Dear Parents and Carers,

As you no doubt know, next week is Excellence Expo. This annual celebration of learning has reached its tenth year and is a credit both to the students who take part and to all those who support them in their learning. Particular credit goes to Gail Young and her committee whose energy, enthusiasm and resilience are a constant source of wonder. The reason Excellence Expo is so popular amongst students is the same that sports events such as swimming and athletic carnivals are popular and it is from these that it gained its first inspiration. Let me explain the analogy. Our swimming carnivals allow for those with particular skills in swimming to achieve their best and to be celebrated for it. However, the prospect of not coming first in the 50m freestyle does not prevent anyone in the age group from jumping in the pool and giving the event a red hot go. Every swimmer, if they have trained well and do their best is to be congratulated.

The concept of the personal best applies to our academic and cultural pursuits as well. We celebrate, as we should, the achievements of our medallion winners and those whose efforts have been highly commended. They deserve our congratulations. I want very much too, to commend everyone who has jumped into this academic pool and given it a red hot go and achieved personal bests.

The details of next Wednesday's Excellence Expo are included in this newsletter.
ANNUAL TEACHER PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

You may have read in the Courier Mail during the week the Minister for Education and the Queensland Teachers’ Union have reached agreement on the implementation of annual teacher performance reviews. These reviews will build on a process already implemented, the Developing Performance Framework. In essence, each teacher in the school will choose a number of performance goals that are to be negotiated with the principal or the principal’s delegate, such as a deputy principal. There will be three phases to the review carried out over a period of twelve months. The three phases are:

(i) Reflection and goal setting
(ii) Professional practice and learning
(iii) Feedback and review

The goals chosen will be taken from the Professional Standards for Australian Teachers. These standards cover three domains:

- Professional knowledge
- Know the content and how to teach it
- Professional practice

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Member for Greenslopes, Mr Ian Kaye, has recognised the leadership of our students by inviting each of our eight school captains and vice captains and their families to a barbecue at Parliament House next week. This will be a significant event for our students and I really commend and thank Mr Kaye for his recognition of their leadership.

ABSENTEE/LATENESS ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION

Electronic notification of absences will now “go live” on 15 September.

Regards
Anthony Gribbin
Principal

Excellence Expo 2014

HOLLAND PARK STATE SCHOOL PROUDLY INVITES ALL PARENTS/CARERS, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO THE 10th EXCELLENCE EXPO WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

5.15PM WELCOME BY STRING ORCHESTRA
5.30 – 6.30PM OPENING CEREMONY, HALL
6.30 – 8PM VIEWING DISPLAYS

EXCELLENCE EXPO 2014 SEPTEMBER 3

All parents/carers, students staff and community members are cordially invited to attend the 10th Excellence Expo on 3 September to celebrate the gifts and talents of all our students from Prep to year 7. The 10th Excellence Expo Opening Ceremony

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: 3421 6263
Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri

The P&C meets at 7:30pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.
will commence at 5.15 in the school hall with the playing of the Holland Park String Orchestra.

Following the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony the viewing hours for Excellence Expo Displays have been extended from 6.30pm to 8.00pm as a request from the school community. We thank you for this suggestion. Viewing will also be available on Thursday 4 September during school hours.

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all students from Prep to Year 7 for their nominations in the following Performances: Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Reading Australian Verse, Public Speaking, Japanese Speaking and Japanese Native Speaking. The visiting judges were very impressed with Holland Park students.

Key Curriculum learning areas from Prep to Year 7 are presently being displayed across the school campus and include: Mathematics, Technology, Writing, Visual Art, Science, Asian Studies, Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (S.T.E.M). Visiting judges have been very impressed with the curriculum knowledge demonstrated by our students.

This week judging will be concluded by Saturday 30 August and medallion recipients for Asian Studies and Visual Art will be notified on Monday 1 September.

Congratulations to all our students from prep to year 7 for their participation in Excellence Expo. All students who participated will be receiving a participation certificate.

This week letters are being forwarded to medallion recipients who have been invited to attend the opening ceremony to receive their medallion. Students who also have received a highly commended award will be read out at the Official Opening. These students will receive certificates at a school assembly. The date for this special assembly will be announced in the school newsletter.

