



Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER 2ND FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our Improvement Priorities

Writing

In last week's newsletter I wrote about our whole school focus on The Seven Steps to Writing Success. From Monday to Friday, from Year 1 to Year 6, we have all focussed on the Sizzling Starts step. I think we have made a lot of progress as I hope you will think too when you read some of our students' writing in this newsletter.

Next week we will continue with Sizzling Starts with some year levels changing focus a little to apply these starts to persuasive writing.

From Year 3 to Year 6, from Monday to Friday, all students will be engaged in dictation. Dictation is a very high yield strategy that improves spelling and punctuation, not to mention the ability to listen carefully.

Reading

Reading is central to our improvement strategy. The ability to read with a high level of comprehension is the single biggest predictor of success in each other curriculum area. Reading comprehension, along with phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency and vocabulary is an important key to a good program of reading instruction.

This week, I thought I might spend some time in explaining our reading comprehension strategies in the hope that I can create a link between what we are doing here with reading at home. There are eight comprehension skills in our explicit teaching framework.

1. **Main Idea:** The main idea is the main point the writer is trying to convey. It can be stated explicitly or implied in the text. The first sentence of a passage and repeated words and phrases are good clues to what the main idea might be.
2. **Author's Purpose:** Why did the author go to the trouble of writing the piece? If the writing is fictional then the author's purpose might simply be to entertain. If the writing contains facts, or parallels to factual characters or situations, then the most likely purpose would be to inform or to get the reader to think about something. If the writing tries to get you to do something or to think a certain way then the author's purpose is most likely to be persuasive or convincing.
3. **Making Connections:** Readers make meaning by establishing connections with their own lives, with books they have already read and with their own knowledge of events in the world.
4. **Accessing Prior Knowledge:** This is very similar to the above where readers can gain more understanding by asking themselves what they already know about the topic being written about.



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5. **Inferring:** For students, this can be a difficult thing to do. What the author is really saying may not be stated explicitly but rather hidden in the text. A reader then needs to be able to use the text as well as their prior knowledge to determine a text's real meaning.
6. **Predicting:** The ability to make a thoughtful guess as to what will happen in the text is a very useful comprehension strategy. It is also fun to test predictions against what actually does happen.
7. **Questioning:** Good readers are able to ask themselves questions about the text in which they are engaged. These could be the beginnings of great questions. Who is...? What is...? How did...? Where is....? Why did....?
8. **Summarising:** This can also be quite tricky for students to do effectively. In summarising, we are asking students to present the main ideas of a text in their own words. To be able to do this they do need to be able to identify the key characters and their interactions and what the author was trying to achieve.

When you are sharing some reading at home the above can be very useful in checking the level of comprehension your child has. Of course, I also know that reading, especially as children become more independent in their reading choices, can be best enjoyed without interruption.

Meet the Teacher Nights

I hope you will be able to attend our "Meet the Teacher" nights next week. Prep to Year 2 parents will meet in the hall first on Monday the 6th of February at 6.30pm. I will be able to introduce all our teachers and then you will have the opportunity to meet with your teacher in your child's classroom at 7pm. The format will be the same for Year 3 to Year 6 parents on Thursday 9th February.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

One of the key curriculum goals both at Holland Park and on a wider system level is that all students are able readers. At Holland Park, our reading program incorporates the evidence-based 5 key elements of reading: phonics, phonological awareness, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. One key skill that we are focussing on this term in particular is reading fluency.

Research-Fluency Contributes to Reading Comprehension

The development of reading fluency is critical for children as they develop as readers and move from decoding to reading connected text and focusing on comprehension (Bashir & Hook, 2009). Reading comprehension is a complex process that involves integrating READING FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION. Today, reading comprehension is thought to be an active and intentional practice versus a

passive practice as it was years ago (Bellinger and DiPerna, 2011). In order to be an active practice, students need to be involved in the reading process first hand, and actively read for meaning by making connections, inferring, synthesizing, and predicting. Comprehension is dependent upon several skills including fluency, semantic skills, phonological skills, memory processing skills, vocabulary, inferring, grammatical structure, prior knowledge, and verbal ability (Cain & Oakhill, 2006). A growing body of evidence points to reading fluency as an important factor in student reading success. ASCD March 2004 | Volume 61 | Number 6 What Research Says About Reading Pages 46-51 Creating Fluent Readers-Timothy Rasinski.

More research!

