Dear Parents and Carers

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

The Queensland Government has indicated that this school is eligible to receive $236 000 from the Federal Government to support the achievement of higher literacy and numeracy outcomes for our students. This is a very significant injection of funds and we need to be certain that what we do with it will ensure the best outcomes for all our students. While significant in its size, the impact of the funding will be diminished if not directed wisely. We will not be trying to do too many things and then as a consequence of trying to do too much end up with less than optimal outcomes. Rather we will determine a few projects that will have long lasting impact. Projects being considered will address the need to:

- Support, through literacy and numeracy intervention, the learning of all students whose outcomes are below our benchmarks. Almost all our students perform at or above the National Minimum Standards as determined by government and measured by NAPLAN. The benchmarks to which I refer are those such as the report card C level for key learning areas and others such as the reading benchmarks used in Prep and Years One to Three. We also use regular data from normalised tests such as PATR and PATM to ensure we do a good job in identifying levels of performance and areas to which we need to devote our resources and skills. Extra teacher and teacher aides will be employed for this purpose. A Speech Language Pathologist will also be employed on a weekly basis to work with students in Prep who may need help in developing their oracy skills so that they can connect with our early years literacy and numeracy programs.

- Support teachers in their effective implementation of the four key sets of strategies that have underpinned our recent successes in improving our learning outcomes. These strategies support:
  - Reading Comprehension
  - Writing
  - Spelling
  - Maths Problem Solving

Our strategies are based on our research of what works well for our students and basically constitute the Holland Park way of teaching these skills.

To do this, it is planned to ensure that each teacher will be supported by a teacher aide for one hour per day, on top of present allocations.
Support our delivery of quality writing support. Our data collected from a number of sources including NAPLAN shows that we have a quite a large number of students whose writing has not improved as much as we would like. It would seem that very able writers in our middle school do not necessarily continue to improve their skills. To this end we are considering the engagement of a published children’s author to work with students as a writer in residence.

Support teachers in the continual improvement of their skills by continuing our coaching program and to ensure that all teachers have time to share their practice with their colleagues. To do this effectively, teachers will need to be employed to release staff to facilitate the mentoring process.

Our plan needs to be developed and submitted for funding by 28 February. While I will discuss it at the next P&C meeting, I would be happy to receive any comment from you before that date.

**READING**

It is my strong impression that many of our students do not read enough. Reading habits start early and the daily reading to children at home is vital. Books can come anywhere such as from school or council libraries. They can be paper copies or downloaded to the device of your choosing. Without this solid foundation in reading, future development in all key learning areas is impaired. Success in reading is the single best indicator of success in everything else at school. It of course goes without saying that a student is very unlikely to be a good writer if they do not read regularly. How can a child write an adventure story well without having read the efforts of good writers?

**Regards**

**Anthony Gribbin**  
**Principal**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Olivia T, Grade 1 Speaking and Communicating, top of the state. She will receive a Gold medal.  
Avalon K-W, Speaking and Communicating, second in the state. She will receive a silver medal.  
The girls presented at the Australian College of Music - Speaking and Communicating Exam last November and will be presented with a gold and silver medal respectively at a ceremony at Cannon Hill Anglican College on the 15th March.  
These two girls are a credit to your school and are wonderful students.

Chris Gordon-Brown  
Speech and Drama and Communication Skills, Coorparoo

**Lost Property**

Please check the LOST PROPERTY area under the Administration Block for missing uniform items. Currently, lost property includes many towels and swimming togs.
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 BEFORE SCHOOL
- Remain under or near G, F or C Blocks (yrs 4 – 7), B Block (Yrs 1 – 3). Handball is allowed in these areas
- Stay out of classrooms unless a teacher is present
- Stay off stairs and verandahs
- Walk, not run, on hard surfaces
- Keep away from out of bounds areas such as outside the Library

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

COURTESY – Remember you manners
- Use ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ manners
- Use ‘Good morning’ and ‘Good afternoon’ greetings
- Make eye contact and smile at others

Gifted & Talented Education News

THE QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN INC
22ND State Conference
Friday 28 & Saturday 29 March, 2014
APPROACHING GIFTED EDUCATION: WHAT WORKS BEST IN SCHOOLS?

Full day workshop with Dr John Munroe – Friday 28 March, Marymac Centre, Ipswich Rd, Annerley
Keynote and workshops by Dr Kate Niederer – Saturday 29 March, Our Lady’s College, Chester Rd, Annereley

For more details visit www.qagtc.org.au or contact Gail Young (HPSS Gifted Education Mentor), PGY classroom teacher

Sports Report

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Mt Gravatt East District team at the Metropolitan East Swimming Trials which will be held on the 4th March at Chandler: Samuel C, Christina C, Hudson D, Holly H, Lily M, Charlotte M, Kellen R and Isaac W.

Another fantastic effort. Good luck everyone!

AFL trials date change. Trials will now be held on the 6th March.

