

# Holland Park State School

# NEWSLETTER



22 October 2015

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers

### **ACADEMY OF IDEAS**

You might have noticed a photograph of two of our prep students in the *Courier Mail* last week and a story related to the recently established Academy of Ideas. The academy is centred at Cavendish Road State High School with the active membership of Holland Park, Buranda and Seville Road State Schools along with the Philosophy Department of the University of Queensland. It has attracted \$500 000 in funding from the Queensland Government that will be used across the four schools to build the capacity of teachers to deliver programs to students that enhance the critical and higher order thinking skills of students. We aim to build a community of enquiry with an emphasis on how to think not what to think. We will be advertising Australia wide for the right person to be our teachers' thinking coach. It will be this person's brief to scope and sequence the development of thinking skills from prep to secondary, from secondary to tertiary and from there into employment.

For next year, we begin with prep and year 6 with the firm intention of building this program across the school in subsequent years.

### **LIFE EDUCATION**

With the popular support of parents we are conducting Life Education at the school beginning next week. While information has already been broadcast, if this is something you have overlooked, please contact the school as soon as you can.

### **PREP INTERVIEWS**

The administration team have had a very busy but quite delightful time interviewing our prep student intake for 2016. We will take an enrolment of 120, leaving a little spare capacity for students who may move into our area.

### **CAMP OUT**

You will also have seen the information around the P&C's campout this weekend. It should be a lot of fun and the procedures put in place will ensure that everyone stays safe. Again if it is something you have overlooked, it is not too late, so check the online lunch ordering site for information as to how to get a place.

### **WORLD AGE GROUP GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Gymnastics Australia have selected our PE teacher, Matt Walker as an assistant coach for the National Tumble Team who will be competing at the World Age Championships in Denmark from the 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. This is a very significant achievement for Matt and very much deserving of our congratulations.



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## CLASS PLACEMENTS

Each year at about this time I ask parents for input into the class placements for 2016. Each year I ask that, if you wish, to use the form that is attached to this newsletter and return it to me. For this process to remain useful, please use the form as intended, that is, to let us know characteristics of your child of which we may not be aware that might help us in class placements. It is not intended as a place to record perceived positive and negative characteristics of teachers. This being the case please let me explain how the process works:

1. I, in consultation with the admin team, allocate the number of classes to each year level. The total number of classes in the school is determined on enrolments by a departmental allocative model.
2. Mrs Politics summarises the feedback from parents who have used the form that is attached, deleting the mention of any teachers' names along with descriptions both positive and negative.
3. I ask teachers of current classes to allocate students into the required number of classes for the next year, using data related to academic achievement, behaviour, disability and social disposition. This is to ensure a reasonable degree of similarity among classes.
4. When this is done and only then, my admin team and I allocate teachers to year levels and then to classes.

Please do not ask for particular teachers because the expectation that that might give rise to could well lead to disappointment.

## CAVENDISH RD STATE HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT

I was lucky to be able to attend and participate in Cavendish Road's award night last Wednesday. It was very gratifying to see so many awards going to students who began their formal learning here at Holland Park.

## MRS POLITIES' RETIREMENT

After a long and very successful career, a large part of which has been spent here at Holland Park, Mrs Politics will retire at the end of the year. While it is a little hard to imagine Holland Park without her, Cathy leaves with the knowledge that she has made a very significant contribution to the lives of thousands of students who passed through the school on their way to adulthood. In her leadership position, she has also impacted significantly on the staff and on the curriculum, both of which make this school a great place to learn and to teach. We will all miss her collegial and professional support.

While there are many things for which Cathy can take significant credit, the relationship with Otemon Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka is a standout. This sister school relationship that has become stronger year by year is held by Education Queensland as an exemplar well worth following.

**Regards**  
**Anthony Gribbin**

## Calendar

<b>27 Oct</b>	5FM Pullenvale Environmental Centre
<b>28 Oct</b>	5GR Pullenvale Environmental Centre
<b>28 Oct</b>	Prep Students Universal Children's Day
<b>29 Oct</b>	5KO Pullenvale Environmental Centre
<b>17 Nov</b>	End of Year Music Concert
<b>19 Nov</b>	Year 5 Nexus Art
<b>23-27 Nov</b>	Year 6 Camp
<b>24 Nov</b>	Prep Twelfth Night Theatre
<b>1 Dec</b>	Years 4-7 Senior Swimming Carnival
<b>7 Dec</b>	Year 1 Fun Swimming Carnival
<b>8 Dec</b>	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – School Hall
<b>9 Dec</b>	<b>Year 2 Fun Swimming Carnival - date change</b>
<b>10 Dec</b>	Year 3 Fun Swimming Carnival
<b>11 Dec</b>	Last day of school

**SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88**

## SCHOOL RULES

### STAYING SAFE AT ABBOTSLEIGH STREET PICK UP ZONE

- Wait quietly between G and H blocks
- Remain inside the school gate until parent vehicle is at pick up spot

## THE FIVE "CS"

### CONSIDERATION

Be considerate towards others by being:

- thoughtful
- friendly
- attentive
- concerned

## FROM THE OFFICE

### STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HPSS IN 2016

Please advise the school office if your child will be not returning to HPSS in 2016 **ASAP**. Please send an email to [admin@hollparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@hollparkss.eq.edu.au) with the following details:

**Student Name:**

**Student Class:**

**Last day of school at HPSS:**

**School transferring to:**

## FINANCE

**BPOINT** is an online payment system which provides schools with a secure and efficient method of collecting payments from parents. Holland Park State School has now adopted this **BPOINT** online payment system. **BPOINT** is the preferred payment method for the department due to the efficiencies that automated receipting brings to schools.

