Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 3 of the 2015 school year.

School Opinion Survey
Parents/Caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year’s School Opinion Survey by providing their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys is currently open and will remain so until 31 July 2015. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students yesterday and we encourage all parents/caregivers to complete the survey online at your convenience at home. If you require access to a computer you are welcome to complete the survey online at the school; contact the office and arrangements will be made for you to complete the survey at school. If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact the office on 3421 6222.

Otemon Gakuin Elementary School Visit
Our visiting student group and teachers will be arriving at Holland Park on Friday 24 July. A welcome ceremony in the morning will be followed by class visits and a homestay ‘meet and greet’ program in the afternoon. This visit is always a highly anticipated and exciting time for our children; the visit is reciprocated in September when our students visit Japan and our Sister School.

This year’s visit coincides with the tenth anniversary of the Sister School Agreement between Otemon Gakuin and Holland Park. A commemorative plaque, tree planting and release of 10 doves will be part of our celebration of this tenth year anniversary. The plaque is located on your left as you enter the school grounds from Abbotsleigh Street and walk towards the administration block.
The tree planting will take place on the Friday.

School Reports
By now all of you would have received your child’s first semester report; please take the time to discuss your child’s progress and identify goals and strategies to support their learning. Many parents have already taken the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with their teacher and how they can assist them in their learning; reports ought not to have any surprises and we encourage a collaborative dialogue with teachers at all times.
Li Cunxin and James Morrison at Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage
1500 talented and energetic state school students will take to the stage on 17 and 18 July in four arena style performances at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage. Guests include internationally renowned Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director, James Morrison AM, and Mao’s Last Dancer, Queensland Ballet Artistic Director Li Cunxin who will perform with students during the Saturday evening performance. Tickets are available to all shows at www.ticketek.com.au.

Kind Regards
Edward Danielewski
Acting Principal

RULES OF THE WEEK

STAYING SAFE AROUND PLANTS AND ANIMALS
- Keep out of trees
- Care for animals and plants in school grounds

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

CONSIDERATION
Show concern towards others needing help if:
- hurt
- lost
- lonely
- unsure

FROM THE OFFICE

ENROLMENTS
Prep Enrolments for 2016 will be closing soon. Please submit enrolment forms to the school office ASAP.

LOST PROPERTY
Are your children feeling cold? Please check Lost Property for jumpers!

FINANCE
Please keep in mind the following:
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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
This year’s program commences on Wednesday 15th July. Members of our school community – staff, parents and friends – shopping at Woolworths can collect a sticker for every $10 they spend. The program runs until 8th September.

COLLECTION BOX LOCATIONS
Sticker (and sticker card) collection boxes are located at two of our local Woolworths stores – Woolworths at Whites Hill (off Samuel Street) and Woolworths at Mt Gravatt East (off Creek Road.) As well, there are collection boxes at these locations at the school – the office, the library and upstairs in Prep (outside the PGY classroom).

In previous years the school has benefited enormously from this program with a wide range of resources being acquired. Let’s hope that this year’s program brings even more benefits.

Margaret Kittson (Teacher-Librarian)
EXCELLENCE EXPO 2015 IS COMING!!!!

Nomination booklets are now available online on the school’s website (www.hollparkss.eq.edu.au).

The following curriculum tasks from Prep to Year 6 will be completed at school:
- Mathematics
- Writing
- Technology
- Asian Studies

CATEGORIES AND NOMINATION DATES

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We invite HPSS Families to attend the official opening to celebrate with our school community, our students’ pursuit of excellence in learning on Wednesday 9 September at 5:30pm in the school hall.

Thank you for your wonderful support and co-operation

Yours in excellence,
Gifted and Talented Education Committee, 2015
G&T COMMITTEE

International Conference for the Gifted and Talented Illuminating the Spectrum of Giftedness and Talent Development 2015 Sharing and Networking.

On Tuesday 14 July, Holland Park State School delegates who attending this International Conference shared their reflections from this conference with Holland Park Staff. Workshops selected by staff were in a special focus of different types of giftedness: intellectual, creative, artistic, social and emotional.

Special thanks to delegates who professionally prepared these workshops and the staff who attended to support the needs and characteristics of all students including gifted students.

Adam Kuss, Head of Junior school at Cavendish Road State High School also attended and presented a workshop The Academy of Ideas A Pathway for Gifted Students. This workshop highlighted the characteristics of intellectually gifted students that is their natural capacity to think deeply and question. The responsibility of all educators to design learning experiences that provide opportunities for these students to develop their cognitive skills was shared in discussion about creative and critical thinking. This is important for all students including gifted. Special thanks to Adam Kuss for attending from Cavendish Road State High School.

Gail Young (Gifted Education Mentor)

CHAPLAINCY

PREP ART SHOW 2015

Chappy Howard hosted the 2015 Prep Art Show this week, which saw Mrs Barry (our wonderful art teacher), interacting with many children, parents and grandparents that enjoyed the great talent of all our prep children.
P&C News

TUCKSHOP

Welcome back to term 3.
A BIG thank you to all the volunteers at the tuckshop, your time is greatly appreciated. Due to some parents leaving the school mid year we currently need help on 1 Monday a month and 1 or 2 Fridays a month.

If you are interested in helping out for the rest of the year PLEASE contact Mel by txt on 0408628800 or call in to the tuckshop.
Please check that you have the correct prices and money in your bags. On-line ordering is the best way if you are unsure.
Thanks Mel

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Mon 20 July: Hamish Televen
Tues 21 July: Emily Chen
Wed 22 July: Helen Coldham-Fussell
Thurs 23 July: Raelene Batkin, Jo Martin
Fri 24 July: Chantal Dangerfield, Jody Paddison, Sophie Hills, Stella Kazoullis

Hand washing

Keeping our hands clean is one of the most important ways we can protect ourselves, our friends and our school community from getting sick. Our hands can become dirty with germs from touching dirty things or by coughing, sneezing, rubbing eyes etc. The germs can then be passed on to others by touching things other people may also touch or touching other people with dirty hands. We should all wash our hands with soap and running water and then dry them, after going to the toilet, after sneezing, before we eat, after we play etc. Actually, at any time you think your hands may have got germs on them.

In the last week of this term and in early third term the P&C are leading a hand hygiene promotion to coincide with the renovation of the Junior and Senior toilet blocks. Volunteer parents will be talking at the Junior and Senior assemblies this week to reinforce the importance of hand washing to students and remind them that they are responsible for making sure that they use the toilet facilities with respect. New signs will be put up in all toilets reminding students, staff and visitors about the importance of hand washing and how to wash properly and we are encouraging students to tell their friends and family about how important it is to keep our hands clean and maybe practice their handwashing technique at home together.

If you have any comments or would like to be involved please email Allison Mackie at allisonmackie@optusnet.com.au
HAVING FUN TODAY, LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

Wynola Girl Guides – Meridian Street, Coorparoo

Invites you to join us:
Koala Guides (5-6yrs) – Wed, 4.30-6:00pm
Junior Guides (7-10yrs) – Tuesday 5:00-7:00pm
Senior Guides (10-15yrs) – Friday 6:30-8:30pm

Come and join in the fun of camping, cooking, craft, canoeing, abseiling, high & low ropes, music, dancing and drama. Guiding is about making new friends, developing self-confidence and gaining skills in leadership and teamwork.

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC PARENTS
The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish will be running a program to prepare children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. This is open to all children in Year 3 and above who have been baptised in the Catholic tradition. Please contact the Parish Office for details by ringing 3349 2280 by Friday 24 July 2015.

GREATER BRISBANE JUNIOR TENNIS
‘Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 26 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.’
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

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