P&C REPORT

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL RESULTS
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Election Day cake stall. Together you raised $1472.50 from the day. That puts us on the ladder for this year’s fundraising goal of $65,000. Thank you!
HOMEBAKE – CALLING VOLUNTEER BAKERS!
Love to be involved in tuckshop, but work during the day or have young kids at home? “Homebake” is your easy way to help out.
Homebake is: Each week two generous volunteers spend a little time to bake a yummy home-made treat which is sold via the tuckshop over the counter.
What you do: Volunteer to bake once or twice a term. You can choose what to bake from a list of healthy-ish recipes (e.g. muffins simple biccies) that we’ll provide. Make a batch of up to 20 of your chosen goody and drop them off at the tuckshop on the Monday you’re rostered on.
Homebake works best with lots of bakers sharing the load. We are looking for six more bakers to help out those already registered for this year. So, don’t miss out, get in touch to put your name down.

DESPERATELY SEEKING FRIENDS…
Mel is still very lonely in the tuckshop on most days. If you can spare even an hour or so once a month during school hours pop into the tuckshop and say hi, or drop us an email.

FREE EVENT – WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Now that I have your attention, why not come along to our first P&C meeting of the year, 7:30pm in the Library.

If you’ve decide Bruce Springsteen is more interesting than me, you can still become a member and ‘rock on in’ to the March meeting!

Catch you soon,

Kumar Thaivarayan
P&C President
pandc@holliparkss.eq.edu.au
www.facebook.com/hollandparkstateschool

Swimming Club

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

Another well attended Friday night, with nice warm weather. Most enjoyed the chocolate hearts on sale for Valentine’s Day. A reminder must go out for families to please clean up after themselves on a Friday night. A lot of rubbish is being left which ends up blowing into the pool for Saturday morning training.

There are only 3 club nights before Age Championships, please read the Members Handbook that is published on the website for rules regarding Age Championships. A note for the younger swimmers is that they must have completed at least 1 swim in the events they are nominating for in the Age Championships.
Therefore, maybe some of the 13metre swimmers would like to have a go at the 25m so they are eligible to swim that event at the Championships.

The order of events this week are:- 13m/25m/50m, Breaststroke, Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly, and the 100m Backstroke is the special race for the night. 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 Adam H. and Taliyah S.

**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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**GOOD LUCK TO OUR SWIMMERS**

Our club is being represented by 17 swimmers at the 2014 Brisbane Junior Metropolitan Championships at Chandler this coming weekend. This is the largest team that has qualified to attend these Championships and we wish them well.

**CLUB-AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The nomination sheets will soon be out for the Championships being held on 14th and 21st March. The children swim against their same gender and it is age on block. The age group the child swims in is determined by the age the child is on Friday 14th March 2014. The events are timed finals and medallions are awarded to the top 3 times in each age group for both the boys and girls. The night traditionally starts a little later with warm-up at 5.30pm and racing from 6pm.

**WET’N’WILD CLUB BREAKUP**

The Swim Club’s Annual Break-up fun day, will be at Wet’N’Wild on Sunday 23rd March, 10am-5pm. The cost per person will be approximately $28.50. Payment is due by Wednesday 5th March.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- Ron Hall Shield – Saturday 1st March
- Age Championships – 14th and 21st March
- Wet’N’Wild – 23rd March
- Trophy Night – 28th March

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JJ’S AT GREENSLOPES

We would like to extend a special thank you to “JJ’S” for the support they give the school supplying fresh fruit and vegetables each week.

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CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE

“WINDOWS” DAYS 2014

Year 7 or Year 8 Enrolment

Enrolment applications are now being taken for students currently in Years 3 to 7 who wish to attend Clairvaux MacKillop College in Year 7 or Year 8.

For an information pack and application form, please ring the Enrolment Office on 3347 9223 or email gomf@cvxmck.edu.au with your postal address. The College will be holding its Open Days, called “Windows”, at which you can gain an insight into the educational policies and practices of the school. Bookings are recommended so please contact the school to register at one of the following sessions:

- Friday 14 March, 2014 – 9.00am to 10.30am
- Wednesday 21 May, 2014 – 6.30pm -8.00pm
- Friday 13 June, 2014 – 9.00am to 10.30am
- Friday 29 August, 2014 - 9.00am to 10.30am

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Without the help of volunteers the tuckshop will not be able to stay open 5 days per week. Volunteers are needed from 9am - 11.30am EVERY day. If you can spare ONE day per month PLEASE TXT me with your details and the day of your choice on 0408628800. Please do not assume that some one else will do it as this is never the case. Thank you and hope to hear from you all.
Melisa

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
24 – 28 February

Mon 24 Feb: NEED HELP
Tues 25 Feb: NEED HELP
Wed 26 Feb: Kathy Kwan, Emma Marsh
Thu 27 Feb: Raelene Batkin, Cecilia Gunluk
Fri 28 Feb: Helen Bunting, Jo Johnson, Tracey Lindsell/Mayven, NEED HELP

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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