

Holland Park State School Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Friday 8 December
Last day of Term 4

**Monday 22
January**
First day of 2024

Parents & Carers

**if your child/ren
are returning to
HPSS next year
but will be absent
between the
22nd January**

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**1 February 2024.
please inform the
school office
ASAP, as the
Department
provides school
funding based on
the number of
students enrolled
from day 8.**

Good afternoon Parents and Carers

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Bairstow has been appointed as deputy principal at HPSS to begin 2024. Mrs Bairstow joins us from Ironside State School and brings to our school a deep curriculum expertise and 15+ years of experience as a deputy. We welcome her and look forward to the contribution she will make to the learning of our students.

DAY 8 2024- classes are not finalised until the 8th day of school

Each year schools receive their funding for staff based on the number of students they have enrolled on the 8th day of school.

Even though your child has been allocated to a class teacher, please remember that there is always the possibility that we may need to reorganise classes early next year. While our enrolment predictions are usually accurate, this is not an exact science and new families who move to the area may enrol prior to school returning. This could result in a re-organisation of classes.

2024 Uniform

At its last meeting the P&C Executive invited interest from parents in forming a parent working group to review the school uniform. A group of parents have indicated their interest and this working group will begin the process to review the uniform next year.

While there will be no immediate changes to the uniform, we have had some questions from parents regarding which days the formal and sports versions of the uniform can be worn.

1. The formal uniform is to be worn on excursions, at all formal school events, music performances and for school photos.
2. Across the week, students may be timetabled on multiple days to participate in physical activity formally (during PE lessons, sports trainings, afterschool activities and class activities) or be very active informally (during play breaks and at OHSC).
 - Students must wear their sports uniform on their PE day
 - Parents are able to make the decision as to which uniform (formal or sports) is most appropriate to their child's activities on other days. White socks are to be worn (black socks are not part of the sports uniform).
3. House colours are worn for sports carnivals and other school events as notified by the school
4. SUN SAFETY- A royal blue wide brimmed hat (or the discontinued wide-brimmed "girls" hat) is a mandatory part of the uniform. It is required to be able to move around the school and play at all break times and for PE and other outdoor activities. Caps are not acceptable.

Our mantra will continue to be, hats are on heads or in bags. Please reinforce this message. If students do this there is no reason a hat should ever be lost.

SCHOOL WATCH

The School Watch program encourages everyone to look out for and report any after-hours crime in our schools. Empty schools can become targets for unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage, especially during school holiday periods. This comes at a cost to the whole community and not just the financial cost of repairs.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Protective Services Group, Queensland Police Service, providing a way for members of the community to report anything they see that is suspicious, even if it seems minor.

On average, more than 700 calls are made to School Watch every year, helping to keep our schools safe.

Look, Listen, Report. Call School Watch on 13 17 88.

If you see a crime in progress, call Triple Zero (000).



SCHOOL OFFICE RE-OPENS - 15 January. Staff will not be responding to emails or phone messages until Monday the 15th of January.

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2024 Book drop-off

Parents are able to bring students books to their child's classroom on the first morning of school in 2024. If this

is not possible books can be delivered to the classroom from 8:00-9:00am on Thursday 18 January. Class teachers will email you to provide any special instructions in relation to the naming of equipment.

FAREWELL AND GOODLUCK

Good luck to our graduating students and to all students and families who are leaving us at the end of this year.

We would like to thank the following staff for their contributions at Holland Park and wish them all the best as they move into various roles in schools and within the department, retirement or other opportunities.

On behalf of all of our staff we wish you a safe and enjoyable break catching up with family and friends!

Curriculum News

A final thought to ponder...

While preparing to relocate, I stumbled upon a small book titled, Thank Heavens for Teachers (1997), tucked away in a pile of books. Upon flipping open the cover, I was transported back to a moment at the conclusion of a teaching year. An inscription, dated 12th December 2002, caught my eye:

"Dear Mrs Whittaker, Here's a gesture of my love and gratitude to you, my teacher. (1D HPSS)"

As we near the conclusion of yet another school year, I'd like to share with you an excerpt from the numerous poems dedicated to the remarkable role of teachers. This is for all the students, parents, caregivers, support staff and teachers of HPSS.

AN INSPIRATION

"In the life of every student, there's a vacuum waiting to be filled by a teacher who can impart greater self-confidence, who can nurture undiscovered talents, and who can direct untapped energies into some form of personal fulfillment." Dr. Anthony P. Witham

"A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations." Patricia Neal

THE SHARING OF WISDOM

"Teaching is arguably one of the most important professions in our society because teachers are responsible for the most treasured of all resources, the human intellect." Tony Busan, from "The Mind Map Book"

"To me the sole of hope of human salvation lies in teaching." George Bernard Shaw

As we bid farewell to this academic year, may the coming year bring each of you abundant joy, success, and new horizons. Wishing you a well-deserved break filled with relaxation, laughter, and of those who matter most. Here's to a refreshing and promising start to the next chapter in our shared educational adventure.

Best wishes for the holidays and a wonderful New Year ahead!

Julia Whittaker
Head of Curriculum

HPE News

Year 3 Sprint Challenge Swimming Carnival



Last Wednesday's Year 3 Sprint Challenge Swimming Carnival proved to be an outstanding success, leaving participants and teachers with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. It was great to see such enthusiastic participants, ranging from skilled swimmers to those embracing the pool for the half-length races. The support and cheers from the spectators (both students, staff and parents) created a spirited environment, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the participants. The culmination event was two relays where the remainder of the classes cheered on their own class. Throughout the morning students had



received points for their class and the announcement of the winning class at the end of the morning had all students sitting on the edge of their seat. Congratulations to the winning class 3HB who received 162 points and to all participants in year 3!



Swimming Club

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

We have had an unprecedented first half of the swim club season, with storms affecting several of our Friday night meets. It is disappointing, but let's hope we have more success next Term. Thanks to all our volunteers, the club is very lucky to have such a great group of supportive parents.

This coming Friday is the club's Christmas Break-Up party, with pre-ordered pizza on the menu. There is no formal racing, but there are fun games and relays.

Swimming club re-commences on Friday, 2nd February 2024. New members are welcome for the second half of the season.

The order of events for the 2nd of February will be: - 13m/25m/50m Butterfly, Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and the 100m Butterfly is the special race for the night.

Congratulations to Cormac P, for breaking his own Boy's 9 years, 50m Freestyle pool record at the school interhouse carnival.

The Swim Club wishes all families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

MOST IMPROVED AT CLUB NIGHT

Congratulations to the following swimmers who had the greatest improvement on their previous best time this season. Only the breaststroke event was swum prior to the storm.

1 December 2023 – Club Night 9

STROKE

25m Breaststroke Eleanor C 6.45

50m Breaststroke Rose B 4.92

CONGRATULATIONS ON QUALIFYING

Listed here are the swimmers who are **under 10 years of age** who qualified this week for the 50m events. Swimmers 10 years and over are eligible for the 50m events without reaching a qualifying time. Swimmers do not have to swim the 50m, but it is nice to recognise this achievement.

50m Freestyle – Sub 23 seconds 50m

None this week

Backstroke – Sub 28 seconds 50m

None this week

Breaststroke – Sub 30 Seconds 50m

Joseph W – 25.03

Georgia M – 29.5

Butterfly – Sub 26 Seconds

None this week



P&C News Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS DECEMBER 2023-JANUARY 2024

The last day of trade for the Uniform Shop will be Wednesday 6/12/23 from 8.00am-10.30am.

The last day for online orders delivered to the classroom is Wednesday 6/12/23. Orders to be placed no later than 5pm Tuesday 5/12/23.

The Uniform Shop will be open for pick up of uniforms that were pre-ordered via Flexischools and also open to the public

2-5pm Wednesday 17/1/23
2-5pm Thursday 18/1/23

Online orders delivered to the classroom will commence Wednesday 24/1/24. Orders to be placed no later than 5pm Tuesday 23/1/24.

The Uniform Shop will then resume over the counter purchases from Wednesday 24/1/24 8.00am-10.30am and Saturday 27/1/24 9.00am-11.00am and continue for the term.

Please email the Uniform Shop at hpssuniformshop@gmail.com should you have any queries.

Sharon Taylor
Uniform Shop Manager

2024 Enrolment

Enrolments for In-catchment and out of catchment for 2024. If you wish to submit an enrolment application for

Prep 2024 for an in-catchment or sibling enrolment please submit in person or by email to admin@hollandparkss.eq.edu.au

Finance News

Year 6 and departing students who have credit amounts please contact the Finance team at accounts@hollandparkss.eq.edu.au to request a refund form. Year 6 families have recently been emailed statements and a copy of the refund request form.

Please note students enrolling in private schools or leaving the country can complicate the refund process, for prompt refunds please contact the Finance Department at your earliest convenience.

The school finance office cannot accept payment over the phone. Payment options include:

Bank Transfers via EFT:

Account Name: Holland Park State School
BSB: 064-112
Account Number: 00090133

Please use student's initial, family name and activity as the reference. If you are paying for more than 1 student please include the year level, student's initial and family name. E.g. J&B Smith

BPOINT:

Via QParents accounts or click the hyperlink on your invoice

EFTPOS: Finance Office has an EFTPOS Machine available between 8.30 and 10.00am. Please note the **old** administration and finance office is now known as I Block and is no longer our administration building.

Updating Parent Information

Please advise the Administration Office either via email at admin@hollandparkss.eq.edu.au QParents or contact the absence line on 3421 6260 if your child is going to be absent.

Community News – School Crossing Safety

Regulatory signs inform you of traffic laws and regulations—they tell you what you, as a Queensland Road user, must do by law in different situations (where it may not be otherwise obvious). Regulatory signs also include parking zone signs and can appear with supplementary signs. Obeying these signs will help to protect:

- you
- your passengers
- other motorists
- bike or personal mobility device riders
- pedestrians.



For further information email secretary@hollandparksport.com.au



tennisforkids.com.au

GET STARTED TODAY

HURRY

FREE JUNIOR RACQUET for each new pupil starting school coaching!!

Enrolments NOW OPEN for Tennis HOT SHOTS next term!

ENROL ONLINE NOW at www.tennisforkids.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

Fun filled sessions ideal for beginner to intermediate level children looking to improve their tennis or commence lessons for the first time.

HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

ENROL NOW AT www.tennisforkids.com.au

Community News



START SWIMMING AT HOLLAND PARK

- ✓ Learn to Swim | Before & After School
- ✓ Squad Program | Stroke Correction
- ✓ Adult Squad | Adult Learn to Swim
- ✓ School Holiday Programs



BOOK A FREE SWIMMING ASSESSMENT

1800 979 739 | hpss@elementswimming.com.au



Holiday Outdoor Experience Mt Cotton

Challenge yourself to have fun!
scoutsqld.com.au

The Scout Queensland Outdoor Experience offers a wide variety of themed activities as well as camp craft opportunities to get young people outside these holidays! The following program depicts what themes are available each day of this program so you can select the days that sound most exciting, or get excited to try them all!

Monday 12 December Canoeing	Tuesday 13 December Archery	Wednesday 14 December Survival	Thursday 15 December Battling
Monday 16 December Rafting from Karingal	Tuesday 17 December Mountain Biking	Wednesday 18 December Scout Staff	

For bookings and more information check out the scout Queensland website.

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1 Karingal Rd,
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