**SOUTHERN STARS**

It was an absolute pleasure to take just over 60 students to the Southern stars performance on Friday. With the assistance of Mrs McPherson and Mrs Wheatley, we were very fortunate to be allocated front row seats right in front of where our own Helensburgh stars performed on the stage. Their performance was outstanding and we were all very proud of them. Over 3,000 public school students from across the Illawarra and South East performed in this event and the wealth of talent in this area is overwhelming. In fact, during the performance an announcement was made that a student from Unanderra Public School has been selected to perform the lead role as Annie in the upcoming stage performance.

**TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS**

Our Tournament of the Minds team competed at Nowra on Sunday against a number of teams from across the South Coast and Southern Highlands region. The team has been working together over the past 6 weeks, developing a dramatic performance based on Language and Literature. This was a highly complex task, with very specific marking criteria, and is renowned as a highly competitive competition. Thank you to Mr Campbell for your support in preparing our team for the event.

**SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES**

**TWITTER AND FACEBOOK**

Twitter is a social networking website that you can sign up for so that you can send out regular updates on what you are doing. The catch is that you need to use no more than 140 characters. Your updates are called “tweets”. Facebook is similar in that enables users to link with other users, with additional options that allow account holders to upload photographs. Students cannot access these at school, however misuse outside school hours can cause a great deal of unhappiness. What do you need to keep in mind if your children are tweeting or using Facebook?

Twitter and Facebook users must legally be at least 13 years old. Your child needs to be conscious of their choice of screen name - nothing that might provoke the wrong type of person being friends with them or their accounts being accessed by another person. Please remind your child to keep their password a secret..... don't even share it with a best friend! Users can be prosecuted under the telecommunications act and your child’s actions can be traced via your internet provider. Anything your child says on a tweet can be seen by anyone else looking at Twitter.

Remind your child not to say anything they wouldn’t want everyone else to know—this includes any personal information about their school name, address, sports teams, etc

Additional considerations:
- don’t upload photos that could identify them or their friends
- use the settings section to protect their updates from being viewed by anyone who they haven’t approved as a follower. This will also keep your child’s updates from appearing on the public timeline.
- Never allow your child to meet with anyone they have met through Twitter or Facebook unless they speak to you first.
- choose a username (online computer nickname) that doesn’t give away their real name or age.
- If someone says or does something that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should tell you.

More information about technology at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

**COLES VOUCHERS**

Please remember to ask for your Coles Sport for Schools Vouchers if shopping at Coles or Bi-Lo. Collection box in School Office.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The Seaciff Community of Schools Public Speaking Finals will be held at our school on Tuesday. Students in Stages 1, 2 and 3 from schools from Waniora to Helensburgh have competed in the elimination process and will now compete against each other in this important event.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

Applications for Kindergarten places for 2012 are currently open. It is necessary to conduct special placement meetings to discuss prospective enrolment applications, particularly the acceptance of out-of-area applicants. A placement panel needs to be established for out-of area applications before confirmation of placement can be made. To allow for successful allocation of places it is imperative that exact numbers for 2012 are known. If you have not yet returned your application to enrol, please do so as soon as possible.
**Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition**

The Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition was held in the school hall on Tuesday 23rd August. The brave Year 1 and Year 2 students need to be congratulated for the great job they did in presenting their prepared and impromptu speeches. The winner was Samuel W in 2H and the runner up was Matthew W in 2H. Congratulations! Samuel will go on to represent our school in the Northern Suburbs Public Speaking Competition. Good luck Samuel!

**Zone Outstanding Results Overall**

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Full results will be available in next week’s Highlights.

**Library News**

**Story Telling in the Library**

Last Thursday the students at Helensburgh were treated to a story telling performance in the library from Lilli Pang. In keeping with the book week theme of One World Many Stories, Lilli told a variety of stories from around the world including stories from India, Japan and the South Pacific. Using puppets to help with her stories and getting the students involved helped make the event a lot of fun for everyone. Lilli left on Saturday for the international story tellers convention in Singapore. We were very lucky to have such a talented performer donate her time to the children of Helensburgh and we would like to thank her again for her generosity.

**Book Fair**

Next week is the Helensburgh Public School book fair. Children will have a chance to browse the books and compile a wish list early in the week and purchase books on Thursday and Friday. For Parents the fair will be open for 30 minutes after school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Eftpos facilities will be available at these times so please make time to come in and see what we have to offer.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The challenge finishes on Wednesday. We currently have 187 students who have completed the challenge and had their reading records validated. Another 4 students are only a book or 2 away. It has been a fantastic effort by students and also by teachers particularly in Kindergarten and stage 1 to get so many children involved in this years challenge.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

**Sid the Serpent**

Sid the Serpent is coming to our school! Sid is a dancing circus snake who wants to sing. You can see Sid in a fun children’s opera play on September 12th in the school hall. Make sure you bring in your permission note and $6 to your class teacher. The note will be forwarded shortly.

