Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

HOLLAND PARK SSSMS MESSAGING AND ATTENDANCE

From 2/9/14, parents will be informed by mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) each time their child is away from school / school. At Holland Park SS, student attendance and safety is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe at school. To improve our attendance procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexplained absences for their child. The school expects parents/caregiver to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent. From 2/9/14, an SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phones of parents explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school. The message will read as follows:

| HPSS records show Jennifer Smith is absent MON 28/9/14. Pls reply SMS student name/absence reason/absence date |

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number, “0427016460”. Parents should store this number in their mobile phone under “Holland Park SS” so that when the message arrives, the parent is aware the message has come from the school. Parents can then reply by pressing the reply option on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son or daughter’s name, year, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.

e.g. Steven Scott, Year 11 was sick yesterday (Tuesday 15th November)

Text version = “Steven S yr11 sick tues 15 nov”

OR by phoning the school office or sending a note explaining the absence.

Once we fully implement this process for absences, some of the other uses could include notification of:
Announcements or reminders of meetings or forthcoming events
Band/Choir/Music lesson Reminders
Broken down or delayed School bus
Reminders to volunteer workers

Holland Park State School
59 Abbotsleigh St, Holland Park, Qld, 4121
Ph: (07) 3421 6222
Fax: (07) 3421 6200
Student Absences: (07) 3421 6260
Email: admin@hollparkss.eq.edu.au
Web: www.hollparkss.eq.edu.au
UPDATING PARENT MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

As part of the process of implementing this exciting new system, the school is seeking your assistance. We already have an extensive list of parent’s mobile numbers; however we would like to make sure our records are fully up-to-date. At your earliest convenience and before August 22, please telephone the school to update your family’s mobile phone numbers.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation. We look forward to making this exciting transition, and to improving our communication with you.

OTEMON TEACHER EXCHANGE

It was with great pleasure that I was able to welcome to the school Mr Sakito Fukuyama who will be staying at our school for two weeks. He will be spending much of his time with our P.E. teacher, Mr Matt Walker as well as in our Japanese classes. This extension to the student exchange adds a rich dimension to the relationship we have with Otemon Gakuin Elementary School. In September, Mr Walker will be able to visit Otemon and take part in general lessons as well as their athletic carnival. He is hoping to bring back some ideas that might enrich and enliven our P.E. program.

EXCELLENCE EXPO

Entries are open for the 10th annual Excellence Expo in September. The categories are wide and various with something for every student. At Holland Park we define excellence as doing the best you can do and being the best you can be. Personal bests are a great way of achieving excellence for everyone. We aim as always for maximum participation so I hope that you will encourage your children to enter some or many of our categories.

AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE

We have been delighted to host Simon Higgins, author of very popular children’s novels such as Tomodachi and Moon Shadow. Simon is not only an excellent story teller and writer but he communicates very well with student writers. In his interactions with our Years 4 and 5 students, he has been responsible for inspiring many of us. Many of our students have a renewed and enhanced love of putting together a really good narrative. I have included some examples of great story openers composed by two of our Year 4 writers in this newsletter. We are lucky that between his trips to China, Japan and the United Kingdom, he has promised to return for a week’s residence in May next year.

Simon Higgins Power Openings Workshop

Terror in Alfheim

It was a cold and dry day at the castle when they met. Far away castle bells rang. There was a golden necklace between them in their hands. The clouds were turning black and grey. The father wore an old black jumper. The bells rang again from far, far away. The boy looked at the necklace and remembered his mum and tears formed in his eyes. The father removed his jumper. The father had a scar on his face. “Why did you do that thing?” the boy said.

Toby 4CS

Why didn’t you come?

It was a windy dry day. You could hear the wind howling like a wolf. There was an autumn tree shedding its leaves between them. The sun started to hide behind the clouds. The mother wore old faded leather boots. You could hear the howling of the wind...
once more. The young girl looked up at the tree and she thought it looked like a person shedding its happiness. The mother tied her shoes up tighter. Her blond-white hair glowed in the sun, just like her daughter’s. The young girl finally spoke, “Why didn’t you come that day?”

