QUOTE OF THE DAY
The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind.
William James (1842 - 1910)

SCHOOL GATES
Gaining access to the school during school hours has been problematic for parents and visitors since the installation of the high fence around the school’s perimeter. In order to alleviate this problem, but still comply with safety requirements, Mr Hendry has now fitted each pedestrian gate with a lock similar to those that are found on pool gates. They are fitted to the outside of the 3 gates and can be opened by simply pulling the latch down. If you do enter through one of the gates during school hours please ensure that the gate is closed carefully behind you.

CANBERRA EXCURSION
The Year 5s had a wonderful time on their 3 day excursion to Canberra. They visited all sorts of fun and interesting places such as Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport, the war Memorial and Questacon, I even believe they went on a cruise around Lake Burley Griffin! Everyone returned with a big smile and lots of stories to share and I’m sure that everyone slept well on their first night home – especially Ms MacMillan and Mr Tuxford! Thank you Ms MacMillan and Mr Tuxford for organising this excursion which has become a highlight for Year 5s, and also to Shaun, Mr Webber and Mr Greene for volunteering your own time to give our students such a wonderful learning experience.

P&C MEETING
Tuesday 13th September. This week Mr Campbell will be presenting the Live Life Well program to the P&C for input and discussion. We will also be presenting and outlining our draft Environmental Education Plan, which includes classroom teaching and learning programs in addition to hands-on experiences.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
The results for Years 3 and 5 who sat the NAPLAN Assessment were sent home with students today. Information in the reports gives parents an indication of their child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. If you require any further information regarding your child’s results in these assessments, please contact your child’s teacher.

BOOK FAIR
Last week in the library we hosted a Scholastic Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many children getting excited about books. Final tallies of books sold have not yet been calculated but the fair was a great success and the children at Helensburgh will soon be seeing a lot of new books in the library thanks to the commission we received on books sold.

Thank you very much to all the parents who volunteered their time to make the fair a success, to the teachers for their help and flexibility during the week and to all the children for supporting the book fair. Happy Reading. Mr McQueen Teacher Librarian

Important Dates to Remember

Date  
Event  
12th Sept  
Special Swimming Scheme starts/Sid the Serpent Performance  
13th Sept  
P&C Meeting in staffroom 7.30pm  
15th Sept  
K-6 Assembly 1pm  
23rd Sept  
Last day of Term 3  
10th Oct  
Students return to school  
11th Oct  
P&C Meeting in staffroom 7.30pm  
13th Oct  
Assembly K-6 1pm  
19th Oct  
PSSA State Meeting in staffroom 7.30pm  
20th Oct  
PSSA State Athletics Carnival  
28th Nov  
Yr 6 Camp Mon 28/11/11 - Fri 2/12/11

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On Tuesday, 20th September, the SRC will be running a Pyjama Party Disco during school hours.

**JUNIOR DISCO (K-2)** - 12.20pm - 1.20pm
**SENIOR DISCO (3-6)** - 1.40pm - 2.40pm

Admission cost is $5.00 with $1 from every admission being donated to the [McGrath Foundation](http://www.mcgrathfoundation.com) to help raise funds for sufferers of breast cancer. Students will receive a poppa & packet of chips at the conclusion of the disco.

Clothing on the day is mufti with a pyjama party theme. Please be aware that in accordance with the standard dress code underwear must be worn under all pyjamas, closed in shoes are to be worn and thongs and sandals are unacceptable. Outfits for both boys and girls must have the midriff and shoulders covered and must be appropriate in length (midway between knee and thigh).

**Interschool Equestrian Event**

On Saturday 3rd September, four of our students Jasmine C, Teagan C, Tyara S and Monique C represented Helensburgh Public School in the Interschool Equestrian Event which was held at Bicentennial Park at Camden. Over 300 riders participated on the day. Riders were divided into age groups and each group had 25 riders. The day included Rider Classes, Hack Classes, Pairs, Best Educated/Presented, Show Hunter, Working Hunter and Show Jumping and finished with Sporting which includes Bending, Keyhole and Bounce Pony.

All the girls rode well and all came home with many ribbons.

Jasmine C 2nd in Pairs, 3rd in her Rider Class, 4th in Sporting.
Teagan C 1st in Pairs, 3rd in her Rider Class, 4th in Sporting.
Monique C 3rd in Rider Class.
Tyara S 1st in Best Presented, 1st in Best Educated, 1st in her Rider Class, 2nd in Pony 12 hands, 3rd Working Hunter. Congratulations to Tyara who was named Champion Rider and also won Champion for Year 3.

Well done girls!

**Bluescope Steel Rise and Shine**

The judging of the Bluescope Steel, Rise and Shine Environmental Schools Competition will take place at HPS on Wednesday 21st September.

**Canteen News**

Thursday 20th Sept is Pyjama Party day and in the theme we will be having a pink day. Cakes, jellies, fairy bread etc will be on sale at lunch time.

Our Sushi day will be held Wednesday 19th October (week 2). Order forms will go home week 1 next term.

Watch out for Freaky Friday Fun Day – 28th October. We hope to have some special meal deals available that day as well as some freaky treats on sale at lunch.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Nuggets are only available on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**. Please do not order on other days or your child may be disappointed.

Term 4 canteen menu will be included in next week’s Highlights and is available on the web site. Thank you for your continued support.

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!
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Community Notices

For Sale
Kawai Keyboard $80 and Rinnai Gas Heater $150 Ph 0421 827 685

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.

Lost
Razor Pro Scooter - Red Handles grips At Bi Lo Wednesday 7th September If found please call 0419 483 283

Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Presentation Day
Sunday 18th September 3pm at the Workers Club

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

Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Junior Surf Life Saving Club
Saturday 17 September - REGISTRATION DAY - 10am till 1pm Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, Beach Road, Stanwell Park

Musical instruments for Sale
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.

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Coalcliff Nippers Registration
Sunday 18th September - Coalcliff SLSC 10am-12pm . Registration forms can be downloaded from our website www.coalcliffsWSC.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.

Community Strategic Plan; Wollongong 2022
With the launch of a Community Strategic Plan; Wollongong 2022 fast approaching. We are asking families to visit the Council website www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au to complete the 4 questions in the online survey. The survey closes on 4th October 2011 and register their interest to attend a Community Summit that will be held in Wollongong Town Hall on 29th & 30th October.

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Highlights

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

Childs name:____________________ Class:_____________
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