- **Phonemic Awareness and Fluency**

Underlying decoding problems must be addressed prior to or in conjunction with fluency practice

(Canine, Silbert, Kame'ennui 1997)

- **Comprehension and Fluency**

Reading comprehension suffers when students lack fluency

(Farstrup & Samuels 2002)

- **Vocabulary and Fluency**

As students begin to read with automaticity, their cognitive attention can be focussed on the text's meaning instead of on word identification

(Pinnell, Piluski, Wikson, Campbell, Gough & Beatty 1995)

Fluency Definition

Reading fluency refers to efficient, effective word recognition skills that permit a reader to construct the meaning of text. Fluency is manifested in accurate, rapid, expressive oral reading and is applied during, and makes possible, silent reading comprehension. For many people fluency is simply seen as 'rate' and 'expression'.

There is actually a range of fluency sub-skills.

These sub-skills are:

Rate	Rate is the pace at which the reader moves through the text. An appropriate rate moves along rapidly with few slow-downs, stops, or long pauses to solve words. If a reader has only a few short pauses for word solving and picks up the pace again, look at the overall rate.
Phrasing	Phrasing refers to the way readers put words together in groups to represent the meaningful units of language. Phrased reading should sound like oral language, although more formal.
Intonation	Intonation is the way the reader varies the voice in tone, pitch, and volume to reflect the meaning of the text-sometimes called 'expression'.
Pausing	Pausing is how the reader is guided by punctuation (short breaths at commas; full stop at the ending as punctuation). Pausing also refers to how the reader uses the way print is organized on the page (paragraphs, etc.)
Stress	Stress refers to the emphasis readers place on particular words (louder tone) to reflect the meaning as speakers would do in oral language.
Integration	Integration is the way the reader consistently and evenly orchestrates (combines) rate, phrasing, pausing, intonation, and stress.

For Parents

A key component of the school homework philosophy is the regular and meaningful reading at home-nightly if possible. When reading with your child you may like to build your child's reading fluency by:

- Modelling fluent reading of text
- Listening to your child read. Give them advice on where to improve. There is strong evidence for allowing children to read and reread texts several times to improve delivery.
- Focussing on one of the above sub-skills regularly.

Parent support and reinforcement of reading at home is a powerful way to build student skill and confidence.

Leigh Harrod

Deputy Principal

SWIMMING NEWS

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

There was no storm, but some rain for the first night back at club. We welcome the new members who have signed up and those that have returned after being away for some time.



Families can join for the second half of the season and the registration fees are half price. Families can also come on a Friday night and trial to see whether the children would like to join.

There are 5 more club nights before the Age Championships, so make sure you attend as many Friday nights as you can. The club's handbook is on the website and this should answer most questions regarding the Championships.

Our club is hosting the Ron Hall Shield this year which is a carnival that has been going for many years and is swum against Wishart and Camp Hill. The carnival will be on Saturday 4th March, with warm-up at 3.30pm racing at 4.00pm. The team selection is done by the committee from the performances by the swimmers on a Friday night. Hopefully most swimmers will make themselves available for this fabulous carnival.

The order of events this week are:- 13m/25m/50m Backstroke, Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and the 100m IM being the special race for the night. The order of the strokes for the IM is: Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. Nominations for club night need to be in prior to 5.00pm Thursday.

Results from club night are on the website.

The winner of the Aqua Shop swim cap on Friday was Matilda R.

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) Friday night's most improved were:-

29th January 2017 – Club Night 10

STROKE	Swimmer's Name	SECONDS IMPROVED
25m Freestyle	Noah R	13.29
25m Backstroke	Halle N	7.95
25m Breaststroke	Halle N	3.78
25m Butterfly	Charlie H	5.16
50m Freestyle	Zachary S	1.69
50m Backstroke	Grace R	.86
50m Breaststroke	Zachary S	1.61
50m Butterfly	Redmond M	4.79
100m Butterfly	Ethan C	3.44

BRISBANE SPRINT

Good luck to the our 24 swimmers who have qualified and are swimming this coming weekend in the 2017 Vorgee Brisbane Sprint Championships at Chandler.

HPE WITH MR WALKER

HPE Term 1 Overview

Gymnastics Program

Prep and Year 1 students will participate in a Gymnastics program. The program utilises various gymnastic apparatus and equipment that allows the students to develop their gross motor skills, confidence and creates an opportunity to enhance their social skills. We have been very fortunate to have all of the equipment and a gymnastics coach provided by Robertson Gymnastics Club as part of their community coaching program. Without their support this program would not be possible.

Aquatics

Year 2 and 3 students will participate in the Royal Life Savings Swim and Survive unit. Swim and Survive skills include safe entries, rescues, self-preservation and underwater activities and stroke development.

Year 4, 5 and 6 students will participate in an Aquathlon Unit which will allow a combination of running and swimming to maintain student's aquatic abilities and also provide an opportunity to increase their stamina for the school Cross Country event.

Cross Country

HPSS Cross Country will take place on Tuesday 28th March. Morning training sessions will be offered on the oval – Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.15am commencing week 4. Please ensure that permission forms are returned as quickly as possible. Permission forms are for training and/or participation on Cross Country day.

