Dear Parents and Carers,

1. **Greater Results Guaranteed (GRG)**

GRG funds have assisted in bringing about the best NAPLAN results at this school so far with record high percentages of students in the top two bands and record low percentages of students in the bottom two bands. These results are replicated in all our data sources besides NAPLAN. The school has been allocated a larger sum for 2015. Our plan for this term is to:
   - Continue existing oral language and reading interventions in place from Prep to Year 7.
   - Continue employment of extra teacher aides for each class.
   - Continue mentoring and coaching of teachers
   - Facilitation of writing workshops for students who love writing
   - Focussed mathematics support groups in Year 3
   - Setting up and funding iPad supported literacy and numeracy interventions for students

2. **Prep Interviews**

Much of the first two weeks of term has been spent interviewing 2015 Prep students and their parents to help facilitate class assignments and subsequent interviews with teachers.

3. **Camps**

Year 7s returned last Friday from their weeklong camp at Camp Goodenough. Our camping program is under review given change that Year 7 will become first year of high school in 2015.

4. **Facility Enhancement**

The school has received $260,000 from the Queensland Government to help address maintenance issues. For the 2014/15 financial year, the following will be addressed. The priorities are as follows:

   - Repair to white ant damage in G Block.
   - Removal of asbestos from old tuckshop including the removal of old fittings.
   - Connection of existing tanks to pool and toilets.
   - Painting of H Block
   - Refitting senior students’ toilet block.
Many of the students and some of you would have known Von Andrews who worked as a crossing supervisor here for a number of years. She was a happy, encouraging face for students at the start and the end of the school day. Sadly she passed away during the holidays after a long illness.

It is also with sadness that I inform you that John Suess, husband of Barbara, passed away on Friday 17th October 2014. The Suess Family were members of our school community for a long time with all five children attending Holland Park State School. Barbara did an amazing job as fundraising coordinator for the P&C over a large number of years and is a life member of the association.

Regards
Anthony Gribbin
Principal

Australian Girls’ Choir Open Day

Congratulations to girls in Grade 1 and above who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report either posted to your home or via your school. Girls in Prep will have, this week, received an information flyer about the AGC Open Day and we hope that you will be able to join us! Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open Day which will give the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session. Ph 07 3256 0207 for more information or visit www.aspagroup.com.au

Awareness Event: 31 October
A Day for Daniel

Please wear RED on this day
Friday 31st October 2014 – 8.15am
Meeting point – In front of the School Hall (red balloons issued for people to carry)
Walk commencing at 8.15am along the footpath onto the oval
8.30 – school oval – short thankyou and a minute silence then releasing of red balloons.
8.40 – Event concludes

Students not returning to HPSS in 2015

Could you please let the Office know if your child/children will not be returning to HPSS in 2015 (excluding Year 6 & 7 students going to high school) and the school they will be attending.
Please email the school office admin@hollparkss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible with the following information.

- Child’s Name,
- Current class,
- School transferring to,

Thank you

DATE CLAIMER
BOOK FAIR 2014

Book Fair arrives at the school on Tuesday 18th November.
The remainder of that week will be preview days.
BUYING WEEK: Monday 24th - Friday 28th November
Provider - Scholastic
Venue - School Library

SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88

P&C Contacts

Email: pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au

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hollandparkpool@gmail.com
Enquiries 3 – 5pm Mon – Fri term time

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Calendar

24 Oct -10 Nov – Life Education Visits, P-Y7
29 Oct Prep students celebrate Universal Children’s Day
30 Oct Free Dress Day to support Chaplain
31 Oct Wear RED for Daniel
6 Nov Music Groups End of Year Concert 7pm, Hall
14 Nov G20 Public Holiday–school closed
18 Nov Book Fair arrives for preview week
24 Nov Book Fair buying commences
26 Nov Prep Excursion – Twelfth Night Theatre
29 Nov P&C event - Christmas in November

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Incursion Information

FREE LIFE EDUCATION PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
If you would like to learn more about the Life Education visits, you are welcome to come along to the FREE Life Education Parents Information Session on Friday 24th October 2014 at 2pm in the Life Education Van on the school oval below the outdoor theatre.

Teacher Exchange to Otemon

What a fantastic experience! I feel very privileged to have been a part of the Otemon Gakuin Elementary School and Holland Park State School teacher exchange program. Otemon Gakuin Elementary School has many great facilities, dedicated staff and enthusiastic students. During my 2 week stay I was able to share in many different activities which will stay with me for a life time.