Medallion recipients for the Dance category are requested to bring their music to Mr Matt Gibney Year 4 teacher in H Block, for their performance on Excellence Expo night in the school hall.

Official Opening Supervision of Younger Siblings

For the Official Opening, it is our intent to create an environment that maximises attention given to the announcement of medallion recipients and the performances by the HPSS String Orchestra, Junior Choir and Senior Band. To fulfil this purpose you are invited to make use of a supervised classroom for younger siblings of Holland Park State School age students.

This supervised classroom will be located in upstairs D Block, currently year one. This classroom will be opened from 5.15 to 6.30pm and supervised by HPSS staff. There will be a sign in and sign out attendance record for this supervision. If your family decides to avail themselves of this room please refer to the notice in this newsletter and register your child/children with the school office by Tuesday 2 September.

Looking forward to a wonderful night of celebrating the gifts and talents of all our students from Prep to Year 7.

Gail Young (Gifted Education Mentor)
Please to return to school office by Tuesday 2 September

OFFICIAL OPENING SUPERVISION OF YOUNGER SIBLINGS REGISTER

Name of Parent/Carers:

Names of Child/children to be supervised
Age/ Ages:

Or email your details to admin@hollparkss.eq.edu.au with supervision register in the subject heading.

CONGRATULATIONS to the School Community. You helped the Student Council raise $802.00 for research into Muscular Dystrophy.

Creative Dance Disco

The Creative Dance Disco is a fancy dress event. Students can dress up as their favourite TV or movie character.

Ben’s Friends Promotion

COLLECT BEN’S FRIENDS SCHOOL TUCKSHOP PROMOTION

Students from 4GR are proud to introduce Beetrice Beetroot, their winning entry in the recent Name Ben’s Friends competition. The students had to come up with names for ten fruit and vegetables character, and won the naming rights to the beetroot character from entries across Queensland. The characters have now been made into a set of fun collector cards available from school tuckshops and local greengrocers.

Our students are being encouraged to make a healthy choice at the school tuckshop in order to receive one card. There are ten cards in total to collect, with more characters available from participating independent greengrocers, including The Greengrocer @ Greenslopes (formerly JJ’s Fruit Market).

The cards are endorsed by Brisbane Produce Market’s Healthy Eating Ambassador and rugby league player, Ben Hannant. They include a fun fruit and vegetable character, and have a healthy eating tip from Ben. Visit www.kgfh.com.au for more information about Ben’s Friends.

Library News

READERS’ CUP
Belated congratulations to our Readers’ Cup team of Brendan Y, Harriet P, Kira S, Lola F and Stephanie J for their amazing effort at the Brisbane South Regional Final, held at Algester State School on Thursday 12th June. In what was a hotly competition, they missed out on third place by just half a mark.
**DO YOU LIKE STORIES ABOUT DRAGONS?**

Acclaimed children’s author Carole Wilkinson is visiting the school on Monday 8th September. Copies of her Dragon Series books (as well as copies of *Black Snake: the Daring of Ned Kelly*) are available for sale from the library.

**DRAGONKEEPER**

Ancient China, Han Dynasty. A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon begin an epic journey across China. They carry with them a mysterious stone that must be protected.

**THE DRAGON COMPANION**

People have been telling stories about dragons for more than 3000 years. Five-headed dragons, fire-breathing dragons. As big as mountains, as small as dogs. Dragons that can be moody, dragons that are brave or cowardly, smart or stupid, good or downright evil. Here is an encyclopedia of the most amazing dragon stories ever told. Read everything about dragons from blood and claws to the wicked dragon king of Enoshima. Go around the world, back in time and into the fantastical.

More information about Carole and her books is available on her website.

www.carolewilkinson.com.au

**PRICE LIST**

**DRAGONKEEPER SERIES**

- Dragon Dawn (series prequel) - $13.00
- Dragonkeeper – Book 1 - $19.95
- Garden of the Purple Dragon – Book 2 - $19.95
- Dragon Moon – Book 3 - $19.95
- Blood Brothers – Book 4 - $19.95
- Shadow Sister – Book 5 - $24.95

**INFORMATION BOOKS**

- Dragon Companion - $20.00
- Black Snake: the Daring of Ned Kelly – $19.00

**CASH ONLY**

**MEET THE AUTHOR: ANDY GRIFFITHS**

Award-winning children's author Andy Griffiths will be joining us at Riverbend on Sunday 7 September from 10am to meet his fans and sign copies of his books.

