

Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER



19 February 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers

School and Vice-School Captains 2016

This year I have again had the privilege to be part of the school student leader process at Holland Park. Our school and vice-school captains met with Mr Gribbin and I this week for a 'working lunch' to discuss some of their key responsibilities for the year. These students, Holly, Arlyn, Olivia and JJ demonstrated a strong sense of commitment and eagerness to their new role. These meetings, eventually to include all student leaders, will be a regular feature of our ongoing support for our young leaders this year. The first task we have asked of them is to give a brief introduction to you, the school community. We intend to publish more feedback and comments from this group of students in the future.

Below are some thoughts from our first round of leaders.

Hi! My name is Holly ! I am the girl school captain for 2016 and it is an honour to be a leader of what I believe to be such an amazing school of learning, passion and of course fun! Holland Park offers great opportunities to all of our amazing student body, nurturing a love of learning and giving each and every one of us fond memories of primary school right through to our last year. I am looking forward to making the school a great place for everyone, from prep to year 6 and am looking forward to seeing you and your ideas in the future. Holly

Hi my name is Olivia and I'm your girl Vice-Captain. I wanted to tell you about my ideas, wishes and dreams for our school. I think ideas are like layers like Lego blocks, by building from one idea can come many ideas. To all of our students, it's fine to have my point of view but I need your ideas, your imagination, to help improve this school. Ok, my first "block"...my first idea, is to present a play at the end of the year on what we have learnt in History for year 6. What suggestions do you have to improve our fantastic school? I believe that if we work together we can build something wonderful. So let's share our ideas. Olivia.



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From the Deputy Principal Cont'd

My name is Arlyn and I'm the boy school captain this year. This week I interviewed some students to see what they enjoyed about learning at Holland Park State School. Here are some responses:

"Holland Park State School encourages high education but it is also fun!" (Year 4 boy)

"Our school is a great place to set your goals and achieve them." (Year 6 girl)

"I love learning new things in a fun way at Holland Park" (Year 5 boy)

It's great to see such positive comments. I will certainly be committed to learning this year and hope I can be a good role model to other students. Arlyn

Hi my name is JJ and I am the boy's Vice-School captain for 2016. As school captain I am going to encourage students of all ages to give it a go in sports, choir, band and of course Excellence Expo. I will do this by finding opportunities. One example is where someone is playing the recorder one morning, I will tell them how good they are and this will make them feel happy and grow their confidence. Maybe I could even give compliments on the sporting field. All of these little things will help build student confidence to keep trying new things and of course learn. I hope that you have enjoyed my message and I know that I will always be there for the students at Holland Park State School. Parents remember you can help too by encouraging and supporting students as well. JJ

Leigh Harrod
Acting Deputy Principal

SCHOOL RULES

STAYING SAFE AT THE TOILETS

- Toilets are not play areas
- Paper is not to be wasted
- Flush the toilet after use
- Wash hands after use
- Turn taps off
- Go to the toilet during lunch and afternoon tea breaks

Calendar

25 Feb	Year 5 Nexus Art Incursion "Kia Toa"
2 Mar	Year 5 Raw Art Incursion Clay Landscapes
3 Mar	School Leaders Induction & Morning Tea
10 Mar	PJC and PTS Lone Pine
16 Mar	PGY, PDY, PAF to Lone Pine
14 Mar	Year 6 Students to Young Leaders
22 Mar	HPSS Cross Country
24 Mar	Last day of Term 1

SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

COMMITMENT

Be ready to begin classes by:

- Being organised
- Having water bottle filled, pencil, ruler and rubber out
- Waiting quietly

FROM THE OFFICE

Don't forget to complete and hand in your Volunteer's Confidentiality Agreement to Karen Oliver before you volunteer in the classrooms, available on the School Website or at the Admin Office.

Just a reminder that the only dogs allowed on the school grounds are working dogs, police, seeing eye dogs. NO other dogs are to be brought onto school grounds, even if they are being carried. This is for the protection of all our students.

FROM THE CLO

Thank you to all those Mums who have contacted me with regard to taking on the role of Class Parent Representatives. My apologies for the delay in passing on the documentation, it is coming. Working in the admin office full time for the past two weeks it has put me a little behind with my CLO role. I am hoping to have it all emailed to you this weekend. Thank you for your patience.

Cheers from
Karen Oliver
Community Liaison Officer
koliv33@eq.edu.au

FROM THE LIBRARY

A warm welcome to all our new community members and welcome back to our returning community members.

LIBRARY STAFF

Staffing arrangements for the library have now been finalised. Depending on what day it is, you will find the following people working in the library.

Margaret Kittson (teacher-librarian) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Judy Rix (teacher-aide – library) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Stanislava Lasica (teacher-aide) Thursday

Morag Witney (teacher-aide) Friday

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers fulfil a key role in the library. Desley McConnell is continuing as a volunteer this year. From time to time she may also work as a replacement teacher-aide in the library. At the end of 2015, our second key volunteer Vivien Solo retired. Over the last decade in her role as our main book coverer she has covered literally thousands of books - the count would be well over 10,000. Her absence is already being felt!

New volunteers are always sought. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out. There are two tasks in particular we invariably need help with. One is shelving. American management expert and social philosopher, Peter Drucker, in an address he gave to the American Library Association, once compared the librarian's role to that of the man at the circus who follows the elephant with the dustpan and brush. His point was that all users leave chaos in their wake. There are usually somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 student loans each year, and since the resource room has been in operation and over 10,000 loans to teachers.

As far as book covering goes, we have a large number of readers acquired at the end of last year for the roll out of this year's Year 1 Literacy Program still waiting to be covered. Later in the year there will be more books arriving to be used when this program is extended to Year 2 in 2017.

