MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers

The best news of last week was that the real business of student learning went on at school with minimal distraction. For this I would like to thank staff and parents who have worked together to ensure that our students continued to be engaged in their learning while feeling safe to be here. I spent time on Friday visiting and speaking with our older students and addressing some of their concerns. I was able to reassure them of a few things that seemed to be on their minds:

1. There has been absolutely no conversation with me about the potential closure of the school. I am not sure if this was universally received as good news.

2. If students are given a uniform to change into, they do so in privacy. If a child requires some assistance, which has not been the case in the circumstances discussed this week in the media, two appropriate staff are on hand to do so. In each case, parents have also been contacted and have expressed their appreciation for the actions we have taken. Changes of uniform are kept at school not especially for asbestos related matters but for reasons of uniforms being torn during play, malfunctioning zips or children becoming wet perhaps on a cold day. In all cases where students did touch asbestos, the uniforms were kept at the school. (They have since been swabbed, tested and found not to contain asbestos.)

3. Interschool sport was called off on Friday afternoon, not because other schools did not want to play us because of asbestos, but for the much more prosaic reason of buses being unavailable. Another major sporting event apparently used all available appropriate buses.

4. All our embankments, where it is more likely to find the asbestos debris, have been barricaded. This was done as an extra precaution. Experts, including Workplace Health and Safety inspectors and Dr Keith Adam have seen what we have done and deemed it even more work than what was necessary. One thinking student recognised that in doing so we may have alarmed more people than what it was actually necessary to do so.
5. We have a plan. After barricading areas of heightened risk, environmental scientists/engineers from a very reputable company, Parsons Brinckerhoff, will be on site to carry out investigations and then draw the results of those investigations into a plan.

I have also instructed all teachers to let me know if they are concerned about the anxiety levels of any individual student. We do have other support staff such as our Guidance Officer and Chaplain who could help if that circumstance arises. I have also asked teachers to answer students’ questions in an age appropriate and supportive way.

I hope you have seen our notice about the visit by Dr Keith Adam on Monday afternoon at 3.30. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the.Principal@hollparkss.eq.edu.au

His presentation will be in the library. If a change to that arrangement is necessary, I will notify you by Facebook and electronic sign. Some parents who would find it difficult to be at school on Monday afternoon at 3.30pm have asked if Dr Adam could be available at another time. I will make that enquiry and notify you when I know.

Anthony Gribbin
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Our 2016 School photos will be taken on Tuesday 8 March and Wednesday 9 March. Letters regarding these photos have been distributed. Please note the scheduling times in the table below. If you require any more information please see the class teacher or the office staff.

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P&C Contacts

Email: pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au

Swim School: 3421 6262
hollandparkpool@gmail.com
Enquiries 3 – 5pm Mon – Fri term time

Swim Club website:
www.hollandparkswimclub.com

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

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

2016 Fete – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
Convener: Dan Cook
Mobile: 0402 626 254
Email: hpssfete@gmail.com

The P&C meets at 7:30pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.
Queensland School Photography will be taking our school photographs on the following date:

**Tuesday 8 March and Wednesday 9 March**

Students should wear their correct school uniform.

To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all orders are pre-paid and we would kindly ask that you hand your correct payment envelope to THE PHOTOGRAPHERS ON the date mentioned above – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Follow these steps to order:

1. Complete student details on the order envelope – **one envelope for each student**
2. You may pay by cash, cheque, and credit card or online. If you have two or more children attending you may include the payment in one envelope. Please note clearly on the outside of all envelopes that you have paid in one envelope.
4. Cheques are to be made payable to Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd with your name, address and phone number written on the back.
5. Tick the box for the package required.
6. Enclose the correct payment (change cannot be given)
7. Each student is to hand their individual envelope to the photographer.

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the photos taken of your child Queensland School Photography will provide a full refund.

Queensland School Photography will accept late orders for individual and group photographs, a late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions, or wish to place a late group order please feel free to contact Queensland School Photography customer service department on 07 3216 6777.

Kind Regards,

**Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd**

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**Religious Instruction**

Information regarding our Religious Instruction lessons has been distributed. If your child is participating please forward your permission slip and payment (for two handbooks) as soon as possible. Lessons will commence in the upcoming weeks.