**Stewart House**

Stewart House bags went home last week. Please return bags no later than Tuesday 30th August 2011. These can be returned to the room next to the infants COLA.

Mrs Anne – Marie Hurley (Relieving Principal)

**Important Dates to Remember**

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**Principal Awards**

Apologies to Olivia M, Beth W, Liam M whose names were omitted from last week’s highlights.

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**GATE ACCESS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

If access is needed to the school through the back gate please telephone and we will endeavour to unlock the gate for you but it will need to remain closed for safety and security reasons.

**CHICKEN POX**

We have had reports that chicken pox is going around. Here is some useful information.

The physical signs of chicken pox can include a slight fever, runny nose and feeling generally unwell for one or 2 days. Then a skin rash appears as raised, pink spots in successive crops on various parts of the body (sometimes inside the mouth) over the next 3 to 4 days. The spots form blisters, which break and form crusts and scab. It is highly contagious for 1-2 days before the rash appears, up until about 5 days after the rash is noticeable, when all the blisters scab. Chicken pox is spread by coughing (earily in the illness) or by direct contact with the skin sores once they appear. For more information www.kidspot.com.au

**Mrs Anne – Marie Hurley**

(Relieving Principal)
SRC News

The SRC has registered our school to support the cancer charity CanTeen by collecting old mobile phones. The phones will be recycled to raise funds for cancer research. The school benefits by gaining rewards according to the number of phones we collect. As few as 65 phones will get our school a SONY camera and 450 phones could earn us an interactive whiteboard! The phone collection bin will be located in the office foyer so let’s get the collection underway!

School Swimming Scheme

The Department of Education and Training School Swimming Scheme will take place at Engadine Swimming Pool from Monday 12th September to Friday 23rd September 2011. There are still places available. Please forward permission notes and full payment by Friday 2nd September.

Science Day

On Wednesday the 24th August students from Stage 2 and 2/3C attended the Stage 2 Science Day. Students rotated around the school in their class groups to different amazing science experiments conducted by parents with expertise or interest in a particular area of science. The students finished the day in the hall with a reptile show from Live Reptile Displays.

A big thank you to Jenni Greene for organising the event with me. Nick Greene for presenting the human body experiment, Scott Chambers and Kerrie Belter for presenting the egg flying machines and Andrew Christie for presenting the Gooey Slime. Also behind the scenes: Patrece Kennedy for organising the cardboard for the egg flying machines and containers for the bubble show and Chris Reid from the Australian Museum for organising the museum in a box experiment. Thanks to the cleaning staff for their understanding and hard work after the event. Also a big thank you to all the parent helpers that came on the day and to teachers and staff.

Michelle Chambers

Southern Stars

I would like to express my enormous appreciation to all the students and parents involved in the Southern Stars team this year. The show was amazing and this is due to the hard work, dedication and organisation of all the people involved. I would also like to thank our hard working school office ladies for all the extra work they have done to ensure that all the money and paperwork was perfectly organised.

I was extremely proud of our beautiful students involved. They had perfect behaviour at all times and were awarded with the ‘Neatest Area and Best Behaviour’ Award by the lady in charge of the room we waited in. There were over 1,000 children in that room, so it was a real honour to win! Thank you to Mrs Sida and Mrs Gersback for giving up some of their weekend to assist me. It was greatly appreciated.

Megan Macmillan.

Fathers Day Stall

The stall will be held Friday 2nd September and we ask that ALL money for presents be sent in to the class teacher by Tuesday 30th August. Any money not receipted before the day of the stall, (ie brought in on the day) may result in the child having to purchase a gift at the end of the stall as we will be monitoring the ratio of $10 to $5 gifts. Please fill in the form below, nominating how many presents of each price range are required. Please send money and note in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and the amount enclosed. Any cheques should be made out to Helensburgh Public School P&C and please do not include with any other school expenses.

Most presents will not be wrapped, because they have come to us in protective wrapping or boxes and we thought it better to send the gifts home the same way. Your child will have chosen the item with love from our display table and we ask that you remember this when they present you with it.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE STALL – your children’s education will benefit.

