Dear Parents and Carers,

SISTER SCHOOL VISIT – OTEMON GAKUIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Next Friday, July 25, our Sister School Otemon Gakuin Elementary School, will be welcomed by our school community. It is the 22nd annual visit to Holland Park State School. Over these years many long lasting and deep friendships have been formed between, homestay families, students and staff.

Students will be invited to stand at the entrance to our school at around 8.15am next Friday when they arrive. There will be a jubilant atmosphere as the flags of our two countries are on display on the flagpoles and waved by the welcoming students. The students and teachers from Otemon will attend a Welcome Assembly in the hall at 9.30am. Throughout the day they will meet their host students and at 2.00pm their homestay families.

We have an action packed program prepared for their stay at Holland Park, when they will participate in many and varied activities in the classrooms, join in with a Creative Dance lesson, paint boomerangs and spend a day visiting Lone Pine.

Below is a photograph of their visit last year.
GARDENS AND LANDSCAPING

Attractive gardens and landscaping work is almost complete at the front of the school. It has turned what was a very unattractive and hot area into an inviting space for students to enjoy the sunshine while reading, playing or eating.

Large poles have also been erected over the school holidays in preparation for sail cloth awnings. This will provide cool shady play spaces for students when the summer weather returns. A huge thank you to Lisa Kuiri for her many hours of work on this project.

STAFF CHANGES

At the end of last term we had three staff members leave our school, Sarah Kelly – Year 4, Melinda Schuh – Prep and Jackie Lynch – Prep Teacher Aide. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for their contributions to our school community and wish them well in their new positions.

Debra Ybarlucea is returning to take up her position with PDY. Mrs Claire Savage Is replacing Sarah Kelly on year 4 and Natasha Deaton is replacing Jacky as prep teacher aide on PDY. We welcome them to our staff.

FLAG COMPETITION

We are holding a ‘Design a School Flag’ competition open for all students to enter. It is our intention next year to add to the impact of our entrance to our school by flying eight flags, the Australian flag, The Aboriginal flag, the Torres Strait Islander flag, the Queensland flag, a Holland Park State School flag and a flag for each of our sporting houses, Wilson, Lavarack and Bowen.

Could you please encourage your child to think about designing a flag which depicts Holland Park State School and/or one of the houses. It will be important to consider colours and symbols which are meaningful to our school and the values we promote. Entry forms are available from the school office.

Regards
Cathy Polities
Deputy Principal

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Swim Club website:
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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.

Prep 2015 Enrolments Now Open

Enrolment forms and information can be found on the school website www.hollparkss.eq.edu.au/enrolments or alternatively at the school office.

Enrolments close on Friday 29 August 2014.

Gifted & Talented Education

Holland Park State School
Gifted & Talented Education Committee proudly announces the
10th Excellence Expo
Date Claimer
Wednesday 3 September 2014

Calendar

21 Jul  Excellence Expo Prep/new parents Information afternoon session, 3pm, PGY classroom
21 Jul  Year 1 Kite Man Incursion
23 Jul  P&C Meeting
1 Aug  Excellence Expo performance Nominations due
30 Aug  P&C Trivia Night (see ad at end of Newsletter)

DATE CLAIMERS
• Excellence Expo – Wednesday 3 September
EXCELLENCE EXPO NOMINATION FORMS FOR ALL PERFORMANCES ARE DUE FRIDAY 1 AUGUST

EXCELLENCE EXPO INFORMATION SHARING FOR PREP PARENTS/CARERS AND ANY AND NEW PARENTS/CARERS TO HPSS

Monday 21 July 2014
Time 3.00pm
Venue PGY classroom in the Prep area

On Monday 21 July at 3.00pm there will be a sharing of information for Prep parents and any new parents to HPSS regarding Excellence Expo 2014. Tasks and categories will be discussed and there will be an opportunity for question time to clarify any matters relating to students nominating for Expo 2014. Our School Gifted Education Mentor (GEM), Gail Young, will lead this discussion and be available to answer any questions. Prep students will be supervised in PCM classroom for this sharing time by Miss Murray. All interested prep parents/carers and new parents to the school are welcomed and invited to attend this Excellence Expo sharing time.

