

Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER



25 June 2015

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Trivia Night

A fun filled night was had by all at our annual Trivia Night held last Saturday evening in the school hall. There were some creative and stylish teams dressed in the theme of 'Battle of the Bands'. The best dressed table was won by table 13, Radio Heads, pictured below. Roy O'Reilly, past teacher of HPSS, once again produced a polished performance as Quiz master. Thank you very much to Jacky Lynch for her work in organising a very successful and enjoyable evening. This was the eighteenth annual trivia night for HPSS.



Senior Sports Day

It started out as a bit of a drizzly morning for our Sports Day. However, it was not long before the sun was shining on what became a great day. The new format had maximum participation of students and I think it was a real hit with everyone. All of our regular events were completed with the addition of House Challenges. Students participated in a range of activities that had Indigenous and Japanese connections and Tug-o-War was another great hit!



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

Once our 800m Finals are completed we will provide information on the final results. Thank you to all of the teachers for their part in making this a great day. I would also like to acknowledge our parents and carers who came along to share in our celebration of sport. A very big thank you to our PE teacher Matt Walker for an excellent Senior Sports day.

Well done everyone. It was another fantastic day!



Creative Dance

A program of Creative Dance lessons will commence in the first week of term 3. The eight week course of dance will culminate in a whole school disco, which will be held on 4 September in our school hall. The P & C will be involved in providing a sausage sizzle, cupcakes, drinks and other refreshments at this function. All families are invited to attend. Detailed information will be sent out in the first week of the term. **I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.**

Kind Regards

Cathy Polities
Deputy Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council is selling 2015/16 Entertainment Books. This year, books can be ordered online and then collected from the school.

Books are \$65 with \$13 from each book purchase going towards Student Council Fundraising.

To purchase your book, please click on the following link

www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/217d12

Calendar

13 Jul	Creative Dance commences
20 Jul	Yr 1 Kite Man Incursion
22 Jul	Prep Sensory Science Incursion
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	3KD/3KJ 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	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
18 Sept	Last day of term

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FROM THE OFFICE

ENROLMENTS

Prep Enrolments for 2016 are now open. Please submit forms to the school office.

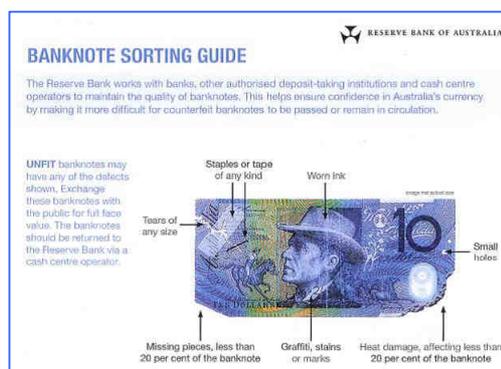
FIRST AID ROOM

We are in need of spare uniforms in our first aid room (located in the office). In particular we need Boys Shorts Sizes 6-12. If you have any school uniforms that are not being used your donation would be appreciated.

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.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Junior Assembly Awards

PTS - Abigael P, Kingsley B
PCM - Claudia O, Finn P
PSC - Piper T, Zander B
1RP - Lily D, Eva K
1MG - Imogen M
1WJ - Lachlan F, Gabriela B
1SB - Nate M, Talula F
2TG - Margaret L, Max M
2SW - Gabrielle P, Spencer E
3KD - Promise B, Adam B
3AM - Reid S, Jaye P
3JM - Lachlan C, Laura B

Senior Assembly

3CW – Reuben VE
3KJ – Evren G
4MG – Reece H
4KD – Grace M, Will H
4CS – Kai-Li K
4MS – Elena T
5FM – Eliza P, Ambryn P, Annie S, Nicholas F, Sienna T
5GO – Leo S
5GR – Charlotte M, Fletcher R
6NT – Amelia F, Jack H, Matthew SS, Kashti P

PREP LITERACY PROGRAM

As part of our early years focus at Holland Park we are commencing an important literacy program in all Prep classes in term 3. The five key elements of the program are:

Phonemic Awareness: The ability to notice, think about, and work with the individual sounds in spoken words (phonemes).

Synthetic Phonics: The set of rules that specify the relationship between the sounds (*phonemes*) of spoken language and the letters (*graphemes*) and spelling of words. Using magnetic letters children are taught to understand how sounds (phonemes) are blended together to pronounce the words. Consonant blends, e.g., bl, cr, are not explicitly taught at all as they can be read by blending the two sounds, although digraphs eg., sh, th are taught.

Fluency: The ability to read a text accurately and quickly using phrasing and emphasis.