Andy's visit coincides with the release of his latest Treehouse collection, *The 52-Story Treehouse*, which will be published on Monday 1 September.

Andy will talk to all of his readers who come on the day, and Riverbend will provide entertainment and make food and drinks available for those waiting.

No RSVP required.

Margaret Kittson (teacher-librarian)
Sports Report

Congratulations to Shatalii M who competed at the Queensland School State Championships. The Metropolitan East U12 girls team had an awesome competition winning 11 of the 12 games played over the weekend taking out the championship against Sunshine Coast with a very close Final win 4 – 3.
Well done Shatalii!

OZTAG

Our Year 2 students had the opportunity to trial Oztag during this week’s HPE Lessons. Students had great fun while trying out a different sport. A big thanks to Qld Oztag for coming out for the day. For further information please see the Oztag details.

Matt Walker
HPE Specialist Teacher

Tuckshop Talk

Please note: this roster may not reflect recent changes.

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Father’s Day Stall

The HPSS P&C are running the Fathers’ Day stall on Tuesday 2 September from 9.00am to 2.00pm in the hall. Gifts will be on sale for $5 and $10.

The stall will also be open on Wednesday 3 September from 8.30am for students who are away or forgot money or wish to exchange gifts. Please note there will only be limited stock on this date.

We are looking forward to your support of this community and fundraising event.
There was a fantastic turn out for the Swim Club’s sign-on day on Sunday. Many children and an adult braved the wind to swim in the lovely heated pool and the free sausage sizzle was very popular.

We have already got 130 children signed up with 14 new families joining us so far this season.

If you couldn’t make Sunday, there are forms at the Pool Office or download and complete the forms from the Holland Park Swim Club website and hand in at the pool on Monday to Thursday afternoons. EFTPOS is available at the pool for payment.

Club nights will commence on Friday 10th October, gates open at 5.00pm with racing from 5.30pm.

QUEENSLAND SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Swim Club has 15 swimmers who have qualified to compete at the Queensland Short Course Championships this weekend at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre at Chandler. Last year the club had only 7 qualify, so this is a great improvement. There will be swimmers representing a large number of clubs throughout Australia and competitors are coming from as far away as Great Britain, New Zealand, Germany, India, Malaysia and Samoa. All the very best to our team.
OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH COORPAROO
SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, 512 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo, wishes to advise that enrollments in the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation (2014), Confirmation and Eucharist (2015), are now open. Children in Year 2 or higher who attend Mt Carmel Church and have been baptised are eligible for enrollment. If you wish your child to participate in the program, please contact the Parish Office on 3397 1887 (Tues-Fri) to obtain enrollment forms. Any queries can also be directed to this number.

These forms are due back no later than Friday 19 September 2014.

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NIDA SHORT COURSES IN BRISBANE
School Holiday Courses
Ages: 8 – 18 years
Dates: 22 Sep – 5 Oct
Venue: Somerville House, 17 Graham St, South Brisbane
Call 02 9697 7626 or
Email open@nida.edu.au

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A WALK IN THE PARK: Fundraiser for Parkinson’s Queensland.
31 August, 2014
New Farm Park, Brisbane
Register and make a difference!
www.parkinsonswalkqld.com.au

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COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER!!
Please join us for a morning of fun on the 30th August, and help us raise funds for Bravehearts signature annual event...“White Balloon Day” We have some great activities lined up for the kids including a Jumping Castle, Magician, Face painter, Kids crazy hair, and Kids Bootcamp. Free BBQ for everyone who attends. Can’t wait to see you all there!
$15 per child. Gold coin donation for Adults.
Majestic Park, Pelham Street, Coorparoo.
August 30th 11am - 1pm
Please like our Facebook Page for more info on how to register your child for this event.
facebook.com/NWDBFFundraiser

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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. Val Foster Acting, BSM, HPSS, 3421 6222