To implement this system fully we require your support by **providing a current family email address**. Families will receive invoices directly into their nominated email address.

Please note: parents are still required to return permission slips for any events, even if payment has been received via **BPOINT**. If you have any queries regarding this new procedure, please contact the school office.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October the Student Council will be holding a “**Day for Daniel**”. On this day students will be encouraged to wear something red and bring a gold coin donation.

At 8:30am students will meet the Student Council Reps under the covered area on the oval. Parents are also welcome to attend. As a group, we will walk one lap of the oval in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Please Note: If a student is playing interschool sport, they may wear a red shirt over their sports shirt or wear something small that is red eg. A ribbon in their hair.

## EXCELLENCE EXPO

A very special thank you to Parents, Carers and Grandparents who attended both assemblies when the Highly Commended & Japanese Extension Certificates were presented to students. Your interest and attendance is greatly appreciated. We thank you.

All students from Prep to Year 6 who participated in Excellence Expo 2015 will be receiving Participation certificates soon.

**Gail Young**  
Gifted Education Mentor

## HPE

### YEAR 4 – 6 SWIM CARNIVAL

This year we will be trialling a new format for the swim carnival. It will be a whole day event on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December in week 9. To ensure that the day runs smoothly could I ask for volunteer time keepers to assist throughout the day. We need 12 time keepers for each 50m event. If you can assist could you please confirm by emailing [jhughes215@eq.edu.au](mailto:jhughes215@eq.edu.au) A detailed programme will be placed in the newsletter closer to the event.

I look forward to your support in making another great sporting event.

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

\$2148.70 is the total raised so far from 13 registered school members. A fantastic result so far. It would be great to get more of our community involved. Thank you to everyone that has supported so far! Also, we have moved to the undercover area for all of our scheduled jump rope sessions.

### INTERSCHOOL BOYS TOUCH FOOTBALL REPORT THE FUN CONTINUES AT TOUCH FOOTBALL!!!

**The Klingons** played CITIPOINTE winning the match 6-0. Man of the Match – Mitch.

**The Federation** played MARSHALL RD SS winning the match 4-2. Man of the Match – Eddie.

**The Dominion** played MACGREGOR SS winning 6-2. Man of the Match – Three this week – Connor, Blake R, Toby

**The Borgs** played CITIPOINT 2 losing the match 10-1. Man of the Match – Redmond. Highly Commended - Rafferty

**Training** will be: Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup> Break for the Juniors and Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> break for the Seniors.

### Other news

The training focus has been the role of the ‘Dummy half’ in the game and the importance of using this role effectively in our games. They boys have all worked hard and are implementing their training in their



[A Blooming Touch Tree](#)

**WELL DONE BOYS!!!**  
**Mrs Trembath & Mr Gibney**

## MISSION FOODS NETBALL CUP CARNIVAL

Two HPSS netball teams attended the Mission Foods Cup Carnival last weekend at the Sunshine Coast. 76 other primary school teams were involved and we played 9 games over the 2 days. The sun was warm and spirits were high! Teams came from all around... from Roma to Russell Island to Emu Park.



Highlights were Jacob H in centre moving well around the court, Melody shooting, Holly flying high in the air and Sam Co intercepting. 20 HPSS students improved their netball skills and played well together. The feedback was that it was fun and great to be playing netball with friends.

Thank you to parents for travelling and supporting netball at HPSS.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **NEW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – SMART LIBRARY**

Over the September holidays, our library management system was migrated from the March 2007 version (e-library) to a cloud hosted system, Smart Library. Smart Library has a much wider range of features than e-library.



As with any new system, it will take some time for us to familiarise ourselves with it and to exploit its increased functionality. Our initial focus is on the 'library' functions of the system. Once this is done, we will move on to set up other functions including TV4Education.

More information about Smart Library Cloud is available at the provider's website: <http://www.librarysolutions.com.au/Products.html>



### **BOOK FAIR – GET HOOKED ON READING**

#### **HOLLAND PARK STATE SCHOOL LIBRARY PREVIEW DAYS:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

**BUYING DAYS: 8 am – 4 pm**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

A great opportunity for all members of our school community – staff, students, families, friends and all interested community members - to do some Christmas shopping!

The school earns a commission of 20% on all sales. Traditionally, this money is incorporated into the library's budget allocation for the following year, providing, on average 20%- 25% of the library's annual budget.

