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Helensburgh Highlights

Helensburgh Public School

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

History Week 2011: 3-11 September – EAT History
This week is History Week. The theme for History Week 2011 will be EAT History. History Week 2011 will bring to the table the Edible, Appetising and Tasty history of food. During History Week, community groups, local councils, libraries, archives, museums, universities, cultural institutions, professional and amateur historians across NSW open their doors to present the latest in today's historical research - fascinating stories, artefacts and experiences about both our past and ourselves today. For more information:

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY
1876 - C J Dennis, Australian journalist, poet and author of 'The Sentimental Bloke', is born.
1936 - The last known Thylacine, or Tasmanian Tiger, dies.
1936 - Buddy Holly, rock 'n' roll singer of the 1950s, is born

CANBERRA EXCURSION
There was a great deal of excitement when the Year 5s arrived at school this morning ready for their excursion to Canberra. After having studied the complexities of the Australian parliamentary system they will now spend 3 days in Canberra gaining a range of practical, hands on experiences at Parliament House and having lots of fun at other venues such as Questacon. I am sure that they will all have a great time and will return on Wednesday with lots of fun-filled stories.

PUBLIC SECTOR STOP WORK
As many of you have heard a state government public sector stop work rally has been scheduled for this Thursday. As all classroom teachers will be attending this meeting no classroom programs will be operating and no supervision will be available.

We have been advised by Fun 4U that they will be operating for the day if 20 or more students attend. Please contact Fun 4U should you require their service.
PH 0431 099 608

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to Therese Merchant and the P&C for organising the Father’s Day stall at school on Friday. Parents were very busy organising a wonderful range of presents and the children were very excited about having the opportunity to purchase a special gift. I hope that everyone enjoyed their Father’s Day, or took a moment to reflect on the special times they have spent with their fathers or grandfathers.

CHICKS R US
The children from K-6R can’t wait to get to school because every day they arrive they find new members of their class! Chicks R Us is a program where the students have the opportunity to watch chickens hatch from eggs in an incubator and then watch them grow over a period of 2 weeks. K-6R are very busy using the chicks as the focus of their work in all Key Learning Areas and each chick has been given a special name – like Falcon and Jitterbug! The chicks are also an attraction for other children at school.

Of the 12 eggs in the incubator 12 chicks hatched successfully and are growing rapidly. The chickens are available for sale at the conclusion of the program, at the end of this week, if you are interested please contact Miss Rule for further information.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Helensburgh hosted the Northern Suburbs Public Speaking Finals and we were very proud of our representatives from in Stages 1, 2 and 3. Our school was represented by Samuel W (Stage 1), Kye B (Stage 2) and Lucy McE (Stage 3). Each of our students spoke very confidently with some difficult topics chosen for the impromptu speech. The experience was fantastic for all our representatives who spoke extremely well on a very large and daunting stage in front of a large audience. Great work everyone!

MEMORIAL WALL
A special ‘thank you’ to Midge Oldfield for completing the final stage of construction of the Memorial Wall, which is located beside the flagpole.

Thank you to Year 6 2010 for this wonderful gift to the school. This thoughtful tribute to past students will become increasingly significant in future years as the school continues to make links with the history of the Helensburgh community as 2012 marks the schools 125th anniversary.

Mrs Anne – Marie Hurley
(Relieving Principal)

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

For our childrens safety, no peanuts/ nut products, please!
## Important Dates to Remember

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## School Swimming Scheme

Swimming Scheme money is now due if you have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible to ensure your place in the Scheme.

Thank You
Mrs King and Mrs Stillwell

## Kindergarten Monster Party

The invitations have been sent home and we would like the children to reply. If anyone is missing the note please let the teachers know. The party is on Friday 16th September.

Thank you
Mrs Badham

## Book Fair

This week is the Helensburgh Public School Book Fair. All week there will be thousands of books for sale with a percentage of sales going towards new books for the library.

Children will be visiting the book fair early in the week to make out wish lists of the books they want. If you would like to buy the books on your child’s wish list then return the wish list together with money or credit card details in an envelope to your child’s class teacher. Books will be distributed to classes on Friday. Any books we sell out of will be ordered for your child. The Book Fair will also be open until 3.30pm after school on Tuesday and Friday if parents would like to look through.

Book fair also presents a great opportunity for families to donate books to the school. Children who donate books will be acknowledged in the front of the book and will be the first to borrow the donated book.

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 was sent home last week.

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### Library News

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### Principal Awards

| KB   | Coco B, Ava Belle B, Abbey F, Amelia McM, Erin P, Keira R, Chloe T, Arki T, Tyler E, Ethan J |
| KF   | Shaylee T, Dash M, Jake S  |
| KW   | Ella D, Jemma G, Eden M, Kye E |
| 1HT  | Koby O, Jayden R |
| 1G   | Ryan A, Riley McR, Bowen W |
| 1K   | Annalise N, Sabina R, Alysia W, Matthew B, Jaxon G |
| 2S   | Aidan S |
| 2H   | Ashleigh T, Jade W, Justin B, Joshua D, Jye M, Kai T, Samuel W |
| 3S   | Cristen S, Bronte S, Nathan B, Jack S, Broughton W |
| 3J   | Angel D, Tarleigh G, Blake T |
| 4L   | Molly B, Lara D x2, Amy L, Taylor T, Byron H, Jiah P, Sam W |
| 4/5T | Piper R |

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Intranet/Blog/Website News

Students in 2/3C and Years 3-6 have been working fantastically in RFF this term and are currently working on their COGS contracts, blog activities and completing their ICT tasks for the term. 2/3C are creating what we are calling a ‘virtual museum’ about themselves using a variety of programs. 31 & 3S have been producing podcasts using GarageBand on an Australian invention and are very close to completing their project. 3/4C & 4L are creating interactive posters called ‘glogs’ using the Glogster Edu website on their chosen World Heritage Listed Australian site and are doing a great job.

