Dear Parents and Carers,

NAPLAN TEST

Next week our year 3 and 5 students will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy.

The specific purposes are:

• to collect data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carer and schools for systematic reporting
• to accommodate the assessment of students against national minimum standards

A series of tests will assess areas of literacy and numeracy. The following areas are assessed:

• Language conventions – spelling, grammar and punctuation (Tuesday 12 May)
• Writing – knowledge and control of written language (Tuesday 12 May)
• Reading – comprehension (Wednesday 13 May)
• Numeracy – number, algebra, measurement, chance and data and space (Thursday 14 May)

Results from the tests will provide information about children's progress in literacy and numeracy as well as school based assessment tasks conducted throughout the year. Later in the year, schools and students will receive a statement of performance for each student who participated in the tests.

It is important that students in Years 3 and 5 get a good sleep prior to each test day and also have a good breakfast on the morning of the tests. Also, parents are requested to ensure their children arrive at school prior to the first bell at 8:55 am so they are settled in classrooms and ready to commence the tests on time.

We would like to encourage all our Year 3 and 5 students to “Strive to Excel” during the NAPLAN tests this year.
**YEAR 6 SCIENCE CLUB**
*by Lewis*

During week 2 of Science Club, we looked even closer at cells and DNA. Firstly we wanted to see what DNA looked like, so we used a small piece of banana or kiwi fruit. We put a piece in a zip lock bag, along with a dissolving liquid. We mashed it together and then put the bag on ice to cool it. If the mixture was too warm, the process would not work. We mashed and cooled it 3 times. It was then strained through a dishcloth draped over a funnel, into a test tube. We then added a small amount of alcohol to the strained mixture to separate the DNA. After a few minutes some white foamy stuff appeared on the top of the liquid. This white foamy stuff was in fact banana or kiwi fruit DNA.

Our teacher then boiled some green leaves to make a green liquid or chloroplast. We put a few drops of this liquid onto some paper, next to a green felt pen dot. One end of the paper was put in a jar in some alcohol to test if the two green dots were the same pigment. The alcohol absorbed its way up the paper to the dots and spread the colour out. We could then see that they weren’t the same colour. The chloroplast was a lighter pigment than the felt pen.

Lastly we looked at the DNA of an onion root under a microscope. It is amazing to see these tiny cells up close.

**FACILITIES UPDATE**

Some of you may be aware of the water damage to the two downstairs classrooms in Block R during last Friday’s severe storm and the problems it created for school staff and the impact it would have on our year 5 students.

Sanja Popovic, our Business Services Manager, was able to arrange, on the Saturday, the removal of the drenched carpet, the reallocation of classrooms and the necessary shifting of furniture to the upstairs classrooms of the library block.

The shift was important as we wanted to ensure our two year five classes would have a degree of stability in the lead-up to the NAPLAN tests next week.

We are in the process of drying out those two rooms with the hope that the facility will be available to the two groups on Monday. If, for some reason, we require more time to complete...
the repairs, the children will continue in their current locations. I also would like to extend my thanks, a very big thanks at that, to the teachers and admin staff who stayed and helped limit the damage on Friday afternoon; without their intervention those rooms would have sustained far worse damage.

On the good news front, in the week commencing 18 May, work will also start on the tennis and netball courts; a new concrete surface will be laid, fencing, nets and tennis posts replaced and electicals rerouted. Weather permitting, the courts could be ready for the start of term 3. We are looking forward to the upgrade.

Regards
Julia Whittaker, Acting Deputy Principal

Prep Enrolments 2016

Prep Enrolments for 2016 are now open. Please submit forms to the school office.

Change of personal or contact details

Could you please let the administration office know if any medical, personal or contact details, have changed since the beginning of the current school year, we are in the process of updating all our student records. This information is of the utmost importance and needs to be kept up-to-date at all times. Contact Details Update Forms are available from the office or if you prefer email the changes to admin@hollparkss.eq.edu.au

Many thanks from the admin team.

Finance Matters

Debtor Statements were issued last week. Please keep in mind the following:

1. The statements may cross paths with your EFT payment. This sometimes takes a couple of days to clear with the bank.

2. You may have a negative amount (-) on your statement – this may be due to refunding from excursions, sport (some from 2014) etc. Keep in mind when paying via EFT to use the credit amount.

3. Permission slips have been handed in indicating payment via EFT. In some cases this payment has not been received by the bank therefore not receipted by the school.

4. Sport payments may be paid weekly. The debtor statement will show the balance owing.

5. Lawn Bowls cost is $5.00. All other sports are $10.00.

6. Mathletics and Reading Egg payments are now overdue.

ACCOUNTS: Please ensure payments are paid to correct accounts. Below are the 2 accounts used at the school:

Account 1: Holland Park State School - for school related costs eg. Excursions, incursions, voluntary contribution
BSB: 064112
Account Number: 00090133

Account 2: Holland Park P&C Association - for swim school, P&C activities eg. Easter Eggstravaganza
BSB: 064112
Account Number: 00901733

New Policy:
Cash or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) must be used for payments under $10. Credit Card payments under $10 will not be accepted.

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**Tuckshop News**

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

11 – 15 May (Group 2)

- **Mon 11 May**: Kim Amos Hohnke
- **Tues 12 May**: Elin Hyunsung Min
- **Wed 13 May**: Neelima Sharma
- **Thurs 14 May**: Raelene Batkin
- **Fri 15 May**: Linda Tobin, Sam Smith, Chrissa Konstantinos, Lisa Ridler, Amy Wood

Volunteer names are not always correct due to changes. If unsure, please contact Melissa.

**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 Popovic, BSM, HPSS, 3421 6222
P&C presents a ..... 

Holland Park State School's

BATTLE of the BANDS

Trivia Night

Date: Saturday 20th June 2015

Venue: HPSS School Hall

Time: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm Start

Cost: $20 per head - Tables of 8 - 10  BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Supper will be provided

Dress up as your favourite Band! Prizes are awarded for the best dressed Table, Lucky Door, Heads and Tails, and Trivia Champions.

For Table Bookings:

Contact Jacky Lynch—8408 135676

Or email jackytoggetti@hotmail.com with details

Table Name or Person Registering Table: ____________________________________________

Contact Name and Phone No.: ________________________________

No. of People on Table: __________ Total Amount Enclosed or Payed by BPAY: __________

Please tear off and leave information for table and monies at school office. __________ Thank you

BPAY details:

BSB #064-112

Accnt #10244712

Ref: Trivia Night 8people