Tuckshop Talk

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
21 - 25 July

Mon 21 July: NEED HELP
Tues 22 July: NEED HELP
Wed 23 July: Chantal Dangerfield, NEED HELP
Thu 24 July: Raelene Batkin, Joanna Martin
Fri 25 July: Jody Paddison, Karen Simpson, Sophie Hills, NEED HELP

Please note: this roster may not reflect recent changes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH JAPANESE CATERING on FRIDAY 29TH, JULY

Tuckshop will once again be catering for the Japanese students and teachers on Friday 25th, July and would like YOUR help. If you can spare an hour or two in the morning please contact Melisa on 0408628800 or 34216263 with your details so she can put your name on the roster.

Thank you
Melisa

Chess Program

The chess program, with professional coaches provided by Gardiner Chess, continues on Thursday mornings from 8 am in the school library. There are currently two groups operating – a beginners’ group and an advanced group. New players are welcome. Enrolment information is available on request from the library and is also available online at the Gardiner Chess website – www.gardinerchess.com.au
Cost of the program is approximately $8 a week. Enrolments and payments are to be done online via the website.

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.

DRUM FOR FUN! Learning an instrument stimulates brain development!!
Beat Centre Drum School is a professional drum teaching business. Whether the student is just beginning, self-taught or advanced, Beat Centre Drum School strive to produce content and teaching methods that are unique and effective in helping the student reach their desired goal.
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A Final Word on the Fete

Well we did it together - $50,000 profit! Not a bad result for a bunch of volunteer parents, carers and teachers who all have other lives to be getting on with! We had over 400 individuals volunteer over the course of the fete weekend which is just as an impressive a number as the final profit.

Despite a couple of hiccoughs (not the least of which was the weather) it seemed everyone had a fabulous day - mostly especially the children. The change in the rides line up certainly seemed to please them (even if the Rock Climbing queue seemed never-ending!).

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and support leading up to, during and since the fete. It was a beautiful community day of which we can all be very proud. Thanks also to our great sponsors, without whom we would have none of the wonderful prizes we managed to give away. Look out for their ads in the school newsletter or via flyers in the take home folders. Please consider supporting them when looking to purchase goods or services and don't forget to mention HPSS.

Now to the exciting job of spending the money! Look out for a survey in your inbox asking for your input to the planning of the school's outdoor spaces.

Louise Hope
2014 HPSS Fete Convenor
Open up new possibilities...

**St James College Open Day**

**Friday 1 August, 2014 ~ 10.00am to 12.00pm**

- Come and see St James College during the course of a normal school day
- Let our student leaders take you on a guided tour of the College
- Meet our highly qualified, caring and enthusiastic staff
- Learn how 2015 will see refurbished facilities including state of the art science and library building as well as a Trade Skills Centre
- Come and see for yourself how a St James education can provide YOUR child with the skills for a happy and successful future

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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. Val Foster Acting, BSM, HPSS, 3421 6222
Holland Park SS P&C’s Annual

Trivia Night...
“Murder and Mayhem”

Our theme this year is Murder and mayhem, step out of the box and get your table to dress in theme. Prizes are awarded for the best dressed Table, Lucky Door, Heads and Tails and Trivia Champions.

Date - 30th August 2014
Time - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
Venue - HPSS School Hall
Cost - $20 per head
BYO Drinks - Nibbles and Supper provided
Tables of about 8 people

Join us for a fun night of trivia, murder mayhem, and mystery! With challenging intellectual stimuli and a chance to party with your friends.

For Table Bookings:
Contact Jacky Lynch
Email — jackyboggetti@hotmail.com.
Or Phone — 0408159676

Table Name:__________________________
Contact Name & Phone No:____________
No. of People on Table:_______________
Total Money Enclosed @$20 per head:
Please tear off and leave information for table and monies at school office......Thankyou