Vocabulary Development: Teaching new words *directly* through clear definitions and examples and *indirectly* using word learning strategies.

Reading Comprehension: Connecting what has been read to what the reader already knows in order to understand the information.

While all of these elements are included in the current teaching program, the way in which they will be delivered will change. A consistent approach in all classes will be implemented where a team of teacher aides and teachers will explicitly teach these skills to five groups of students in each class for half an hour

per day. Students will learn to listen to speech sounds (phonemes) represented by letters (graphemes). They will be explicitly taught blending (pushing sounds together), segmenting (separating sounds), reading, sorting and writing words. New reading books and other phonics resources have been purchased that match the sounds being taught.

All the Prep teachers and teacher aides have been involved in professional development facilitated by Julia Whittaker (Master teacher) and Mimi Fites (Learning support teacher). This has included learning about current research that supports the program as well as hands-on practical experiences teaching students. The program will commence on the first day back to school in term 3.

Julia Whittaker (Master Teacher)



SCIENCE COACHING IN 1SB

During Term 3 students in 1 SB have been explicitly taught the Science Inquiry Skills by two of our Science Coaches, Mrs Fiona Ford and Mrs Cassie Walker, while investigating different properties and their materials. Each week students investigated a new Science Inquiry Skill: observing, questioning, measuring, analysing data and communicating; before recording a question to investigate and identify variables to plan a fair investigation. Students investigated a suitable material to design and construct a boat that would float. Students measured the strength of their boat by seeing how many marbles it could hold before it sank. Everyone had a lot of fun with their investigations which generated great scientific discussion. Many thanks to our Science Coaches and Mrs Julia Whittaker for this fabulous opportunity.



UNDER 8'S CELEBRATION

Last Friday, the Prep and Year 1 students participated in an afternoon of activities to celebrate the 2015 Under 8's week. The theme of this year's was "Voices of Children – Look, Listen, Hear and Respond". This was a great afternoon to celebrate being 'under 8' years old. During the afternoon, the students enjoyed listening to music, painting, constructing box collage, modelling with play dough, playing 'jinga' fence weaving, sand play, chalk art, skipping, running under a parachute and listening to stories. A big thank you to all the prep and year 1 teachers and teacher aides for taking the time to plan and co-ordinate such great activities and thank you to the year 6 students for coming to help. Most of all thank you to the Holland Park Prep and Year 1 boys and girls for a great Under 8's celebration!



Sienna from PDY showing a picture she has drawn at the Under 8's celebrations



LIBRARY MATTERS

READERS' CUP 2015

A great effort by our team this year to come fourth in a field of twenty seven at this year's Brisbane South Regional Final held on 16th June at Algester State School

Team members are pictured with special guest, David Cox, author/illustrator of 'Good Enough for a Sheep Station'.



Left to right – Ella, Juliette, Tegwen, Tom, Erika.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Don't forget that the school has been registered for this year's challenge. More information can be obtained from the challenge website and your class teacher: <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

YEAR 4 TOOHEY FOREST

Our excursion to Toohy Forest Environmental Education Centre taught us how to help the environment, especially the Brisbane River. We also learnt how to identify different creatures and plants, about lifecycles and food chains. It was fun when we got to "dip net" for strange pond animals, some we couldn't even see. That was until we put them under the microscope. It was exciting to see close-ups on a large screen of the microscopic insects and arachnids, a yabby or two and some tiny fish.

Kaylee and Tia, 4CS

TOOHEY FOREST Acrostic Poem

Toads are a big problem.

On the bus back I told funny jokes.

Over at the pond I got my foot stuck.

Henry worked with Phil at the pond.

Emmie was the turtle we touched.

You got to go dip-netting.

Friends helped me fish.

On this trip I learnt about life cycles.

Renny slipped at the pond.

Everyone had fun.

Spencer and Casey sat with me on the bus.

The eco-centre had a water dragon.

by Henry Po.

GOLD STAR READING CLUB

<http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/library-events/gold-star-reading-club-2015>

The 2015 program commenced in Brisbane City Council libraries on Monday 1 June and runs until Monday 31 August 2015.

Registration can be done either at your local library or online. (Please note – it cannot be done through the school library.)

Please note that before children can register, they must also be members of a council library.

Registered Gold Star Reading Club members receive a Gold Star Reading Club activity book. This book includes reading suggestions, competition entry forms, plus heaps of fun activities.

By reading just three books of their choice each month, completing a series of activities and recording the details in their activity book, children can collect nine gold stars and monthly incentives.

