Dear Parents and Carers

SCHOOL INDUCTION DAY

Ian McKenzie, Councillor for Holland Park, presented our school leaders with their badges today at our induction ceremony attended by many proud parents. We wish our young leaders the very best in their new roles; each role is important and contributes to the culture of our school in a meaningful way. We congratulate them all and wish them the very best this year.

Below are two photographs that provide a historical perspective of Holland Park State School leadership. The former is a photo of Jeremy (Year 7 Lavarack House Captain) with his grandfather Bob Ranson and Ian McKenzie. Bob Ranson was one of the first House Captains for Lavarack when House Captains were introduced at Holland Park State School in 1953. Having started HPSS as a Prep student in 1947, by 1953, Bob was in Year 6 and in his Senior year at HPSS. The final year back then was year 6. Interestingly the wheel has turned and 2014 marks the end of year 7 in primary schools and 2015 heralds Prep to Year 6. The second photograph shows Bob Ranson holding the Lavarack Flag leading Lavarack House at Sports Day on the oval. That year Lavarack won the Sports Carnival. We will have to wait to see who the victors are in 2014. Interestingly, in 1953, the Lavarack House colour was Royal Blue, Bowen House was Gold and Wilson Red.
GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

As part of the Great Results Guarantee initiative we held a professional development day for all teacher aides last Tuesday 4 March in the school hall. This also included the newly appointed part time teacher aides who will be assisting in classrooms with literacy and numeracy. The program, lead by Leigh Harrod and Julia Whittaker, covered two key Holland Park programs: Comprehension Skills and Mathematics Problem Solving Strategies.

As has been mentioned previously, our key areas for this year are reading, writing, spelling and maths. Yesterday, the teaching staff met for a twilight professional development session on our school’s spelling program ‘Words their Way’ led by Lena Ford. The training program will support teachers in identifying and implementing specific strategies when developing students’ spelling knowledge.

SCHOOL SPORT AND INTERSCHOOL SPORT

I thought I would take the opportunity to talk about the Friday afternoon sports program for the children in years 5,6,7. For this semester we are providing for interschool sports (netball, soccer, rugby league and touch), recreational sport in the form of Martial Arts and for students, who choose to be involved in a school program, activities engaging the students in football, T-ball and tennis. The range of sports on offer is dependent on teacher staffing, bus capacity and community fields available for interschool sport. It is a matter of balance and most children were able to get their first choice.

There are a number of issues impacting on sport: our year 7 students moving to high school, the time students spend away from school when involved in interschool sport, costs of bus transport and the capacity to find volunteer teachers to convene competitions and organise community fields. In this context we are considering how best to meet the physical education needs of students and provide sporting opportunities for our Holland Park children in the coming year.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs are being taken on Tuesday March 11, (Prep and Year 1) and Wednesday, March 12, (Years 2 – 7 and School Leaders). Family photographs will be taken from 8.00am in the hall on both days. Please take your child to the hall at 8.00am if you are requiring a family photograph.

Regards
Edward Danielewski,
Deputy Principal

National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

On Friday March 21 HPSS will celebrate ‘National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence’.
We are asking all staff, parents and students to wear something orange. This is not a free dress day. We suggest keep it simple such as a shirt or shorts or scarf or wrist scarf/band etc.

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.

Calendar

11 Mar School Photos
12 Mar School Photos
13 Mar PSC, PDY, PTS – Lone Pine excursion
13 Mar HPSS Student Council – Crazy Hair Day
20 Mar PCG, PCM – Lone Pine excursion
20 Mar HPSS Gifted & Talented, Parent & Community Information Evening, 6.30 – 7.30pm, Hall
20 Mar HPSS Cross Country
21 Mar National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
21 Mar Year 4 – 7 Disco
30 Mar P&C Easter Event
13 May NAPLAN – Writing
14 May NAPLAN – Reading
15 May NAPLAN – Numeracy
16 May NAPLAN - Catch-up for absent students

DATE CLAIMERS
• HPSS Fete – Saturday 14 June
WHY ORANGE? Orange is the symbolic colour of the day as it ‘stands out’ – hence the colour and slogan used by www.bullyingnoway ‘TAKE A STAND TOGETHER – BULLYING NO WAY’. This suggests we encourage not just the victims but the bystanders also - to take a stand and we (parents and staff) can take a stand by educating children on how to deal with problems. At lead up assemblies and in class, students will be reminded to follow the ‘High Five’ – ‘5 steps to solve a problem’ - 1. Ignore 2. Talk friendly 3. Walk away 4. Talk firmly 5. Report. Orange Badges reminding students of this process will be distributed to all classes for use on the day.

School Banking help needed

More volunteers are urgently needed to process school banking on Thursday mornings. If you can help, please call in to the staff room on a Thursday and speak to Virginia.

Prep class also need a prep parent volunteer to deliver each class bank bag (5) to the staff room every Thursday morning. If you can help, please speak to your child’s teacher.

