

Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER

29 January, 2015

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME

I extend a warm welcome back to our continuing staff, students and families and a special, very warm welcome to our 125 new prep students attending school for the very first time this week.

It was a very smooth start to their formal education as can be seen by the photograph. It doesn't take long for our new students to settle in to school routines.

Pictured are students from PDY on the first day of school.

I also welcome some new staff to our school. Mrs. Nicole Trembath is teaching 6TM and Mrs. Sharyn Blanchfield teaching 1SB. Both come to us with a wealth of previous experience. Mrs. Cassie Walker has returned after one year of maternity leave and will be teaching Year 1 with Mrs. Melanie Jones.

Mr. Dave Beckinsale, our STLaN (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) is going on extended leave with the view to retiring and will be replaced in the role by Mrs. Mimi Fites. We thank Mr. Beckinsale very much for his work in progressing the learning of our students over several years and welcome Mrs. Fites to the role.

Another new position at our school this year is the role of Master Teacher. There was an extensive selection process to find the right person for this position which was won on merit by Mrs. Julia Whittaker. Mrs. Whittaker will be involved with teacher coaching and mentoring to continually improve the learning opportunities of our students. We welcome her to the role.



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We also have a new instrumental teacher replacing Mr Lashmar. His name is Mr. Tony Bryer and we welcome him to Holland Park State School. He will be working on Mondays and a half day on Wednesdays.

During the vacation our Principal's wife was diagnosed with a condition that will require sustained intensive treatment. To assist with that, Tony Gribbin is taking leave for the first month of the term. During this time, I will be Acting Principal. Mr Gribbin will be coming into the school twice a week to attend meetings with the rest of the administration team.

Mr Danielewski is taking travel leave for six weeks from February 2. During his absence he will be replaced in his role of Deputy Principal by Mrs. Leigh Harrod. We look forward with confidence to another great year at Holland Park State School.

PARENT NIGHTS

In week 3 we will be conducting parent information evenings for all classes. We extend an invitation to all families to attend these evenings where you will be welcomed by the Principal, P & C President and School Chaplain and afterwards receive valuable information from your child's classroom teacher about curriculum and planned activities for the year ahead.

Prep and Year 1 – Monday, February 9 – 6.30 pm in the hall and 7.00pm in classrooms.

Years 2, 3 & 4 – Tuesday, February 10 – 6.30pm in the hall and 7.00pm in classrooms.

Years 5 & 6 – Wednesday, February 11 – 6.30pm in the hall and 7.00pm in classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you all at these important information sharing evenings.

Regards

Cathy Polities (Acting Principal)

From the Community Liaison Officer

Welcome back to everyone, I hope you had a well earned break. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined the Holland Park State School Community, I know you will enjoy your time at our school.

As in past years we will once again be asking for volunteers to take on the role of **CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**. If you are interested in becoming a representative, or would like to find out more about the role, please don't hesitate to contact me via email. I'll be happy to answer any of your questions.

This is a valued role at our school. It helps to keep the lines of communication open between the school, P&C Association and families, as well as being a great support in the classrooms.

We would like at least one representative in each class. If there are a couple of Mums who would like to share the role, that would be great.

Have a great first term!!!

Karen Oliver,

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Calendar

- Feb 9** Prep & Year 1 Parent Night
6.30pm in Hall, 7pm in classroom
- Feb 10** Years 2, 3 & 4 Parent Night
6.30pm in Hall, 7pm in classroom
- Feb 11** Years 5 & 6 parent night
6.30pm in Hall, 7pm in classroom

Excursions/Incursions

Feb 18 & 19 Years 5 & 6 Nexus Art Incursion

Sport

Feb 12 Mt Gravatt District Swimming Carnival

SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88

P&C Contacts

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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)

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

HPE News

All communication for HPE Events, District Trials and other sporting events and opportunities will be communicated via one or more of the following - the school newsletter, facebook page, email or the HPE notice board that is located on the ground floor of H-Block.

UPCOMING MT GRAVATT DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS

Swimming Trials - Thursday 12th February

TERM 1 HPE OVERVIEW

Gymnastics Prep and Year 1

Aquatics Years 2 & 3 Please ensure that students have a **swim cap, goggles** and **sun shirt** for all weekly lesson.

Aquathlon Years 4, 5 and 6. Please ensure that students have a **swim cap, goggles, sun shirt, hat** and **joggers** for all weekly lesson.

Please remember that Holland Park State School is proudly a SunSmart school. SunSmart should be a habit that starts in childhood and continues throughout life, just like fastening your seatbelt upon entering a car.

Cheers and have a good day

Matt Walker

HPE Specialist Teacher

Oval Work

The oval was a buzz on the first Saturday of the School holidays. 30 tonne of sand, 9 tonne of top dressing, 12 bags of fertiliser, grass seed in bulk, one tractor with an aerator and many pairs of hands ready to bring some life back into our oval. The rejuvenation of the oval was a combined effort of the Holland Park Junior Cricket Club, Holland Parks State School and the Parents and Citizens Association.

Our oval is such a great resource. Throughout the year there are over 600 HPE lessons conducted including Prep to Year 6. Our classroom teachers also use our oval for learning activities and additional physical activities. Not only do we have our Cross Country, Sports Days and Fridays Games program. Our oval is also used by a variety of other community sports groups including Cricket, AFL, Football and Martial Arts.

If you have been down to the oval recently you will certainly notice how much of an improvement there has been and all of the rain that we have received recently has contributed to this fast recovery. You may have observed that certain areas may have barriers around them or have been cordoned off. These areas still need a little more time to re-establish.

Like any school resource we need to ensure that we are responsible users. During our restoration works could you please ensure that we educate everyone to avoid going in to areas that have been cordoned off.

On behalf of Holland Park State School I would like to thank everyone involved for volunteering their time.



Chaplain Howard with two new prep Mums, "offering tissues".

Changes to School Bus Routes

Holland Park State School has been advised of the following **changes for the school service in 2015**.

Firstly, the **846AM service** as well as the **838PM service will not be running next year**.

However, the children affected by the 838PM cancellation can **catch the 837 service, which will run from Holland Park SS to Rowton Street**.



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. Sanja Popovic, BSM, HPSS, 3421 6222