During my visit I had the opportunity to participate in each grade’s English classes. Students had the opportunity to learn about some of Australia’s unique wildlife and places of interest. Attending the English lessons promoted further conversation opportunities and students were enthusiastic to talk about Australia and Japan. It was enjoyable to see some of the many school club activities and I was really pleased that I could participate in Kendo practice and calligraphy classes. I was very impressed by their sports festival preparations. The sports festival is named Undokai and is celebrated as a whole school event. They have many different events including whole class displays and Year level competitive races and games. There are a few activities that I would like to try at Holland Park.

I had a wonderful home stay experience and many wonderful outings with Otemon staff and experienced a large variety of delicious Japanese meals and the opportunity to visit some of the national heritage sites in Koyasan, Nara and Kyoto.

I would like to thank the International Committee from Holland Park State School and Otemon Gakuin Elementary School for their support with the exchange program and allowing me to share in the many wonderful experiences during my teacher exchange. I look forward to continuing my support in maintaining the strong bond that has developed between our two schools.

Matt Walker
HPE Specialist Teacher

Swimming Club

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

Another record breaking turnout on Friday night and it was good to see so many friends having a swim.

It has been brought to the committee’s attention that there was a lot of food scraps and litter left especially on the grass area after club on Friday. Phil, the coach, took over ½ hour cleaning up after everybody. This is not acceptable, bins are provided and it expected that everyone tides up before they leave.

There were 2 records broken on Friday. Congratulations to Jacob K who broke the 6yrs, 25m Butterfly record which had stood for 10
years and well done to Nick E, who broke the 13yrs, 50m Freestyle record.

Thanks to Helen C-F for making the cupcakes which were sold on Friday, and to the canteen helpers who jumped in to help when requested.

Well done to everybody, as everyone who swam had remembered to nominate. This makes completing results for publishing a lot faster on a weekend. If a child is unable to swim due to illness or other circumstances, and they had been nominated, please try and advise myself Lexia W, or correct the nomination sheet before the commencement of club on Friday. This will alleviate empty lanes.

The results from Friday night club are on the website.

The order of events for this coming Friday are:- 13m/25m/50m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke being the special race for the night. Nominations for club night need to be in prior to 5.00pm Thursday.

**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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**CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to Christina C, Holly H, Jared H and Isaac W who were named the 2014-2015 swim club captains. Voting will take place next week for the vice-captains.
3 WAY TWILIGHT CARNIVAL

Our club will be hosting a carnival on the afternoon/evening of Saturday 15th November (G20 weekend) against Cleveland and Norman Park swim clubs. This is our only home carnival for the season, so we are hoping for maximum participation from our members. The nomination form for this event is at the pool. There is only 1 heat, per age group, per event, so Holland Park needs 2 swimmers for each event. Swimmers 9yrs and under swim 25m events and 10yrs and over swim 50m events. There are also multi age medley and freestyle relays.

What a great climb!

Congratulations to Tegwen B who won the bronze medal for the Under 12 Female division for the 2014 Oceanic International and Australian National Bouldering titles. It took much strength, tenacity, problem solving and stamina to complete the climbs.

Fantastic effort and definitely climbing her way to success.

Tuckshop Talk

Please note: this roster may not reflect recent changes.

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Melisa
0408628800 / 34216263

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jess C, Stephanie J and Claire M who made the final of the Queensland Zone BJP physical culture competitions on their respective age groups last weekend. The girls will travel to Sydney this weekend to compete in a national repechage event for a second chance to qualify for the junior National Championships. Good luck, and congratulations on this wonderful achievement!!
Year Ones’ Plants in Front Garden

Last Wednesday and Friday all the Year Ones planted a native plant into the Front Garden. These came from Brisbane City Council, to mark Arbor Day. Over 120 plants are now in the ground: Blue Flax Lily, Happy Wanderers, Thyme Leafed Honey Myrtles, Claret Tops, Coastal Rosemary, Little John Bottlebrush, Lilly Pillys, Grevilleas. Some of the children gave them their own names like ‘Wettex’ and ‘Mango’. There was keen planting and watering-in, especially from 1RP. Great work Year Ones!

These plants are all very small, and need some TLC from all of us. Some Year Ones have been continuing to water them with their water bottles, which is great! It would be a shame to see these trodden on before they get a chance to grow. If I could ask adults around the garden waiting at pick-up time please watch their children, even their little ones, to stop them wandering into the beds and treading on the plants.

If anyone has spare hardwood garden stakes they have home, let me know. Rob has some orange tape fencing that we can put around the corners of the beds, until the plants grow bigger.

Thanks to my helpers - on Friday morning Alison and Kumar; on Wednesday mothers who stayed to help plant after reading groups, Michelle in the afternoon, my Hubby Geoff and girls Ellie + Anna digging holes before school and Adele and Simone for packing up after school.

There are more plants to go in from P&C funds, on a Sunday in early November. Look out for future notices!

Lisa Kuiri, HPSS Parent
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