Lost/Found Property

Please check the lost property located under the Administration building. There are many items from swimming including towels. These items will be donated to charity if not collected within one week.

Found: 1 Violin at school pickup zone, Abbotsleigh St on Tuesday afternoon. If this is yours, please go to the school office.

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 ON HARD SURFACES

• Walk, not run, on hard surfaces
• Use seats for sitting on, not standing on or jumping over
• Use big balls on the oval only, not on hard surfaces
• Use courts at playtime for tennis, netball or handball only

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

CONSIDERATION – Keep our school tidy

• Place rubbish in bins (even if it is not yours)
• Place all your belongings in your school bag, rather than on the ground beside it

HPSS GIFTED & TALENTED PARENT & COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 20 March, 6.30 – 7.30pm, School Hall

The following information will be shared:

• Policy Statement: Curriculum provision to gifted and talented students (DETE)
• HPSS process to identify gifted & talented students
• Needs and characteristics of gifted & talented students
• Curriculum provision: differentiation, acceleration including early entry and co-enrolment
• Reporting to parents

Any questions may be directed to Gail Young (Gifted Education Mentor), PGY classroom teacher
**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, Annerley

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

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**Student Council Fundraiser**

**CRAZY HAIR DAY - SHAVE FOR A CURE**

On Thursday 13th March, Holland Park SS will be holding a Crazy Hair Day to raise money for cancer research. This is also in support of the Harrison family, whose lives have been touched by cancer in recent times.

On this day, students are encouraged to wear a crazy/colourful hairstyle and bring along a gold coin donation.

At the Junior Assembly in the afternoon, Mr Harrison will have his hair shaved, assisted by two of his daughters, Chloe and Lyla.

We would greatly appreciate your support of this event.

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**Sports report**

**METROPOLITAN EAST SWIM TRIALS RESULTS**

8 Students, 20 events! Another awesome swim meet for HPSS. This weeks Metropolitan East trials held at Brisbane Aquatic Centre produced a day of personal best times and two students meeting the qualifying requirements for selection into the Metropolitan East Team. Commendations to Samuel C, Hudson D, Charlotte M, Kellen R, Isaac W, Christina C and congratulations to Lilly M and Holly H on their selection.

Thank you to Coach Phil for his support and successes at both Club and School swim meets.

**DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS – MARCH 2014**

- AFL Boys 6th March
- Rugby League 11th March 11Yrs
- Rugby League 12th March 12Yrs
- Tennis Boys/Girls 18th March
- Touch Football Girls 19th March
- Touch Football Boys 20th March
- Hockey Boys 25th March
- Hockey Girls 26th March

Please see Mr Walker for Trial information and District Forms.

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**ANNERLEY & DISTRICTS BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY**

Now on the first Friday of the month

Next Dances: Friday 7th March 2014
Friday 4th April 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.
From The Community Liaison Officer

Thank you to all the Mums who have volunteered to be Class Parent Representatives. We very much appreciate your assistance with this important role. There are a few classes who do not have a Representative as yet. They are 1LR, 2AF, 2OM, 2TM, 3CW, 4CP, 4MG, 6AW, 6NA and 7MS. If you are still considering the role and need some more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

Karen Oliver
Email: kolv33@eq.edu.au

Swimming Club

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

It was another good turnout for club with around 130 swimmers attending.

This coming Friday is the last club night before Age Championships. All club members wishing to compete at the Age Championships must nominate by THIS FRIDAY.

At the Age Championships, children 8 years and under swim only 25m events and 9 years swim the four, 25m events plus a 50m Freestyle. Children 10 years and older swim the four, 50m events, plus 100m Freestyle and IM. Children will only compete against children of their own age and gender. The age of the swimmer for the Championship is the age they are on Friday 14th March 2014.

The order of events this week are:- 13m/25m/50m, Butterfly, Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke and the 100m Butterfly 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 Ella M. and Zoe H.

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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<td>100m Breaststroke</td>
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**WHAT A HUGE TEAM EFFORT!** On Saturday, Holland Park Swim Club won, for the second year in a row, The Ron Hall Shield. Every swimmer, whether they received a place ribbon or not earned valuable points to add to our aggregate score of 1201. Wishart brought a larger team than ours and finished second with 993 points and Camp Hill gained 737 points. The Holland Park team spirit was high with some enthusiastic cheering. The relays are always exciting and we also witnessed 17 individual Pool Records broken over the afternoon. Well done to our parents who participated extremely well in the parent’s medley relay race with our teams finishing 1st and 2nd. A few of the parents should be persuaded to join and compete on a Friday night as we have had in past years.

**LOGAN VIKINGS “A” GRADE QUALIFYING MEET**

Six of our swimmers backed up and swam again on Sunday at Logan Vikings, which was very hard to do after the exciting Ron Hall Shield. Annie S, Ben M, Nick E and Kelsey W. all medalled.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**
- Age Championships – 14th and 21st March
- Wet’N’Wild – 23rd March
- Trophy Night – 28th March

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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

**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.