Dear Parents and Carers,

NAPLAN

All year 3, 5 and 7 students who sat for this year’s NAPLAN tests will be receiving their written report on Friday. Please take the time to reflect on and discuss your students’ results. Please remember that this is a ‘point in time’ assessment of their work in May.

Overall, our results have been strong in the five strands of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar, and numeracy. The following hyperlink provides you with an overview of our school’s preliminary performance measure of Holland Park students compared with the results achieved by Queensland students and Australia students as a whole.

https://hollparkss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/1NAPLAN_2014_Comparison(QLD_Aust__SummaryAllStrands_Yr357.pdf

The maximum numbers of students for this year’s 3, 5 and 7 cohorts are Year 3-129, Year 5-101 and Year 7-60. Listed are the mean scores for each of the five strands and the percentage of our students who were in the top 2 bands.

The National Minimum Standards, which will be useful when you examine your child’s report, for each of the years is as follows:
- Year 3: NMS is Band 2
- Year 5: NMS is Band 4
- Year 7: NMS is Band 5

What the summarised performance measures indicate is that out of the 45 measures, Holland Park students were significantly above the national cohort in 35 categories (green) and similar to the national cohort in 10 measures (blue). This represents a significant improvement as shown below:

- 2014 – 35 areas significantly above
- 2013 – 31 areas significantly above
- 2012 – 30 areas significantly above
- 2011 – 22 areas significantly above
We are proud of what is the best NAPLAN performance so far at this school and of course proud of the efforts of students, teachers and parents who are committed to bringing about the best possible educational outcomes for our community. We are particularly happy with the very strong improvements evident in Years 5 and 7. Of course we promote a culture of continuous improvement so we will be looking for ways to improve our results even more.

Of course data is only data. Any wisdom that can be derived from it is best done when we look at the achievements of individual students. NAPLAN complements other assessments and contributes to the way we can help all our students achieve their full potentials.

There has been some commentary and criticism on the writing task in the media; HPSS results, however, point to a positive outcome in this strand. Eight of the writing measures are above the national cohort and one is similar to the Australian result. A range of initiatives targeting writing has been in operation since 2008: the teaching of the Seven Steps to Writing, the engagement of a published author in teaching students the craft of engaging a reader, and the modelling and use of the GRR (Gradual Release of Responsibility) model of teaching and learning have contributed to this good result. The GRR model, in brief, employs a ‘I do (teacher)’, ‘We do (teacher and students)’, ‘You do (student with others)’ and ‘You do (student alone)’ approach. These strategies have formed a significant part of our teachers’ ongoing professional development program.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Thank you to all the parents who were able to share in the Junior Sports Day held on Tuesday this week. The day commenced with blue skies and keen enthusiasm on the faces of our Prep and year 1 students who participated well in the sprints and the tabloid sports that followed. After the morning break it was the children of year 2 and 3 who were similarly motivated to do their best; first competing in heats and progressing to the preliminaries and the finals. Tabloid sports followed in the afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who cooked for the day and the standard of the goodies was to the usual high standard. A special thanks to Matt Walker whose organisation for this event, as well as the senior sports day last month, are to be highly commended.

WATER LEAK ON OVAL

Many of you would be aware of a flow of water to our oval; the source appears to be some old plumbing under the hall and associated landscaping. Rest assured this is being investigated and hopefully will be soon resolved. Whilst it has been particularly welcome by the brown lawn, the inland lake is not wanted as a permanent water feature.

Regards
Anthony Gribbin
Principal

Edward Danielewski
Deputy Principal

CONGRATULATIONS
At Education on Show at the EKKA, Class 4 Your Special Place (Geography), Highly Commended was awarded to Stella R 2TM. Well done Stella.
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 AROUND PLANTS AND ANIMALS:

- Keep out of trees
- Care for animals and plants in school grounds
- Use only netballs, tennis and handballs on the tennis courts

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

CONSIDERATION - Show concern towards others needing help if:

- hurt
- lost
- lonely
- unsure

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.

Super Hero Day Tuesday 26 Aug

Tuesday 26th August is Superhero Day!

The Student Council is raising money for Muscular Dystrophy charity. Children are invited to dress as a superhero/their hero and bring along a gold coin donation.

Sports Report

CONGRATULATIONS

Well it is time for gymnastics to shine!

Two of our students recently competed at Brisbane South and North regional events on the 16th August. Sarah H who placed 6th on Beam and 8th overall in a competition with 40 other gymnasts in Level 3 open. Parker M who placed 1st overall, 1st on Pommel, 1st on rings, 2nd on P bars, 2nd on High Bar and 2nd on floor in Men’s Artistic Gymnastics and is the 2014 Brisbane South regional champion for level 2!

These competitions are one of Brisbane’s major events in all four gymnastic apparatus for Women’s Artistic Gymnastics and five apparatus for Mens Artistic Gymnastics.

An awesome effort!
Congratulations to all students that attended the Mt Gravatt District Track and Field trials held on the 11th and 12th August. Holland Park showed their strengths with many students placing in finals and securing a place on the podium. Thank you to Mr Gibney for assisting over the two days as team manager. Our visiting exchange teacher Mr Fukuyama also spent a day at the district carnival. It was great that he was able to see Holland Park students competing and it was also an opportunity for him to be a part of the district event.

