

Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER



23 July 2015

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sister School Visit – Otemon Gakuin Elementary School

On Friday, July 24, our Sister School Otemon Gakuin Elementary School, will be welcomed by our school community. It is the 10th anniversary of the signing of our Sister School Agreement and the 23rd 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. We are celebrating this special event by planting a flowering cherry tree at the front of the school and releasing ten white doves, representing ten years of friendship and cultural understandings.

Students have been invited to stand at the entrance to our school at around 8.15am on 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. Here is a photograph of their visit last year.



Investing in education

Last week, the Queensland Government announced a [\\$9 billion investment](#) in education over the next four years. The 2015-16 State Budget will deliver more teachers, increased student support, upgraded facilities, and improved access for students with disability. The funding includes \$90 million over four years for a new primary school and master planning for a new high school, both in Townsville. The government will also spend \$25 million over two years for a long-awaited new special school in Cairns to open in 2017.



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Finance: Minimum Credit Card payment accepted is \$10.
Payment window is open until 11am each day.

Recognising Queensland's green achievers

Nominations are now open for the [2015 Premier's Sustainability Awards](#) which showcase the work of Queenslanders achieving excellence in sustainable practices. The Sustainability in Education award allows schools, education centres, preschools and even scout, guide, Landcare or other environmental education programs to be recognised. A Community award is also open for nominations and may be of interest to P&C Associations and other school community groups. The awards are a fantastic way to highlight your commitment to sustainable practices and raise the profile of your initiative. Entries close 14 August. Lisa Kuri is preparing an entry for our school for this year's Sustainability Awards. Thank you Lisa.

Kind Regards
Cathy Polities
Deputy Principal

RULES OF THE WEEK

STAYING SAFE AROUND STICKS AND STONES

- Leave sticks and stones on the ground
- Keep sticks, stones and dangerous toys out of sandpits

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

COMMITMENT

Be reliable by:

- Doing what **you said** you would do.
- Doing what **you were asked** to do.

FROM THE OFFICE

ENROLMENTS

Prep Enrolments for 2016 will be closing on Friday 14 August 2016. Please submit enrolment forms to the school office ASAP (this includes siblings).

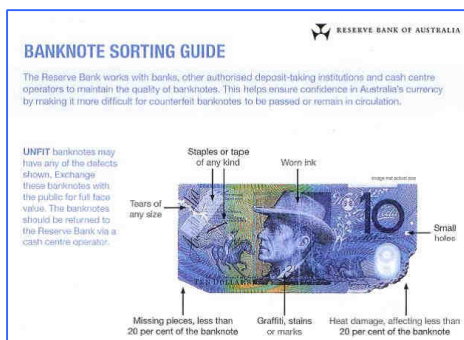
LOST PROPERTY

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.



Calendar

24 Jul	Welcome Assembly for Otemon
28 Jul	3AM/3JM Fort Lytton National Park
29 Jul	Farewell Assembly for Otemon
29 Jul	3LS/3LR Fort Lytton National Park
31 Jul	Yrs 5 & 6 Maths Team Challenge
31 Jul	Yr 2 Hands On Education – Toys
3 Aug	Yrs 3-6 Pat Flynn Author Visit
4 Aug	PDY/PTS/PGY Geography Field Trip
5 Aug	PSC/PCM Geography Field Trip
19 Aug	Prep-Yr3 Junior Sports Carnival
14 Aug	3KD/3KJ Fort Lytton National Park (date change)
7 Aug	Yr 6 EKKA excursion
27 Aug	Yr5 Hands On Education – Gold Rush
9 Sept	Yr 5 Raw Art – Clay Modelling
9 Sept	2MB Pullenvale Environmental Centre
10 Sept	2OM/2TG Pullenvale Environmental Centre
11 Sept	2AF/2SW Pullenvale Environmental Centre
14-18 Sept	– HPE Asia Week activities – whole school
17 Sept	4CS/4MS/4CP Science Centre Excursion
18 Sept	4MG/4KD Science Centre Excursion
18 Sept	Last day of term

DATE CLAIMER

EXCELLENCE EXPO 2015
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2015
5:30PM

SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88



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

Instrumental Solo	Prep to 6	Nomination forms due at Office by 31 July 2015.
Vocal Solo	Prep to 6	Nomination forms due at Office by 31 July 2015.
Public Speaking	Prep to 6	Nomination forms due at Office by 31 July 2015.
Dance Solo	Prep to 6	Nomination forms due at Office by 31 July 2015.
Reading Australian Verse	Prep to 6	Nomination forms due at Office by 31 July 2015.
Japanese Speaking Japanese Native Speaking	Prep to 6	Nomination forms due at Office by 31 July 2015.
Writing	Prep to 6	Entries are due Friday 14 th August 2015 and are to be placed in year level boxes in the Staffroom.
Mathematics	Prep to 6	Entries are due on Friday 14 th August 2015 and are to be placed with the year level signage in Staffroom.
Technology	Prep to 6	Entries due Tuesday 18 th August 2015 in the Library.
Science	Prep to 6	Science entries are to be taken between 8.30am to 9.30am in Lower H Block, Classroom H7 on Friday 21 st August 2015.
S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)	Prep to 6	Entries are due 21 st August 2015 and will be collected between 8:30am – 9:30am in the Old Tuckshop.
Visual Art	Prep to 6	Entries due on Thursday 3 September 2015 and will be collected between 8.30am and 9.15am in the Staff Room.
Asian Studies	Prep to 6	Entries are due on Thursday 3 September between 8:30 – 9:15am under D Block (OHSC area).

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

Need ideas for your S.T.E.M Tasks?

The following year levels will be having workshops for students who are interested in participating in S.T.E.M for Excellence Expo 2015.

Year 1 S.T.E.M. Workshop: Design and create a machine that will help care for a pet, will be facilitated by Ms Polities in 1RP classroom on Thursday 30 July during first break.

Year 2 S.T.E. M. Workshop: Design and create a model of a house to live under water or a Model of a town from the future, will be facilitated by Mrs Gorrie on Wednesday 5 August in 2TG Classroom during first break.

Year 4 S.T.E.M Workshop: Carry It -Design a Bag, will be facilitated by Mr Matt Gibney on Thursday 30 July in 4MG classroom during first break.

Year 6 S.T.E.M Club is operating in Term 3. This club is facilitated by Mr Adams in 6NA classroom during first break on Mondays.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



- PCM:** Akshita S, Charlie L
- PSC:** Kaia S, Maeve G
- PGY:** Luca O, Emma T
- PDY:** Aiden K, Ashton L
- PTS:** Lucas H, Caitlyn WS
- 1SB:** Oscar W
- 1BD:** Leon W, Ella S
- 1MG:** Skye C, Joshua
- 1WJ:** Harry D, Scarlett B
- 1RP:** Lucas VE, Jemma B
- 2AF:** Deegan Mc, Amy T
- 2SW:** Finn H, Jessica KF
- 2TG:** Ryan Mc
- 2MB:** Charlie A
- 2OM:** Cooper W, Molly D
- 3JM:** Finlay R, Kiri B
- 3AM:** Jessica T, Samuel F
- 3KD:** Anya H, Hannah P
- 3KJ:** Lily G
- 3CW:** Alyssa B, Ben F
- 4MG:** Amir R
- 4CP:** Priya C
- 4KD:** Tom N, Hazel W
- 4CS:** Isabelle D
- 4MS:** Casey I
- 5FM:** Gabriel P
- 5GO:** Julian H, Arlyn C
- 5GR:** Liam H, Olivia D
- 6NT:** Angus W, Thom P, Gabriel F, Alexandra D
- 6AW:** Lila U, Jack M
- 6TM:** Jacob H

Japanese Award: LUKE O'SULLIVAN - 3KD

MUSIC

To celebrate the purchase of the new piano by our P&C, we will be holding a twilight Music Gala in the school hall. The 3 school choirs and recorder band will be performing. The concert will also feature piano solos by two of our students.