District Trials

Swimming 9th February

Netball 11 7th March

Netball 12 6th March

Basketball Boys 14th February

Basketball Girls 15th February

Hockey Boys 8th March

Hockey Girls 9th March

Rugby League 11 Years 9th March

Rugby League 12 years 8th March

Football Boys 13/14/15th March

Football Girls 20/21/22nd March

Please see Mr Walker for all Trial information.



Congratulations to Ethan C who has been offered the position of goalkeeper in the Hawks Under12 Super Youth League Football squad for 2017. He will be given specialized goalkeeper training each week during the season. Well done Ethan!

HPE WITH MR WALKER Cont'd

Japanese Clubs

- Japanese Culture Club will commence in Week 3 each Tuesday 1st Break. Meet at the Library
- Year 6 Japanese Garden Club will commence in Week 4 Wednesday 2nd Break

Robotic Club

- Robotic Club will commence in Week 5 each Wednesday 1st Break. Meet at the Hall Week 5.

Gymnastic Club Year 5 & 6

- Gymnastic Club is held each Monday 1st and 2nd break in the hall.

Communication

- All information in relation to PE, School sporting events and District sporting events will be communicated either digitally, information notes or via the HPE notice board located on the lower level of H-Block. Alternatively please do not hesitate to email mwalk254@eq.edu.au for further information.

Inter-School Sport

Friday sports will commence on the 24th February.

Weetbix Tryathlon

The Weetbix Tryathlon will be held on the 21st May. Please click on the link for further details. This is a great event for children to get in and experience a triathlon in a very organised event. <https://tryathlon.com.au/locations/brisbane/>



Thank you Year 6 Graduates 2016.

The Gifted and Talented Education Committee would like to thank the 2016 year six graduating classes for their donation towards Excellence Expo. We are very appreciative of the recognition that year 6 students have made to this whole school celebration of gifts and talents from the Prep year of learning to year 6

We thank year six students 2016 for their donation and their recognition of supporting the celebration gifts talents of all our students at Excellence Expo. We wish you every success in your future academic careers.

Gail Young

Gifted Education Mentor

The picture to the right shows Ms Young and the tree given as a gift from the year 6 graduating class of 2016.



QPARENTS

FROM THE OFFICE

FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

I hope you have had a great start to the 2017 school year. I spent some time down in Prep on the first day of school and there were lots of smiling and happy little prep students walking into their classrooms.

I have a couple of things to tell you about, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can answer any of your questions, or assist you.

(1) *Class Parent Representatives* – we would like to have a Class Parent Rep for each class, if you would like to share the role with another parent in your class I'd love to hear from you. It's a great way to get to know other families, assist the teacher in a variety of ways, and even organise social activities for your class. **Please email me and I can send you the necessary forms to complete.**

(2) *QParents* – All Prep and new families have been sent (via email) their QParent Account Owners Reference Number to register. All these families will also need their child's EQ ID number, if you haven't been given this number, once again, **please email me and I can forward it to you.**

(3) *QSchools* – Don't forget you can sign up to this app, nominate Holland Park State School as your preference, it will alert you to school events, notifications, news feeds, calendar events, newsletters, etc.



Kind Regards,

TUCKSHOP

THE TUCKSHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Due to parents going back to work, we are in need of volunteers once a month on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. If you are available once a month from 9am - 11.30am please contact Melisa on 0408628800 by txt with your details.

Helping at tuckshop is not hard and your children enjoy seeing you during break time. You will be needed 4 times maybe 5 till the end of the year.

TUCKSHOP NO LONGER ACCEPTS BAGS OVER THE COUNTER. ALL

ORDERS MUST BE MADE ONLINE.

If you haven't signed up online yet, now is the time to do so. Go to www.school24.com.au and register. HPSS registration ID: 25245963.



THE NEWSLETTER WILL NOW ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING THROUGH HOLLAND PARK S.S WEBSITE AND ON THE QSCHOOLS APP. IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS EITHER MEDIAS THERE WILL BE HARD COPIES AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.

Please remember our office hours are 8am to 4pm.

Finance Reminder!
Credit Cards: Minimum payment is \$10.



Credit on your account: Please remember to deduct your credit from your next invoice payment, in particular when you pay by EFT.