**For Parents-Reading hints for you and your child**

**Reading hints – Prep to Year 3**

While your child will be engaged in a variety of reading activities at school, it is also important to encourage your child to read outside the classroom.

Here are some ideas that may help you support your child’s reading development:

- **Talk with your child about the things they like to read** – picture books, books about dinosaurs, “how-to-make” instructions, catalogues, signs, computer games
- **Ask your child to retell their favourite stories**
- **Read with your child each day if you can** – before bed, first thing in the morning, whenever it is convenient for the family
- **Ask questions while reading to your child to check they understand what they are reading** such as *Why do you think that happened? What do you think will happen next? And Why do you think the author included that part in the story?*

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**School Leaders Induction Assembly**

Next Thursday 3 March at 9.30am, we will have a special assembly to induct our 2016 Student Leaders. The full list of these students appears below. Congratulations to these students! Parents/caregivers of our leaders are invited to attend our special morning tea after the assembly.

Please see the attachment to this email for the complete list of our 2016 Student Leaders.
From the Deputy Principal Cont’d

- Give your child time when they get stuck on a word – take it slowly – encourage your child to read on to get the overall meaning or tell them the word.
- Let your child see you reading
- Read and write with your child in their first language
- Visit the local library and encourage your child to choose reading material that they will enjoy
- Collect books and display reading materials in your home such as books, newspapers, magazines
- Point our printed words found at home and in your child’s local environment including long, short, funny or interesting words
- Share with your child a range of electronic materials such as websites, email, text messages, computer games
- Share with your child a range of visual texts such as photos, illustrations, cartoons, comics
- Make books or other reading materials with your child about topics of interest or shared experiences – a holiday photo album, a book about insects, signs for their bedroom
- Create a special place for your child to read, write or draw
- Make a message board or space at home and encourage your child to read and leave messages for other family members
- Create word walls in places where your child spends a lot of time such as their bedroom
- Carry a book or magazine with you when you are out – waiting at the doctor, waiting for the bus

Department of Education QLD

SCHOOL RULES

STAYING SAFE WHEN EATING

- Sit down quietly to eat left over lunch
  Years 4-6 near L and R Blocks
  Years 1-3 under F and B Blocks
  Prep downstairs
- Purchases from the tuckshop to be eaten at the tuckshop area or back in eating areas
- Remain seated until finished eating
- Leave eating area tidy-place rubbish in the bin

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

CO-OPERATION

In teamwork:
- Work well together
- Accept all ideas
- Listen to others
- Speak nicely and encourage each other

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.

A reminder to bring your completed Contact Detail Update Form back to the Admin Office. These forms were emailed home via the class teacher. There have been a number of occasions when we have tried to contact parents, only to find the mobile number has changed, the home phone has been disconnected or emails bouncing back. It is so very important we are kept informed of any change of contact details, especially if we have a sick or injured student. If you have updated Court documents relating to your children, please make sure you provide a copy for our confidential files.

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WILL NOW BE PUBLISHED ON A MONDAY.
Science Club

On Tuesday, eight year 5 students; Spencer V, Emma, Abbie, Joel, Shabari, Alexandra, Grace, and Hollie, all had a fantastic time visiting Cavendish Road High School Science Club. We were all very excited as we began our first lesson. We learned about many different cells and that cells are organisms that make up everything around us. We learned a lot about the amoeba, euglena, and paramecium, which are all types of protozoa. We were so excited to use the microscopes. We learned that some microscopes use light while others use mirrors. We used the ones with light. We actually saw moving protozoa, the paramecium! It moves in a wheel using its hair or cilia. We saw “A whole new world under the microscope” and can't wait to go to the next lesson!

Emma
Year 5 Student

Euglena under a microscope

Junior Assembly Awards

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P & C

Join the HPSS Active School Travel Program!

The Active School Travel Program is starting soon at HPSS! If you would like to be involved or contribute ideas on how to make active travel fun and exciting for the students please contact Melanie on 0412 673 561 or melecox@yahoo.com.au.

National Ride to School Day this Friday!

National Ride to School Day Is Friday March 4. Get a head start on the Active School Travel Program and ride in this Friday! If you can't ride the whole way, park a short distance from school and ride the rest of the way. The bike racks are located under the Abbotsleigh St end of B Block - don't forget to bring your bike lock.
There was a good turnout on Friday night, for our last regular club night for the season. In the 100m Breaststroke event swum at the end of the night, there were some very large improvement in times by a number of our swimmers.