FROM THE LIBRARY Cont'd

Please contact me directly on one of the days I work if you are able to help out. Any quantum of time you feel you can give will be appreciated.

OPENING HOURS

We endeavour to have the library open for student use at the following times.

Before school Mondays to Thursdays 8.15 – 8.45

First break Mondays to Thursdays 11.15 – 11.45

First break Fridays 11.05 – 11.25

STUDENT LOAN ENTITLEMENTS

All students can have up to 6 books out in their name at any one time. While the expectation is that students borrow during their weekly class 'browse and borrow' library time, it leaves the capacity for them to come to the library in their own time and borrow as well.

The loan period for Prep to Year 2 students is one week and for Years 3 – 6 two weeks.

Parents, particularly those of students in Early Years classes, are welcome to come to the library before school when it is open with their children to choose books to take home to share.

Margaret Kittson, Teacher/Librarian.

SWIMMING CLUB



FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

This half of the season is flying bye, only two more Club Nights before Age

Championships. In relation to the email sent out on 11th February, let's hope the club has some willing parents to take over the roles of Club President and Canteen Convenor.

SWIMMING CLUB Cont'd



The order of events this week are:- 13m/25m/50m Breaststroke, Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly and the 100m Backstroke being the special race for the night. Please be mindful that by not nominating on time, by **5.00pm Thursday**, adds a lot of extra time when processing the results on a weekend.

Results from the last 2 club nights are on the website.

AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The nominations sheets are at the pool for the two weeks of Age Championships.

At the Age Championships, children 8 years and under swim only 25m events and children 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 the 100m 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 4th March 2016.

The events on the first week are 50m and 25m Butterfly; 50m and 25m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle for the children aged 10yrs and over. The events on the second night of Age Championships are 50m and 25m Freestyle; 50m and 25m Breaststroke and 100m IM for the children aged 10yrs and over.

There will be no 13m events during the Age Championships.

Warm-up is at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

SWIMMING CLUB Cont'd

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. The following children will be presented with a "Treat Voucher" for the canteen. (only 1 voucher per child per week) Friday night's most improved were:-

12th February 2015 – Club Night 12

STROKE	Swimmer's Name	SECONDS IMPROVED
25m Freestyle	Ryan H	2.21
25m Backstroke	Jade A	5.54
25m Breaststroke	Piper L	2.43
25m Butterfly	Piper L	12.25
50m Freestyle	Jack W	2.71
50m Backstroke	Oliver W	2.53
50m Breaststroke	Redmond M	4.52
50m Butterfly	Jake I	3.75
100m Freestyle	Georgia C	7.56



SWIMMING CLUB Cont'd



RON HALL SHIELD

Holland Park did it again, winning the Ron Hall Shield for the fourth time in a row. It was a nail biting start to the carnival, with Wishart and Camp Hill competing very strongly in the butterfly and backstroke events, but Holland Park dug deep and pulled out some very exciting relay swims and individual swims. Every swimmer gained valuable points for our team and the club appreciates their efforts.

The Parent's Race is always a highlight and the parent's didn't disappoint, with one of our teams winning the event and our other team a commendable fourth place.



SWIMMING CLUB Cont'd

WET'N'WILD CLUB BREAKUP

The Swim Club's Annual Break-up fun day, will be at Wet'N'Wild on Sunday 20th March, 10am-5pm. The cost per person will be \$32. Payment will be due no later than Thursday 3rd March.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Age Championships – 4th and 11th March; Trophy Night – 18th March; Wet'N'Wild – 20th March.



HPE REPORT from Mr. Walker

Swimming

Another awesome result in the pool at the recent Mt Gravatt District swimming trials! Holland Park State School was represented by a strong team of 42 swimmers. Congratulations to Hannah A, Margot D, Reece H, Ambryn P, Eliza P, Annie S and Phoebe W. It will be their time to shine as members of the Mt Gravatt District swim team. Good luck to all of our swimmers at the regional trials being held on the 1st March.

Athletics

Congratulations to Sophie S who has hurdled her way into the Queensland Little Athletics State Championship being held on 18th-20th March. Placing 3rd in the 60m and 4th in 70m 10Yrs hurdles at the recent South East Regional Championships. Good Luck Sophie!

HPE REPORT Cont'd

Japanese Club

It was great to see some excited faces ready to join in and start investigating にほんのもの (nihon no mono) which translates as 'Things of Japan'. Our first meeting discussed the many things that we could discover about Japan and our focus in the upcoming weeks will be on Bonsai. Everyone is really interested in learning about this wonderful form of art. The best way of culminating our research will be to create our own Bonsai.

Japanese Garden Club

I am very excited to have so many students interested in being a part of the Year 6 Japanese Garden Club. Stage 1 was completed in 2015 and is looking great. It is fantastic to see that our students really enjoy this new space and are very protective of the area. Well, now it is time for stage 2. We have our work crews set up and some minor works took place this week. We will be organising a Popcorn Fundraiser in the next few weeks to kick off this new project. The theme will be around creating a Bonsai Garden. We are looking for bush rock/boulders, garden tools and any unwanted landscaping materials. Please let us know if you can help out. Our fundraising team is busy coming up with ideas, the media group are in full swing keeping photo records to report back to our community, our design team have presented some good ideas to work with, and the construction team along with our whole group were busy this week with our first plantings.

District Trials

AFL trials 15th March. Please see Mr Walker for further information.

HPE REPORT Cont'd



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Ice blocks, Drinks and Chips are still available over the counter at break time.

Thanks Mel

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2016 Fete – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Convenor: Dan Cook

Mobile: 0402 626 254

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