We appreciate your patience with excursion notes and invoices as we are transitioning our payment process through BPoint and in the near future QParents. We will be holding information sessions for parents in the very near future.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

6 Feb	Prep—Year 2 Meet the Teacher
9 Feb	Year 3—Year 6 Meet the Teacher
9 Feb	District Swimming
23 Feb	Year 2 Bug Lady incursion
24 Feb	Interschool Sport
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SCHOOL RULES

STAYING SAFE AROUND SCHOOL BUILDINGS

- Walk, not run, on hard surfaces
- Stay off stairs and verandahs before school and at play times

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

COURTESY

- Say 'sorry' if you hurt someone by accident
- Say 'excuse me' to pass in front of someone

P&C Meeting *Under The Stars!*

If you haven't yet joined the Holland Park State School P&C, join up now!

Receive updates on what is going on within the school and in the wider community - Contribute to discussions about fund-raising events and how funds are used to benefit our school - Meet other HPSS families - Have your say - Share ideas and your enthusiasm and be a part of the success of Holland Park State School! Take a look at the attached 'End of Year Wrap-Up for 2016 for a rundown of what kept us busy last year.



Keep an eye on the school noticeboards, in the school newsletters, on our facebook page, an on our website for details of upcoming events - there are many ways you can be involved, or you can support the event by just coming along!

To join the P&C before the meeting to receive a copy of the Agenda - simply complete the attached Member Application Form, email pandc@hollparkss.eq.edu.au, or visit the school website at <https://hollparkss.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC> to download an Application Form at any time. Member Application Forms will also be available at the first meeting if you don't get to sign up in advance. *New Members Welcome!*

You're invited to a P&C meeting with a difference to welcome new families to HPSS and new members to the P&C. Come and catch-up, meet new people and enjoy a drink before we dive into business! We'll also show you the work being done to refresh the outdoor theatre – a wonderful learning space, and one of many P&C projects.

When Wednesday 22 February

6.45pm pre-meeting drinks and nibbles (gold coin per drink)

7.30pm P&C meeting

Where The outdoor theatre (below the tennis courts). If it rains we'll move to the Library (our usual meeting venue)

RSVP 18/2/17 For catering purposes please email hpspsc.secretary@yahoo.com.au if you plan to attend.

OUTDOOR THEATRE REFRESH ... Can you help with the final stage?



Speaking of our Outdoor Theatre, our volunteers have done a wonderful job with new stairs and backdrop, replacing floor boards, installing new mirrors, lighting and fans in the dressing rooms as well as improving the sound system. We need help with the final stage...

For this we need:

- Painters
- Loan equipment such as spray painting guns and scaffolding / ladders to help keep costs down

Can you come to our "**Painting Bee**" on the weekend of **18 & 19 February**? Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated! The more volunteers we have, the easier the job will be to get finished!

If you can lend a hand to paint or own painting equipment we can borrow please email hpspvoluteers@gmail.com with your contact details, or call Martyn on 0437 726 092. Once you're signed up we'll keep you informed.

Active School Travel

Our new bike racks are now accompanied by new scooter racks! Keep an eye out as they are set up around the school in the next couple of weeks.



Active School Travel will recommence once school leaders have been elected. The leaders do a fantastic job arriving early each week to stamp your passports and hand out milestone rewards. We will announce the start date for stamping soon, so dust off your AST passports and keep practicing your walking, scooting and riding to school. Stay tuned...

Upcoming P&C Events...

DATE SAVER: *Easter Eggstravaganza!*

Sunday 19th March

1pm - 4pm

More details soon...



P&C NEWS AND COMMUNITY

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Sunday 5th February 2017
9.30am – 2.30pm
31 Halifax Street, Coorparoo

New players **MUST** come in and register at Easts
Please bring some form of identification & proof of age

All returning players can register online or at the club!
All are encouraged to come down to enjoy the festivities

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR ALL 2017 REGISTERED PLAYERS!
Please bring registration confirmation

Activities

- Big Tiger slide
- Canterbury Activities
- Fire Engine
- Other Entertainment
- Drinks available, upstairs bar open
- Meet the Premier Squad & some Reds Players
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Keyboardkidz The Contemporary Piano School

Piano Students Blitz Exams – Congratulations!

Keyboardkidz had 30 students sit exams from Preparatory level through the 6th grade piano. 1 student from Holland Park State School sat their piano exams on the 10th December. The students learn piano at Keyboardkidz Piano school based in Holland Park State School. Here are their results:

Ellie H 85 Honours

11 received High Distinction, 14 Distinctions and 5 Honours. If you are interested in piano lessons just go to www.keyboardkidz.com.au and register for two free trial lessons.

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SOUTH BANK PARKLANDS

Streets Beach

- 19 - 23 September 2016 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 5 Nov - 3 Dec 2016 (5 sessions, Saturday mornings)
- 9 - 13 January 2017 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 4 Feb - 4 Mar 2017 (5 sessions, Saturday mornings)
- 3 - 7 April 2017 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)

8am - 10am

Registration includes long sleeve rash shirt, water bottle, activity book and wet bag.

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