This coming Friday is the first night of the Age Championships. The night starts a little later with warm-up at 5.30pm and racing from 6pm. Medallions will be awarded on the night to the top three times in each age group for both girls and boys. No finals will be swum. The program will be emailed to club members for copying this week. An engraver will be there and at a small cost, you can have your child’s name and results put on the medallions. There will also be an Official Referee from Swimming Queensland attending on the two nights.

The events this week will be 50m and 25m Butterfly; 50m and 25m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle for the children aged 10yrs and over. There will be NO 13m events during the Age Championships. Lane 1 can be used for a free swim prior to the commencement of the program. Lanes 2-6 will be used for warm-up.

The Age Championships are very important to a lot of our swimmers, this is where new records can be achieved and medallions won. The night cannot start without the parents volunteering to do the timekeeping and working in the canteen, so please volunteer early, so the night can start on time. Timekeepers are also asked to try and be as accurate as possible and be concentrating on the job at hand.

Results from club night are on the website.

Good luck to our swimmers attending Regional Trials on Tuesday.

**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) These results may not be entirely accurate as there were problems with the timing system on Friday.

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**WET’N’WILD CLUB BREAKUP**

Reminder that payment is due by this Thursday for Wet’N’Wild. This is the Swim Club’s Annual Break-up fun day on Sunday, 20th March, 10am-5pm. The cost per person is $32. Please pay cash or transfer the money to the Swim Club’s Account using: *WW family name* as the reference.

Please email - michelle.elsey@optusnet.com.au - when your transaction is completed and state how many will be attending. For those families that already hold *yearly passes* please send details of numbers attending, to Michelle’s email. Our allocated seating is at “Orange at H2O Area”.

**TROPHY NIGHT**

Trophy night is scheduled for Friday 18th March. All members receive trophies based on their improvement during the season. The list of awards presented on the night is in the Handbook on the website.
Tennis For Kids

Holland Park State School played a brilliant match against Mansfield State Primary last Saturday in the first round of the Tennis For Kids inter school fixtures. Holland Park State School won the tie but all sets were very close and the players all represented their school strongly. A special mention should go to Samuel S and Anders P who played an exceptionally high level singles match and Eliza and Ambryn P who teamed up well for doubles. Well done to everyone who came to play the Tennis for Kids fixtures on Saturday. We will see you all on court next week for round 2.

District Trials
Rugby League 12 Years 29 February
Rugby League 11 years 2 March
Football Girls 7/8 March
Football Boys 14/15/16 March
AFL 15 March
Hockey 15 March

Please see Mr Walker for further details or email mwalk254@eq.edu.au for trial information.

Tuckshop

NO MORE BAGS Tuckshop is online orders only.

If you haven't done so already go to www.school24.com.au and register.

HPSS registration ID: 25245963.

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

Thanks Mel
COMMUNITY NEWS

Join the.....
Yeronga Girl Guides
A place to help girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting community members. A great way to meet new people and have fun!

When: Every Tuesday nights
Time: 6 – 8pm
Where: Yeronga Girl Guide Hut – Villa St, Yeronga
Contact: Glenys Tredoux – 0402 201 429

Keep a look out, Earn & Learn will be commencing soon!!!!

French Immersion Program

Invitation to interested parents and students

Open Days
Thursday 25 February or Thursday 10 March

Information Evening
Wednesday 16 March 2016 at 6.30 pm in C block

Venue: Mansfield State High School,
corner Broadwater and Heron Roads
Enter by the Broadwater Road car park.

Contact person: Mr Kerin Gordon,
Head of Department, Languages
phone: 3452 5356

The French Immersion Program has been running since 1991. In this program, which is offered from Year 7 to 10, students study Maths, Science, History and Geography completely in the French language. This program provides an exciting challenge for motivated students. There is a selection process for enrolment in the class.

“You live a new life for every new language you speak.”

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ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

All advertising is to be at school NO LATER than 9am on Monday. Ads cost $15 for an 8cm X 4cm (Arial, size 10) advertisement. Approximately the size of this message. 

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