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**Helensburgh Highlights**

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which Helensburgh Public School is situated. We pay our respects to the Dharawal people and to elders past, present and the future.

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**Fletcher Street, