



Holland Park State School

NEWSLETTER 25th MAY 2017

SCHOOL CALENDAR

5 June	Year 1 Kiteman Incursion
15 June	Prep Science Show and Workshop
14-16 June	Year 5 Mapleton Camp
SCHOOL WATCH - 13 17 88	

SCHOOL RULES

Our School Rules are:

- **Be safe**
- **Be responsible**
- **Be respectful**

Staying safe at Wilbur Street bus stop

- Wait quietly under the walkway roof between the junior toilets and 'D' Block
- Walk to the gate when the bus ARRIVES
- Line up behind the yellow line when the bus STOPS
- Behave well on the bus, respecting bus rules
- Have a loaded GO Card

5C TIP OF THE WEEK

Commitment

Make the most of your class time by:

- Staying on task
- Listening to instructions
- Being organised

Important Messages:

Please now collect your late slips at the old finance window

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Planning for the visit by Otemon is well underway. 35 students will be arriving with their teachers on 21 July. This is the 25th anniversary of Otemon's first visit and I know that Kevin Olive and his team are preparing for something a little special to mark this important occasion. The Principal of Otemon, Mr Atsushi Higashida will be visiting along with Mr Keiji Inoue and Mr Nobu Katsura who were part of the original visiting delegation. The group will be led though by Mr Michita Sakai who is now a very seasoned visitor to our school and who does a lot of work to make sure the visit goes well. For our part, since Mrs Politics and Mr Holmes have retired, we are still very lucky to have a teacher who was here to welcome our first visitors from Japan. Mr Olive has, since that first visit, led our international relations team in coordinating both Holland Park's hosting and visiting programs. Much of the success and growth of the program has resulted from the enormous amount of work Kevin does and his attention to the detail that is required when working with international partners.

Last week Mr Olive conducted the first of the information sessions for families of students going to Japan in September. We will have 30 of our students travelling along with six of our staff:

Kevin Olive (Tour Leader)

Anthony Gribbin

Leigh Harrod

Gail Young

Debra Ybarlucea

Andrew White

Matt Gibney will also be at Otemon at the time of our visit, taking part in our teacher exchange program.

We have submitted two Showcase entries. The first for our P - 2 Literacy program which I have written about here before. The second entry is as part of a cluster of schools implementing philosophy. The other schools are Cavendish Road State High School, Buranda and Seville Road State Schools. Both entries will go to regional judging and if successful there, on to state wide judging.

Anthony Gribbin
Principal



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Write 4 Fun Congratulations to Holland Park State School Writers

Earlier this year Mr Shackcloth co-ordinated interested writers across years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to take part in the Write 4 Fun writing competition: Spread the Word 2017. This year the writing competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools across Australia.

Holland Park State School is proud to announce that our school had 10 or more students successfully progress pass the initial judging in the 2017 schools writing competition. Holland Park State School was recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% percent of schools showed this level of achievement.

Congratulations to all the following students who took part in the Spread the World 2017 writing competition.

Year 6

6NA

Joshua B
Josephine H
Aidan R
Lydia M
Anna H
Tom N
Joseph T
Nani S

6KD

Hassan A
Jayden L
Elena T
Grace B
Amelie T
Joel H

6JC

Shabari P

Year 5

5GO

Lachlan S (*Merit Award*)

Year 4

4CS

Lucas H
Juliette D
Louis B

4KJ

Kaia D
Hayley W

4IM

James T
Maya H
Charlie M

Year 3

3JC

Teo D
Gypsy V
Vincent D

3AM

Aurora V

3DY

Talula F

Special congratulations to year 5GO student Lachlan S who was awarded a merit in the Poetry section for his poem, **The Wonderful Tree**. This poem is printed with Lachlan's permission.

The Wonderful Tree.

It's colossal shadow towering over us,

With its gnarled and voluminous body,

Complicated and unpredictable with its unbalanced and high-reaching arms

Stretching into the sky.

Lachlan read his poem at the Senior school assembly on Wednesday this week.

This poem written by Lachlan was inspired by the tree growing outside 4CS classroom.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The illustration of the tree is provided by Lucinda G G from year 5KO who drew the tree outside year 4CS classroom with Mrs Savage last year.



Creative Writing Club

Mr Shackcloth leads a Creative Writing Club on Thursday during first break. All interested writers from year 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend to engage in writing tasks for fun and the rewarding experience of how to create your very own stories.

Thank you Mr Shackcloth for inspiring our young writers at Holland Park State School to celebrate their writing.

Announcing Holland Park State School Chess Captain

At the Junior school assembly Joel H in year 6 received his chess captain badge.

Congratulations Joel!

Joel spoke to the assembly about the importance of playing chess and encourage students to participate in the before school chess lessons on Thursday and engage in lunch time chess activities

Gail Young and Edward Danielewski
Deputy Principals



COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

- (1) QParents – **Remember** to sign up for QParents if you haven't already registered. This will be the only way to view student report cards. QParents is a well-established program that allows you to keep in touch with the school, i.e. advising the office of any absences, changing addresses, medical conditions, etc. Please email me if you have any queries.
- (2) Prep Enrolments for 2018 – Please bring your 2018 Catchment and/or Sibling prep enrolment forms into the admin office as soon as possible. If you already have siblings at school, remember to bring an original birth certificate or passport with your application. For new catchment enrolments, please don't forget to bring a birth certificate or passport and proof of residency documents with your application. If you have any queries regarding enrolments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Karen Oliver

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HPE WITH MR WALKER

Congratulations to Jasmin W and Alyssa B who have both made selection to the Mt Gravatt Girls Soccer team. Fantastic results!

District Trials

Girls Rugby League – 21st July (Born 2005 & 2006)

For further information please contact Mr Walker

LIBRARY MATTERS

Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club

The Gold Star Reading Club will kick off in Council libraries across the city on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2017 Gold Star Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – felt tip pens, a puzzle and a library bag.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a \$25 book voucher.
5. It's FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

LIBRARY MATTERS CONT'D

This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children's reading achievements.

To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

I am delighted to invite all Holland Park State School students to join in the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Reading plays an important part in students' lives during their school years and beyond. It allows children to actively engage their imagination and opens up a world of educational opportunities.

Last year, an outstanding 165,000 students from 900 schools took part in the challenge reading a total of 2.24 million books, an impressive rise from 1.95 million in 2015.

The reading period for the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday 15 May and closes Friday 25 August.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2017 challenge is engage more students than ever before.

Students wishing to take part in this year's challenge can register by talking to their class teacher or to Ms Kittson, our school's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Students who participate but don't complete the challenge receive a Certificate of Participation from the school. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates during the Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks to be held 6 – 17 November 2017.

For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit: <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative.

I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who made sure our Mothers Day stall ran smoothly and gifts were beautifully presented:

Annabel P
Casey S
Nyree I
Christine D

Patricia G
Kelly W
Jenny C
Kathryn M

Amy W
Emma P
Claudia C

Lisa R
Tracey N
Amanda A

Profit from the stall after expenses was approximately \$3,475 (Net GST) which is a little less than last year.

It is important to note that feedback received from volunteers at the stalls highlighted the beautiful manners of students, which is a wonderful reflection of HPSS and its families.



Active School Travel

National Walk Safely to School Day

Thank you to students and parents who supported our National Walk Safely to School Day last Friday, even though it was a wet day!

Our school received some coverage in the weekend's Courier Mail for our Active School Travel program with a lovely photo of some of our students. A copy of the editorial and image will be shared on Facebook as soon as a clear version is received.

The Active School Travel working group is currently working on sourcing sponsors for future reward gifts for students as well as seeking community supporters for special events during the year. If you wish to join our AST working group or are involved with a business that can benefit from being involved in our AST program, please let us know by emailing: melecox@yahoo.com.au

Scooter skills training coming soon!

To help with safe scooting, AST is bring Scooter Skills Training for prep to year 3 in the last week of term 2:

Friday 16 June - Year 3

Wednesday 21 June - Year 2

Thursday 22 June - Prep

Friday 23 June - Year 1

Scooter and bike skills training is supported by Brisbane City Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads Community Road Safety Grants.

Remember to check Facebook regularly for updates.

Road Safety education coming soon!

AST is also bringing road safety to years 4 to 6 in last week of term 2. The RACQ Streets Ahead Program provides age-appropriate presentations on passenger, pedestrian and bicycle safety. More information is available at: <https://www.racq.com.au/cars-and-driving/safety-on-the-road/educational-programs/primary-school-program>

The RACQ Streets Ahead Program is supported by Brisbane City Council.

Keep an eye out in term 3 for bike skills training for years 4 to 6, and the Streets Ahead Program for prep to year 3.

Congratulations to this week's AST Class Winners:

Gluten & Dairy Free Meals Now Available!

Our special tuckshop-prepared meals are still proving popular with students and teachers and we're going through them at a much faster rate this time around!

	Jnr		Snr	
PTS	65%	5EB	79%	
1SR	60%	6KD	78%	
2OM	54%	3MC	74%	
PAF		4KJ	73%	
1MG	52%			
1LS	50%	5G0	67%	

We will be looking for volunteer cooks again shortly to help prepare the next batch of meals to make sure we keep providing the gluten free and dairy free options that our school enjoys. Keep an eye out for the call-out with details shortly. If you would like to help cook up our in-house meals, please drop us a line at hpssvolunteers@gmail.com and we'll keep you advised!

P&C General Meeting

Next Meeting:

26 July 2017

7:30pm

School Library

Planning Ahead...

We are still in search of convenors **in preparation for 2018**. Remember there is always plenty of support for every P&C event and check-lists are available to make things easier for new convenors. The P&C Executive and Members are always available to lend a hand and offer support and are only an email or phone call away at any time!

Processes and systems are in place for our ongoing events in order to make sure organising future events is simple for future convenors. If you think you may be able to be a convenor or assist the convenor for any P&C event in 2018 it is a good idea to flag it with the P&C early so that you may be able to 'shadow' this year's convenor to get a feel for things. This is a great way to find out what is involved before committing! Let us know by emailing us at hpssvolunteers@gmail.com.

If you haven't joined up yet, it is NEVER too late. Download your Membership Application form from the school website: <https://hollparkss.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC> and bring it with you to the next meeting. Application forms are also available at each meeting. **New Members ALWAYS Welcome!**

TUCKSHOP

TUCKSHOP ALWAYS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE ONCE A MONTH FROM 9AM—11:30AM

PLEASE CONTACT MELISA ON 0408628800 BY TEXT WITH YOUR DETAILS

Tuckshop no longer accepts bags over the counter.

All orders must be made online.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Interested to find out more about the plans
for education in Queensland?

Want to have your say on the future of
education in our area?

Come and join Joe Kelly MP and meet with
the Minister for Education, Tourism and
Major Events, the Hon. Kate Jones.

Tuesday 30 May

10.00am - 11.30am

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RSVP: greenslopes@parliament.qld.gov.au



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Fundraising Event

THE CHALLENGE

The 5 Cent Challenge is here!

Fill your class jar by collecting as many
5 cent coins as you can!

Prizes will be given to the 3 classes
who collect the most 5 cent coins.

Proceeds will go towards digital
technologies for our school.

The challenge will run from week 7 to