Childs name:_________________________ Class:_________________________
No. of $5 presents required __________ No. of $10 presents required ________

P&C NEWS

Fathers Day Stall

As with our Mothers Day stall held earlier this year we will also be holding a Fathers Day stall.

The stall will be held on Friday 2nd September.

The form for gifts is located on this page.

CANTEEN NEWS

Don’t forget to collect your Loftus pies Wed 31st August between 11am and 3.30pm.

Sushi is on its way again. Probably week 8 but watch this space.

Jan and Bronwyn

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email: helensburg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
web http://www.helensburg-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Community Notices

Playgroup Stanwell Park
Fridays 9.30 til Midday. Safe, Friendly, Atmosphere. Stanwell Park Childrens Centre. Contact Monique 0425 320 597

Coledale Public School Centenary
In 2012 Coledale Public School will be celebrating their Centenary.
The school invites present and past students, families and teachers to become a permanent part of our school history, by purchasing an engraved paver. For as little as $25 for a single paver or $50 for a double paver your name / message will be engraved into a paver, which will then be laid permanently in our school centenary path. Closing date for orders 26th August 2011. If interested, please contact the school or Joanne Chilton for further information and an order form. School Email: coledale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Ph: 42671885 Joanne Chilton - email :chilton@gotalk.net.au Ph: 42680415

MindQuest St George Girls HS
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 Sept 2011 the 56th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend for primary students Yrs 1-6 at St George Girls HS Victoria St Kogarah. Cost : $160 including GST Contact the Mrs Carter or the office or Shelagh Poray 02 4233 2328

Helensburgh Little Athletics
Little A’s is starting soon, first competition night is on Friday 9th September 2011. Anyone between the ages of 3 and 17 is most welcome! Registrations will take place at the Helensburgh Workers Club on Friday 26th August, Friday 2nd, Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th September between 6 and 8 PM.

Coledale Public School Centenary

However, the easiest, fastest, simplest way to become an athlete is through online rego at www.helensburgh-lac.com. Fees unchanged from last year if you register online. See you all there soon!!

Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Junior Surf Life Saving Club
Saturday 10 September - REGISTRATION DAY - 9am till 12 noon Outside Pizzarama, Walker St, Helensburgh
Saturday 17 September - REGISTRATION DAY - 10am till 1pm Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, Beach Road, Stanwell Park

Registration for Auditions for Wollongong NRE Hawks Cheerleaders
Registration Information is available online at hawks.com.au or by phoning 4229 7722. Registrations close Thursday 8 September at 5pm. Auditions will be held on Saturday 10th September. Juniors 6 to 12 years from 12 noon, Teens 13 to 17 years from 2pm Official Squad 18 years from 4pm

Musical instruments for Sale
Buescher Clarinet $380, Selmer Bundy Clarinet $380, Buescher Alto Saxophone $1100. All have been fully re-padded and serviced. If interested, please ring Alison Garvie 040 808 9262 or email agarvie@aapt.net.au

Helensburgh Hawks Amateur Swim Club
Registration dates: Saturday mornings 10 am to 12 pm outside Ezypool Shop (behind Helensburgh Post Office, next to R&R) 17th and 24th September. Or register on line at www.nswswimming.com.au Click on the ‘Member Portal’ and follow instructions - choose Helensburgh Hawks Swim Club. Swim club commences Monday, 10th October and meets Monday nights at 6.45pm at Helensburgh Swimming Pool. Come and join us for a fun night for all ages and abilities.

Coalcliff Nippers Registration
Registration Information is available online at coalfallsrlc.com.au or are also available on the day. New members are also required to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Highlights

I do not wish to receive a hard copy of the School Highlights.

Childs name:___________________________ Class:_________________________
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NICOLE'S ZUMBA CLASSES FOR 2011
ZUMBA IS ALL FUN AND ALL FITNESS COME AND GIVE IT A TRY IT’S A GREAT WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT AND KEEP FIT.
CLASS LOCATIONS AND TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
TUESDAYS: 7PM AT HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
THURSDAYS: 7PM AT MACKILLOP HALL, MACMILLAN ST
HELENSBURGH (OPP HOLY CROSS SCHOOL)
SATURDAYS: 9AM AT HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL
COST: $10 PER CLASS FOR ADULTS AND $7 PER CLASS FOR STUDENTS WHAT TO BRING: A DRINK AND A SMILE.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

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Memberships for only $14.50 per week
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Fun 4 U Helensburgh Before After School and Vacation Care
We have our vacation program out for the September/October holidays
If you are requiring care please come and see a staff member or contact us on 0431 099 608 or 0431 199150
Bookings must be made by the 8th September

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