Samuel C – 1st place 800m
Jaden W – 2nd place 800m
Jasper w – 3rd place 800m
Shatalii M – 2nd place 800m
Jasper W – 3rd place Multi Event

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected into the Mt Gravatt District team.

Matthew E – High Jump
Jake Ward – High Jump
Christina C – 800m & Discus
Samuel C – 800m
Lila U – 200m & 800m
Jaden W – 800m
Jasper W – 800m & Multi Event
Shatalii M – 800m
Abby C – 100m

Congratulations everyone!

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

It was another great day for our Junior Sports Day and it was fantastic to see a large group of parents, carers and visitors supporting our celebration of sport. The events so far have had the weather on our side and although the wind did become a little stronger in the afternoon, we were blessed with a beautiful blue sky and comfortable day.

I would like to thank all of the teachers, admin, Year 6 & 7 House Captains and parents that contributed to a very successful day. It was fantastic to see all of the students participating and having a wonderful time. Congratulations for all of your efforts whilst participating in the sprints races and the fun tabloid events.

Let’s not forget the Coffee Van (STOMP) and Cake stall that was organised by the P & C. It was great that visitors could purchase a coffee and cake while enjoying the sports day. Thank you also to all of the parents that donated their time and baking skills offering a great selection of cakes and treats.

Overall the day was full of fun, activity and maximum participation in running and tabloid events. There are many people that made this event run well and on behalf of Year 1, 2 and 3 students, I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this day another great event.

Fantastic effort again!

Matt Walker
HPE Specialist Teacher
From the Community Liaison Officer

A lot of families will remember Barbara Suess, Barbara was our very hard working Fundraising Co-ordinator for many years, and assisted in many different areas at the school.

Barbara's daughter Renee (a past student of Holland Park State School) has a beautiful family of her own and her 10 month old daughter, Scarlett, has recently been diagnosed with a very serious and extremely rare genetic condition.

A Facebook Page "Lamberth Family Support Group - Doing it for Scarlett" has been set up. If anyone would like to support Renee and Barbara, please go to the Facebook Page or contact Barbara direct on 0417 727 341.

Karen Oliver
Email: koliv33@eq.edu.au

Tuckshop Talk

Please note: this roster may not reflect recent changes.

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Father’s Day Stall

The HPSS P&C are running the Fathers’ Day stall on Tuesday 2 September from 9.00am to 2.00pm in the hall. Gifts will be on sale for $5 and $10.

The stall will also be open on Wednesday 3 September from 8.30am for students who are away or forgot money or wish to exchange gifts. Please note there will only be limited stock on this date.

We are looking forward to your support of this community and fundraising event.

Swimming Club

SWIMMING CLUB SIGN ON FOR SEASON 2014 - 2015

The Holland Park State School Amateur Swimming Club’s sign on
day is **this Sunday 24th August**, between 10am-2pm at the school pool. There will be a free sausage sizzle and the pool will be open for a free swim during the sign-on day.

To make the day run efficiently, please download and complete the forms from the Holland Park Swim Club website to present to committee members on the day.

Club nights will commence on Friday 10th October, after the September/October school holidays. Club nights start at 5.30pm and each Friday night there are races swum in all 4 strokes over 13, 25 and 50 metres. There is also a special event for the stronger swimmers swum over 100m or 200m. The club has a very friendly atmosphere and the emphasis is on fun and improving individual's times. There is a break from club over the Christmas Holidays and the season finishes with Club Championships at the end of Term 1, 2015.

**Join the Chappy Committee**

Come and be part of the Chappie Committee.

We are taking expressions of interest for the following positions:

- Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson.
- The Chaplain Committee plays an important role to assist Chappie Howard to do his awesome work.

Contact Chappie Howard or Christina Fisher

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**MOTT PARK KINDERGARTEN PLACES FOR 2015**

Mott Park Kindergarten is currently offering places for 2015 to children who were born between 1.07.10 and 30.06.11. If you would like to place your child’s name on the waiting list please:

- contact us on 3397 9119
- email us at admin@mottparkkindy.org.au
- pop in and see us at 880 Logan Rd, Holland Park
- download our waiting list form at [www.mottparkkindy.org.au](http://www.mottparkkindy.org.au)

Please note – there is no charge to place your child’s name on the list for 2015. We look forward to meeting you!

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**Are you looking for a fun activity to keep your kids busy during summer?**

Eagles baseball Club at Mt Gravatt is currently signing on juniors for the coming season which starts after the school holidays in October. They will hold a “Come and Try Baseball” afternoon at their fields at Weedom St, Mackenzie (just off the gateway motorway) on Sunday August 17 from 10am -2pm.

Baseball is a great non-contact sport for boys and girls of all ages so get your littles involved. For more information contact Val on 0405 032 877

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**LAFFS TENNIS - FREE RACQUET OFFER**

Enrolment forms for Tennis Coaching fourth term 2014 have been distributed and are to be completed and returned to the school office or to our PO BOX address by the due date, Thursday September 4th.

Any new pupil signing on for these lessons will receive at no charge a Junior Tennis Racquet.

**School Holiday Clinics** are available at:
- Chandler Tennis Centre - please call 07 3245 4494
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”

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 — 0406158678

Table Name: ___________________________
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Total Money Enclosed @$30 per head: ___________________________
Please tear off and leave information for table and monies at school office....Thankyou.