- When:** Thursday 20 August 2015
- Time:** 5:30-6:30pm
- Where:** School Hall
- Dress:** School Uniform (for students performing)

PREP GY

On Tuesday 21 July, Mr Nathan Manu, father of Thomas in PGY visited PGY to share the Dreamtime legend The Rainbow Serpent and its significance within Aboriginal traditions, most particularly as a symbol peace and unity. This Dreamtime story tells how the Rainbow Serpent came from beneath the ground and created huge ridges, mountains and gorges as it pushed upward. Nathan demonstrated to the students his artistic techniques required to create a rainbow serpent meandering across a landscape and the colour spectrum sometimes seen when sunlight hits water at a certain angle. The students learnt about traditional red ochre and yellow pigments. Paintings of the Rainbow Serpent first appeared in Arnhem Land rock art more than 6000years ago and have continued today as works on bark and paper. PGY students followed Nathan's artistic technique to create a



Rainbow Serpent displayed in PGY. Special thanks to Nathan for sharing his artistic talent and skills with PGY students in an extraordinary manner.

G&T COMMITTEE

BRAINways EDUCATION

The following programs are being offered:

31/08 and 1/09: Sensational Senses – for students year levels 1-2.

7/09 and 8/09: Environmental Changes – for students year levels 1-2.

9/09 and 10/09: Mathematics of Arts and Nature – for students year levels 3-4.

7/09 and 8/09: The Particle Theory – for students year levels 3-4.

31/08 and 1/09: Biochemistry: The Chemistry of Life – for students year levels 5-6.

9/09 and 10/09: The Art of Journal Writing – for students year levels 5-6.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Camp! This is one word that is enough to excite any 10 year old child. Well you can imagine the excitement that filled the air as over 100 grade 5 children flocked the gates with massive suitcases, packed with everything they would need for their wild, wet, winter adventure to QCCC Mapleton.

Only a few weeks ago the day had finally come for 107 students to show another side of themselves and take challenges that many have not had the chance to take on before. And almost the moment we got there, we had the chance to do so. Being a student that attended camp, I know that the same balance of excitement and nervousness applied to everyone. There was so much to look forward to! Organising cabins, exploring the camp, trying all the activities and not to mention the meal times!

And of course, we can't forget the activities! Some included: giant swing, canoeing, orienteering and archery. Each of these activities showed a new side of each student, and each taught us how to accept challenges, and most importantly: to believe in ourselves.

A great big adventure to some, a small event to others, this year's camp was one of the most exciting things that will ever happen in our school years. Written By Holly E, 5GR.



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We are using **Redgum Book Club** to offer a wide range of literary books for our students to purchase and to raise funds for our school library. Redgum Book Club supports Australian authors, illustrators and publishers to keep our Australian children's book industry strong.

Your child will have brought a catalogue home, please look at their term 3 digital catalogue http://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/redgum_book_club_term_3_2015_school/1.

To place orders go to www.redgumbookclub.com.au. Once you have put your books in the cart, select "Checkout" and click on the current term 3 catalogue and your school from the dropdown menus. Your order will be delivered to your school after the end of the catalogue period.

Every order includes a **free gift** for your child. The last date for orders is on **17th August** and books will be delivered to the school between **31st August – 7th September**.

There are 137 Australian author titles in this catalogue, along with 125 new releases. The catalogue includes: *The 65-Storey Treehouse*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *Dr Seuss*. There is a range of Usborne early readers, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Tinder Box* and the popular *Australian Geographic: All About Australia*.

Get reading and support your school and our talented Australian authors and illustrators. If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley Kelly at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au.

P&C News

VICTOR STREET EMBANKMENT – Working Bee

Looking for helpers! Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated to assist with the improvement of the Victor Street Entry (behind the prep area). No particular expertise necessary – please RSVP to Kumar ASAP. See attached flier for details.

NEW SOCCER GOALS HAVE ARRIVED!

The P&C is proud to have sponsored the purchase of soccer goals to be used in the oval during play breaks and in sports classes.

TUCKSHOP

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 27 July: Di Reynolds
Tues 28 July: Manuela Taboada
Wed 29 July: Neelima Sharma, Amy Colston
Thurs 30 July: Raelen Batkin, Cecilia Gunluk
Friday 31: Stephanie Sullivan, Beatrice Leach, Sharon Taylor, Patrice Cox

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

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**The P&C meets at 7:30pm on the 4th
Wednesday each month.**

COMMUNITY NEWS



**GIRL GUIDES
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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

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