This year's Book Fair is being provided by Scholastic.

### **WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

A big thankyou goes to all members of our school community for supporting this year's promotion. We ended up with just under 50,000 points to acquire educational equipment. An order was placed for items for the library and science. We expect our order to arrive in Term 1 2016.

### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

As was the case with the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion, my colleague, Mrs Karina Denyer looked after finalising this event while I was on leave. My thanks go to her. The certificates of achievement should be arriving shortly, and will be presented to students at an assembly later this term.

**Margaret Kittson (teacher-librarian)**

## INSTRUMENT FOR SALE

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## BOOK CLUB



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We are using **Redgum Book Club** this term for our school book club. Redgum Book Club support Australian authors, illustrators and publishers to keep the Australian children's book industry strong. Every book order earns rewards and books for our school and includes a free gift for your child. Your child will have brought a Redgum catalogue home and I have attached their current digital catalogue here [http://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/6685\\_rg\\_term\\_4\\_2015\\_web/1](http://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/6685_rg_term_4_2015_web/1).

If you wish to place an order then you can so by visiting [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au). Payment can be made by credit card, with free delivery to the school. The catalogue closes on **Monday 2 November** and the ordered books will be delivered to the school by **Monday 23 November**.

There are 335 titles in this catalogue, including 128 new releases, these include: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School - book 10*. *Alice Miranda in the Alps - book 12* and the New York Times bestselling author Rick Riordan's, *Percy Jackson and the Greek Heroes*. Family favourites: Andy Griffith, Jackie French and the popular Australian Geographic titles.

There is a range of Christmas books starting from \$5.00, plus fun games and activities the whole family will enjoy including: Charades, Quadrillion, 4-in-a-row, Chess and Helica Electronics.

As well as exciting new items in the term 4 catalogue, you can also order any other item from the website to be included in your school order.

If you have questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley Kelly at [schools@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:schools@redgumbookclub.com.au)

**redgum**  
book club

## TUCKSHOP

### TUCKSHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Due to parents going back to work, the tuckshop needs help on the following dates from 9am - 11.30am.

Mondays: November 2, 9, 30, December 7  
Tuesday: October 27, November 24  
Wednesdays: November 4, December 2

PLEASE let Mel know if you can help by calling in to tuckshop or texting Mel on 0408628800

### TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Mon 26 Oct: Di Reynolds  
Tues 27 Oct: Manuela Taboada  
Wed 28 Oct: Neelima Sharma, Amy Colston  
Thurs 29 Oct: Raelene Batkin, Cecilia Gunluk  
Fri 30 Oct: Stephanie Sullivan, Lara Van Buuren, Sharon Taylor, Patrice Cox

## SWIM CLUB

### FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB



The results from Friday night club will soon be on the website. There was one race where unfortunately no times were recorded.

The order of events for this coming Friday are:- 13m/25m/50m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke being the special race for the night. Nominations for club night need to be in prior to 5.00pm Thursday.

### 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:

STROKE	Swimmer's Name	SECONDS IMPROVED
25m Freestyle	Bridget D	10.02
25m Backstroke	Elizabeth L	6.97
25m Breaststroke	Toby H	6.94
25m Butterfly	Jade A	8.39
50m Freestyle	Eliza P	6.91
50m Backstroke	Olivia M	7.82
50m Breaststroke	Eliza P	1.87
50m Butterfly	Kashti P	4.72

**STILL THINKING ABOUT JOINING SWIM CLUB?  
COME TO BRING A FRIEND NIGHT**

Wondering if Swim Club is for you? The Club will be hosting, "Bring a Friend" night, this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. For the cost of a \$2 family entry, children can swim in the events they choose and see if they wish to sign-up for the season. Swimming Club is all about swimmer's improving their times over the season and swimming against children with similar times in a relaxed environment. The younger siblings can swim half a length and will be accompanied by a club senior swimmer.

**3 WAY TWILIGHT CARNIVAL**

Our club will be hosting a carnival on the afternoon/evening of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November against 2 local swim clubs. This is our only home carnival for the season, so we are hoping for maximum participation from our members. The nomination form for this event will be at the pool this Friday. There is only 1 heat, per age group, per event, so Holland Park needs 2 swimmers for each event. Swimmers 9yrs and under swim 25m events and 10yrs and over swim 50m events. There are also multi age medley and freestyle relays.

**EAST BRISBANE "A" GRADE MEET**

A solid performance was displayed by our 27 swimmers at East Brisbane on the weekend. Our medal winners on the day were Hannah A, Nick E, Holly H, Ambryn P, Eliza P, Charlotte P and Annie S. Well done to all swimmers.

**P&C Contacts**

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Enquiries 3 – 5pm Mon – Fri term time

**Swim Club website:**  
[www.hollandparkswimclub.com](http://www.hollandparkswimclub.com)

**Uniform Shop:** (07) 3397 7426  
Open Mon, Wed and Thurs,  
7.00am – 9.30am term time

**Tuckshop:** 07 3421 6263  
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