By Keely 4CS

**CHILD SAFETY**

Keeping children safe while they are here at school is our most important task. Part of ensuring this safety is knowing who is on site. Please make sure that if you are at school as a volunteer in classrooms, it is important that you come to the office to sign in and carry a badge as a volunteer. We require all contractors to sign in at the office and children, if they need to go to toilets between breaks, go in pairs.

If your circumstances have changed since the time your child was enrolled, we would appreciate any updated addresses, telephone numbers and emergency contacts. If picking up children from school in the afternoon, you are very welcome to come to the outside of the classroom to meet your child or wait in a convenient arranged spot but we would appreciate that adults apart from staff and volunteers are not on site before 2.45pm. If the person meeting your child in the afternoon is not on our contact list please make sure you let your child’s teacher or administration know of your arrangements.

There are a number of staff toilets available for any parents requiring their use. Under no circumstances are unauthorised adults permitted to enter student toilets. Should the need arise, staff toilets are available.

*Regards*

*Anthony Gribbin*

*Principal*

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**Daffodil Day Fundraising**

These items are for sale in the Office:
- Pens $6
- Pins $5

**Prep 2015 Enrolments Now Open**

Enrolment forms and information can be found on the school website [www.hollparkss.eq.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.hollparkss.eq.edu.au/enrolments) or alternatively at the school office.

Enrolments close on Friday 29 August 2014.

**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 WHEN PLAYING WITH BALLS:

- Throw only balls
- Use big balls on the oval only, not around buildings
- Use only netballs, tennis and handballs on the tennis courts

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

COURTESY:

- Say ‘sorry’ if you hurt someone by accident
- Say ‘excuse me’ to pass in front of someone

Gifted & Talented Education

JUDGING PERFORMANCES

Thank you to all students from Prep to Year 7 who have nominated for performances: Reading Australian verse, Dance, Public Speaking, Vocal, Instrumental, Japanese Oral.

All students who have nominated will have the opportunity to be judged. The judging schedule will vary if a student has a prior commitment (eg. interschool sport) or an illness on the day of judging.

DATE REMINDERS FOR TASK COLLECTIONS AND PERFORMANCE JUDGING FOR EXCELLENCE EXPO

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Looking forward to receiving all nominations for Performances for Excellence Expo 2014

I am pleased to advise dates for Excellence Expo tasks regarding collections, venue and judging dates.

KIDS YOGA

Support your child’s physical and emotional well-being with the ancient practice of yoga...

QAGTC WORKSHOP

QAGTC South Branch

Where:
- Sunday, 16 March 2014
- 10:30am - 12:30pm
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm (Advanced)

Cost:
- Members: $35
- Non-Members: $65

Registration: Registrations Open - August 1, 2014


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Gail Young  
Gifted Education Mentor(GEM)

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**Front Garden - more plants needed!**

Thanks to all those who have made positive comments about the new garden at the front of the school. I am so pleased to be able to bring about this change to our school environment. As the trees grow they will shade the sandstone blocks and pathway, providing cool places to sit for children during school time and parents at school pick-up.

Funding for the Front Garden came via DETE from leftover National Solar Schools Program for 2013-2014. This funding provided for *almost* a complete garden: digging up of the asphalt and rocky ground, sandstone blocks, concrete edging, ten Tuckeroo trees, mulch, quality garden soil, aggy lines and gravel for drainage, and connector irrigation pipes. Now the garden needs more plants!

Over the next few weeks, I’ll be working up a planting plan, to fill out the garden beds. Plant species in mind are mostly natives, strappy leafed bushes like dwarf lomandras, flowering groundcovers, small lilly pillys. However the garden can be an outward expression of our link with our Japanese 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. Val Foster Acting, BSM, HPSS, 3421 6222
sister school by including plants found in Japanese gardens; such as azaleas, camellias, even a small maple tree.

