 31st. December 2014 and have a recognised Golf Australia Handicap or Club handicap.

Boys Rugby Union 3rd June 2014
Boys Softball 4th June 2014
Girls Softball 5th June 2014

Please see Mr Walker for further information.

Matt Walker
HPE Specialist Teacher

**P&C News**

Welcome to Term 2. I hope everyone had a wonderful break, and the Easter Bunny stopped by too.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**
Even the rain couldn't stop the fun at the Easter Eggstravaganza this year. Hopefully everyone that made it along had a great time. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped make the day a success.

This year we nearly tripled last year’s earnings and raised $3,560. This has been split 50/50 between the P&C and Chaplaincy program. Along with a few more cookbooks sold, that brings our fundraising total to $3,533. Slowly creeping to the $65k mark!

**POSITION VACANT – MAINTENANCE TASKFORCE LEAD**
An important P&C team is the Maintenance Taskforce. The taskforce is a group of people who love to get out there and garden! This year we’ve got a few projects we’d like to see tackled around the school including:
- Preparing areas around the oval for the Fete and making them safe.
- Remediation work between the Prep and Grade 1 playgrounds.
- Terracing and planting the embankment along the Victor Street footpath.

To make these projects work, we need two things:
1. A taskforce lead with ideas and drive to organise others to make things happen. Perfect for a Dad out there!
2. Team members who want to help improve our grounds and environment of the school, whether it be with a shovel and wheelbarrow or planting and mulching.

If you’re interested in getting involved, drop me an email and we can have a chat! It will be a very rewarding experience and builds on the great work Rob (our Groundsman) has already started.

Catch you soon,
Kumar Thaivarayan, P&C President
pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au
www.facebook.com/hollandparkstateschool

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**MOUNT GRAVATT BLUE LIGHT** is holding its next Blue Light Dance Party at 7pm on Friday the 2nd of May, 2014, at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt next to the Hibiscus Centre. The dance is for children aged between 7 and 14 years old. The dance finishes at 9.30pm and cost of entry is $7. Lucky door prizes to be won. The dance is fully supervised by police officers and current blue card holders.

**KIDS KARATE – focus on fun with fitness & martial arts for all ages.**
New beginners classes for children aged 4+ located at Cannon Hill, Mt Gravatt, Norman Park & Manly West. We also have classes for all ages and levels.
Call Sensei Andy 0403 358 397 or Chris 0400 179 960 for days and times.
**P&C Mothers’ Day Stall**

The Mothers’ Day stall is being held on Wednesday May 7 from 9.00am to 2.00pm in the hall. The stall will also be open on Thursday May 8 from 8.30am to 10.00am (for exchanges e.g. Siblings who select the same gift and students who were away or forgot money).

This stall is run as a community event by the P&C for the school to celebrate mothers and families as well as being a fundraising opportunity. Gifts will be available for students and staff to purchase for either $5 or $10. We are also selling the HPSS Cookbooks for $20 at the stall. We look forward to your support!

**Tuckshop Talk**

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**Lost**

A pair of child’s red-framed reading glasses. If found, please return to 3RH classroom.

**Tarragindi War Memorial Kindergarten Fete**

Tarragindi Kindy Fete will be held on Sunday 25 May from 10am - 2pm. There will be rides for the kids, face painting, rock climbing wall, homemade cakes, jams and pickles and lots of raffle prizes up for grabs. Come along and see our wonderful kindy, meet the teachers, enjoy a cup of coffee and have a great day. [Tarragindi Kindy Fete Facebook](#)

**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 Popvic, BSM, HPSS, 3421 6222

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**ThemeParks.com.au Ticket Parks SALE!**

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French Immersion Program
Information Evening

MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Invitation to interested parents and students

Date: Wednesday, 7th May, 2014.
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Venue: The Assembly Hall, Mansfield High School
Corner Ham Road and Broadwater Road
(Enter by the Ham Road car park.)

Contact: Mrs Salma Burfoot
Acting Head of Department, French Immersion
phone: 3452 5328

The French Immersion Program has been running since 1991. In this program, which is offered in Years 8, 9 and 10 (Year 7 starting in 2015), students study some of their subjects, Maths, Science and SOSE (the Study of Society and the Environment), completely in the French language. This program provides an exciting challenge for motivated students and there is a selection process for enrolment in the class.

French Immersion 24 years of high achievements and success!