Children who collect all nine gold stars are eligible to:

- enter the major prize draw to win a \$250 book voucher for themselves and another for their school
- receive a medallion and a certificate of achievement
- attend their local Gold Star Reading Club awards ceremony with their family

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

It's back! Starting on Wednesday 15th July, members of our school community – staff, parents and friends - who shop at Woolworths can collect a sticker for every \$10 they spend.

The program runs until 8th September.

We will endeavour to place sticker (and sticker card) collection boxes at two of our local Woolworths stores and will advise the locations once this is negotiated. As well, there will be collection boxes placed at the office, the library and prep here at school.

In previous years the school has benefited enormously from this program. A wide range of resources fulfilling a variety of needs in the school have been acquired. Let's hope that this year's program brings similar benefits.

Margaret Kittson (Teacher-Librarian)

CHAPLAINCY

Congratulations to 6TM for wearing the craziest socks.



EXCELLENCE EXPO 2015

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

Families who requested a **hard copy of the nomination booklet** – these have been distributed to your child's teacher.

EXCELLENCE EXPO SHARING AFTERNOON.

Special thanks to all parents who attended this session to find out about 2015 Excellence Expo. Your interest and questions were greatly appreciated and please know you may contact us if you require any further clarification.

We are pleased to advise that Students may nominate for more than one task or performance.

EXCELLENCE EXPO SCIENCE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS.

Special thanks to all parents who attended this session to find out about 2015 Excellence Expo Science Investigations. Your interest and questions were greatly appreciated and please know you may contact us if you require any further clarification. A special thanks to Julia Whittaker, Master Teacher and Cassie Walker, Year 3 Teacher/Science Coach for their time.

Students invited to participate.

At both school assemblies this week, students were invited to nominate in all categories for Excellence Expo and encouraged to enter more than one category to demonstrate all gifts and talents at HPSS. We wish students every success with their nominations and look forward to receiving them.

P&C News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Mon 13 July: Kim Amos Hohnke
Tues 14 July: Elin Hyunsung Min
Wed 15 July: Neelima Sharma, Amanda Oliver
Thurs 16 July: Raelene Batkin
Fri 17 July: Linda Tobn, Sam Smith, Chrissa Konstantinos, Lisa Ridler, Amy Wood

TRIVIA NIGHT – HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday night we had a huge turnout once again for our Annual Trivia Night. The theme proved really popular and we had some of our best dressed up teams ever.

The winners of Trivia were 'The Daffodils' and the winner of dress ups was 'Radiohead'.

Another huge hit was the band that accompanied the whole night.

Thanks to everyone involved, Fiona, Carrie, Kathy and Louise and the families of all of us for making it a great event.

A special thanks to Roy, our compere and the scoring team of Allan, Cathy, Len and Debra.

So long and thanks for all the fish!
Jacky Lynch

A huge thank you to Jacky Lynch for organizing this wonderful event. Jacky has been making Trivia Night happen for the last several years. Attendance at these events has grown and there were over 170 people in attendance this year. Jacky's youngest child will be leaving HPSS to start high school, so Jacky will not be organizing these fun-filled themed nights in the future. Jacky, from the hundreds and hundreds of people who have enjoyed themselves due to your hard work.

THANK YOU FROM HPSS SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



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Open Mon, Wed and Thurs,
7.00am – 9.30am term time

Tuckshop: 07 3421 6263
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Order online at
www.school24.com.au (ID: 25245963)

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



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

COMMUNITY NEWS



COME AND JOIN THE FUN

GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND

Are you a girl aged five or above? Would you like to try some fun outdoor activities, like camping, canoeing, abseiling and camp cooking? Or are you interested in some less adventurous activities such as craft, ice skating and community events? Then Mt Gravatt Girl Guides would like to welcome you.

BROWNIE GUIDES (aged 5-9 years) meet MONDAYS from 5pm to 7pm

GIRL GUIDES (aged 10 and up) meet TUESDAYS from 6pm to 8pm

Where: Mt Gravatt Guide Huts, inside Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Broadwater Rd entrance.

For more information call KILLI on 0458 784 665

A colorful poster for "BOQ's Family Fun Day for banking on our kids". The top section has a blue background with white and yellow text. Below that, the date "Saturday, 4 July 2015" and time "9am - 3pm" are written in blue. The location "Gregory Park, Milton (Cnr Haig and Baroona Road)" is also in blue. A speech bubble says "\$20 per family Including loads of free rides and entertainment" and another says "or \$10 per person". The bottom section features a cartoon illustration of a family (mother, father, two children, and a dog) holding balloons and a popcorn bucket. At the very bottom, there are logos for "Children's Hospital foundations australia" and "IT'S POSSIBLE to LOVE A BANK".

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