If you have plants like these at home that you’d like to see included in the garden, please contact me on 0437 772 636.

Lisa Kuiri
Front Garden Designer

Swimming Club

SWIMMING CLUB SIGN ON FOR SEASON
2014 - 2015

The Holland Park State School Amateur Swimming Club’s sign on day is Sunday 24th August, between 10am-2pm at the school pool. There will be a free sausage sizzle and the pool will be open for a free swim during the sign-on day.

To make the day run efficiently, please download and complete the forms from the Holland Park Swim Club website to present to committee members on the day.

A club cap will be given to financial members. Club shirts will be at a reduced cost of $15 on the day. Payment can be made by Direct Deposit, Cheque or Cash, there is no EFTPOS facility. Club nights will commence on Friday 10th October, after the September/October school holidays. Club nights start at 5.30pm and each Friday night there are races swum in all 4 strokes over 13, 25 and 50 metres, depending on your proficiency in swimming. There is also a special event for the stronger swimmers over 100m or 200m.

The club has a very friendly atmosphere and the emphasis is on fun and improving individual’s times. There is a break from club over the Christmas Holidays and the season finishes with Club Championships at the end of Term 1, 2015.

Tuckshop Talk

Please note: this roster may not reflect recent changes.

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Holland Park Junior Cricket Club (HPJCC)

Boys and Girls Ages 5-16

Registrations Open 1st - 31st August!

Join Online:  www.hpjcc.qld.cricket.com.au

Information Day for New Players:  Saturday 16th Aug 11am-3pm
White Hill Reserve Cricket Clubhouse

Cricket with HPJCC:

Ages 5 to 7:  'In2Cricket Skills' – Learn the basic skills required to play cricket through fun, skill-based activities with club cricket coaches and parent support.

Ages 8 to 16:  Play real matches against other clubs with progressive game structures starting from U9.

Need Assistance:  Call Jo 0418 97 67 97

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CSC

MUSIC CABARET

23 August, 7-10pm

Coorparoo Secondary College Hall

cnr Covendish Road & Stanley Street, Coorparoo 4151

$45 for all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizzas and dessert, and entertainment by CSC students

$30 for children up to 12 years

$30 for CSC students performing in the show

Tickets available at www.trybooking.com – search for CSC

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Coorparoo Secondary College Arts Faculty Facebook Page
HOLLAND PARK STATE SCHOOL

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Who: All parents/caregivers are invited to attend this special day.

Where: Holland Park State School Oval

When: Tuesday 19 August 2014

Time: Prep - Year 1…………….9.15am to 10.55am
      Year 2 – 3………………….11.45am to 2.55pm

Dress: All students are to wear their sports uniform, apply sunscreen at home and must have a sunsafe school hat. Caps are not acceptable. Students will be required to wear joggers and socks. No bare feet.

Program:

Prep - Year 1…………….9.15am to 10.55am
Assembly on oval
Sprints – Prep (Straight races: no heats or finals)
Prep relays and tabloids on the completion of their sprints
Year 1 Heats and Finals
Presentation of ribbons
Year 1 Tabloids

Year 2 - Year 3………….11.45am – 1.15pm
Year 2 and 3 assemble on oval
Boys and Girls Heats
Year 2 and 3 Finals
Year 2 and 3 will be involved as spectators and participants in relays and ball games during and after sprint heats
Presentation of ribbons

1.15pm - 1.55pm
Lunch Break

Year 2 - Year 3………….2.00pm – 2.55pm
Year 2/3 tabloids

The P&C are holding a Coffee Van and Cake Stall on the oval for the Junior Sports Day Event Tuesday August 19th from 8.45am to 1pm. (approximate time)

We look forward to seeing you on sports day to cheer your child along.

All times are set as a guide and may be subject to change on the day.