Dear Parents and Carers

CURRICULUM NIGHTS – P&C WELCOME

Parents are invited to attend our curriculum nights co-hosted by the P&C. These nights will give us the opportunity to welcome you back for the new school year, deliver some quick but key messages from both the school and P&C and allow you to attend your children’s classrooms for a briefing with teachers.

The program is as follows:

**Monday, February 10 – Prep and Year 1** parents – messages from Principal and P&C President in the library at 6.30 and briefing in classrooms from 7pm.

**Tuesday, February 11 – Years 2, 3 and 4** parents - messages from Principal and P&C President in the hall at 6.30 and briefing in classrooms from 7pm. **N.B. change of venue.**

**Wednesday, February 12 – Years 5, 6 and 7** parents – messages from Principal and P&C President in the library at 6.30 and briefing in classrooms from 7pm.

I hope these curriculum nights will address any questions or queries you may have but in the meantime please feel free to contact us at the school.

SELECTION OF SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2014

The selection process for school leaders of 2014 has begun. This year we will select two school captains and two vice captains from Year 6 and two from Year 7. The roles and duties will be shared throughout the year. Similarly house captains, chaplaincy representatives, choir and band captains will be chosen from both year levels.

Students have been invited to self-nominate for school captain positions. Nominees will present a speech to their year level cohort next Monday February 10. Voting will then take place and the top girls and boys for each year level will be interviewed by the principal and deputy principal. School Captains will be announced next week.

The selection of House Captains and other school leaders will commence following the announcement of the School Captains.

The induction of all school leaders will take place in the hall on Thursday, March 6, at 9.30am followed by morning tea in the staff room. Parents of all school leaders are invited to attend this important event in the life of their child.
PREP STUDENTS OFF TO A GOOD START

It was great to see our new prep students settling in so well last week. Some eager little faces are pictured below.

READING TO YOUR CHILD – HINTS FOR PARENTS

Comics, magazines, library books, signs and even shopping lists can stimulate your child’s reading. Asking your child to read these aloud with you will improve their reading in the classroom.

You can help your child with their reading by:

- reading to them from an early age – to let them know that reading is a fun and relaxing activity and not just for work and school. Children love to copy, so it’s a great way to set an example that reading is important
- asking your child to read aloud each day for at least 10 minutes from a variety of texts, such as beginner’s readers, library books and picture books – this will establish a routine and make reading aloud easier
- using expression and feeling when you read and using different voices for different characters – this can make a story more entertaining
- letting your child choose what you read together – it doesn’t matter if you read the same book several times
- joining a library and borrowing books to read is inexpensive. Most libraries will have a children’s librarian – it is a good idea to speak with them about books you can share with your child.

For more tips on helping your child to embrace reading visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map

DATE CLAIMERS

- P&C Easter Event
- HPSS Fete – Saturday 14 June

Calendar

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P&C Contacts

Email: pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au

Swim School: 3421 6262
hollandparkpool@gmail.com
Enquiries 3 – 5pm Mon – Fri term time

Swim Club website:
www.hollandparkswimclub.com

Uniform Shop: (07) 3397 7426
Open Mon, Wed and Thurs, 7.00am – 9.30am term time

Tuckshop: 3421 6263
Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri

The P&C meets at 7:30pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.
SCHOOL UNIFORM, MAKEUP AND MOBILE PHONES

Holland Park students are expected to wear the school uniform. Occasionally students need to be reminded that the uniform needs to be worn without adornments such as iridescently coloured shoes, laces, socks and brightly coloured scarves, jackets and hoodies. Jewellery is not to be worn with the exception of studs/sleepers in ears and a watch on the wrist. If you would like your child to wear a religious or cultural symbol, a request in writing should be made to the principal.

The uniform specifies that black shoes are to be worn. It is our expectation that multi-coloured shoes on feet will disappear over the first half of this year with their replacement by black shoes as presently worn shoes wear out and become too small.

While not part of our enrolment agreement as yet, it is not expected that students will come to school with dyed or tinted hair. Students are also expected to wear no makeup, nail polish or lipstick.

Mobile phones while they may be brought to school must be handed into the office or to the classroom teacher for safe keeping during the day and then collected before returning home or going on to after school activities.

Cathy Politis
Deputy Principal

Congratulations
Olivia (6NA) has just been awarded Grade 1 - Honours in her Speech & Drama exam for 2013, and has placed 1st in Queensland for her age.

Please check the LOST PROPERTY area under the Administration Block for lost school hats.

Remember, a school policy is NO HAT, NO PLAY.

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Closing Date: Friday, 14 February 2014

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MARK YOUR DIARY NOW!

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Swimming Club

**FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB**

Welcome back for the second half of the 2013-2014 Swim Club season. On Friday, we had 132 swimmers competing, which is the largest turnout at a club night this season. We extend a warm welcome to the 10 new members that have signed up for the remainder of the season.

There are only 5 more club nights before the Age Championships, so make sure you attend as many Friday nights as you can. Congratulations to Nick E, who on Friday night broke the boys 12 years, 50m Freestyle pool record.