Stage 3 and 4T can now take off their investigative hats with a job well done with the crime “Horror in the Harvest’ being solved. They will now take on the role of reporters to inform us on how the Red Imported Fire Ant killed the Superb Fairy Wren in the Murray River, Renmark Catchment Area. 4T will begin creating ‘glogs’ and Year 6 producing podcasts this week on the crime. When Year 5 return from Canberra they will be creating ‘Voki’ reporters to explain what happened.

I truly hope that people are still visiting our website regularly even though they are now receiving a hard copy of the ‘Highlights’. The current copy plus all past copies of the Highlights are always available on the Highlights page of the website. Don’t forget to visit the Latest News page to view photos of all the events/excursions that have taken place this term and check out our Calendar page to see what’s happening for the rest of this term and all the events planned for Term 4.

Please also visit our Current Blogs’ page of the website to have a look at what our students have been busy blogging about this term. Ms Dowling and myself have been asked to present at the annual “All Schools Technology Day” about how teachers at Helensburgh PS are using blogging to enhance our students’ learning. It will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase all of our blogs at this conference to many teachers from a variety of regions including Sydney, Illawarra and the South Coast.

Mrs Sue Dowling

Year 6 Farewell

The end of the year is fast approaching and it’s time to start planning the Year 6 farewell.

Traditionally Year 5 host the farewell for Year 6. For this reason we are asking any interested parents of Yr 5 and 6 students to attend a planning meeting on Tuesday 13th September at 3.10pm. This will be held in 6P’s classroom. There are lots of things that need doing and many hands make light work. Mrs Butterfield will need people to look after ordering drinks, food, helping out with table decorations and wall and ceiling decorations, just to name a few of the jobs.

Please come and help out if you can. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact Mrs Butterfield at lisa.butterfield@det.nsw.edu.au

Lisa Butterfield
Assistant Principal

Band and Guitar Ensemble Update

A note was sent home on Monday regarding upcoming Band and guitar ensemble events. If you have not received this note please contact Mrs. Garvie via email (agarvie@aapt.net.au) for a copy. Phone 02 4294 8172 or 0408 089 262

Canteen News

Our planned Sushi Day will now be held early Term 4 due to Swimming Scheme commitments. Please watch out for the order form early next term.

We now have apple, orange and tropical 100% fruit juice poppers for sale @ $1.00, providing a cheaper healthier drink option for lunches.

We hope everyone enjoyed their Cheese and Bacon Roll meals last week. The response was very good and we thank everyone for their continued support.

Should your child find themselves without lunch one day we will always provide them with some lunch but we would ask that payment for this service be returned to the canteen promptly.

Jan and Bronwyn

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!
Stage 3
Environment Day
Excursion

Year 1
Bilo
Excursion
Community Notices

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

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. (Friday 9th September is a last chance back-up date).

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.

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
Saturday 10th September - Helensburgh Shopping Centre 10am - 12pm, Sunday 11th Sept - Coalcliff SLSC 10am-12pm, Sunday 18th September - Coalcliff SLSC 10am-12pm. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website www.coalcliffslsc.com.au or are also available on the day. New members are also required to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Otford School Fair
Saturday September 17, from 10am to 3pm. Special earlybird price available for unlimited rides on the day!!! Just $15 for as many goes as you like on ....giant inflatable slide, double reverse bungee (5 years +), sumo suit wrestling (5 years +), jumping castle. To order your earlybird wristband, please drop $15 in an envelope with your child’s name, school and a contact number (in case washed out and need to reimburse) on it to either Otford Public School or Paper Haven in Helensburgh. You can then pick up the wristband from the ticket “office” near the rides, on the day.

NB: Wristbands will be $20 on the day, or $5 for a single ride.

Helensburgh Rural Fire Service Open Day 24th September
Saturday, the 24th of September, from approximately 10am to 3pm. There will be a range of activities, including opportunities for children to have a go at using our fire equipment, as well as fire safety activities for kids and families.

Schoolz Out Holiday Program
Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate are available for all programs, some costing from as little as $11 per day. For more information www.ics.org.au

Highlights

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

Childs name: ____________________ Class: _______
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:

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THURSDAYS: 7PM AT MACKILLOP HALL, MACMILLAN ST HELENSBURGH (OPP HOLY CROSS SCHOOL)
SATURDAYS: 9AM AT HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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 199 150
Bookings must be made by the 8th September

Contact Kerrie-Lee* for a no obligation, no charge consultation. Phone 9545 2912 or email: office@risutherland.com.au
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