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

Results from club night are on the website.

The recipients of the GO-Swim caps this week were Henry W. and Toby C.

**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. Last Club Night’s most improved were:-

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**COMPETETIVE SWIMMING OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

A number of our swimmers attended swim meets over the Christmas holidays and we are very proud of their efforts. Kelsey W and Nick E both competed at the 2013 McDonald’s Queensland Championships, making finals and Nick got 3rd in the 12yrs 100m Breaststroke.

24 swimmers attended the East Brisbane Sprint Meet on 11th January. Congratulations to Madeline C – 2nd 6yrs 50m Backstroke, Mia A – 3rd 8yrs 50m Backstroke, Lily M 1st 10yrs 50m Butterfly, Backstroke and Freestyle and 2nd 50m Breaststroke, Nick E – 1st 12yrs 50m Breaststroke and 2nd 50m Freestyle, Justin C – 2nd 13yrs 50m Backstroke and 3rd 50m Breaststroke and Taliyah S – 3rd 9yrs 50m Breaststroke.

Just before returning to school, we had 23 swimmers attend the 2014 Vorgee Brisbane Sprint Championships. PB’s were swum by every swimmer with Kelsey W. winning gold in the 13yrs, 50m Breaststroke and Nick E, winning gold in the 12yrs, 50m Breaststroke and 3rd in the 50m Freestyle.

On the weekend Ben M swam at the Copper Coast A Grade Meet and he won gold in the 9yrs 50m Breaststroke and 3rd in the 200m IM.
QUEENSLAND SPRINT
Good luck to the 16 swimmers who have qualified and are swimming this coming weekend in the 2014 McDonald's Queensland Sprint Championships at Chandler.

Tuckshop Talk

Welcome back to everyone. Hope you all had a lovely break. Online ordering is up and going again this year. This is the preferred method of ordering and is easy to do.

Volunteers are needed again this year. I have a lot of empty spots on the roster, so if you could spare one day a month from 9 - 11.30 your time would be greatly appreciated. If you are available please text me with which day you prefer on 0408628800 or call in and see me at the tuckshop. Tuckshop is open Monday to Fridays.

Help is also needed on a Friday morning from 9 - 9.30 to put labels for lunch orders on to bags.

Hope to hear from you all soon
Mel

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
10 – 14 February

Mon 10 Feb: Lesley Johnson, NEED HELP
Tues 11 Feb: NEED HELP
Wed 12 Feb: NEED HELP
Thu 13 Feb: Raelene Batkin, Emily Chen
Fri 14 Feb: Linda Tobin, Angela Danelon, Alissa Brown, NEED HELP

School Banking resumes weekly from Thursday 13 February 2014

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for a range of great reward items. A list of these rewards will be available shortly.

Taking part in School Banking is easy
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.
If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can either attend the “new account” opening day session at school in the resource room which is under the office on Tuesday 25 February from 8am – 9am, alternatively you can open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Holland Park State School. Any enquires contact the Student Banking Coordinator Virginia Kelly on email address thechanfamily@usa.net or 0422 217 760.

PUREENERGYTRAINING.COM
Term 1 Bootcamps start soon! Register early as these popular fitness training programs fill early. We cater for ALL fitness levels. We use metabolic conditioning programs that will melt fat off your body, turn your metabolism into a furnace and condition your muscles. We use an incredible array of equipment and creative sessions planned each week where your trainers take you through different fun workouts that challenge and deliver, (ie obstacle course, tabata, ropes, sandbags, team challenge, boxing, fitness training etc). We also run pure Boxing fitness classes with specialist experienced boxing coaches. Details of days and times online at www.pureenergytraining.com Early morning, after school drop off, evenings and Saturdays. World class trainers. Catch the Pure Energy Fire and you’ll be addicted!

ANNERLEY & DISTRICTS BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY
Next Dance: Friday 7th February 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: 3892 8222
Supervised by Police & Community members
No smoking, no alcohol, no drugs, no objectionable behaviour.

KIDS KARATE - NEW BEGINNERS CLASSES
Children 4yrs & up, also Parents at Clairvaux Mackillop College Hall, Klumpp Rd, Mt Gravatt. Sing on any Mon & Wed 5:15-6:00pm, plus other locations. Call Sensei Andy 0403 358397 or web: www.afmaclub.com.au. Australian Fitness & Martial Arts Club.
Volunteers needed to help with the processing of students’ banking each Thursday morning for approximately an hour from 9am in the Staff Room. All volunteers gratefully accepted – no experience necessary! Happy to welcome prep parents and grandparents! Come along and join the friendly team of volunteers!

Kind regards, Virginia Kelly

School Banking Coordinator

WANTED

TROMBONE. Call Kristina 3843 5049 or 0419 989 304

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?

Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research. Across three seminars you will learn strategies for…

• Managing both general and lifestyle specific child problem behaviours
• Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
• Motivating your child to be more active
• Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life

Jessica Bartlett –Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)

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All advertising to be at school NO LATER than 9am on Monday. Advertisements cost $4.00 for the first 4 lines and $2 for each additional line or part thereof.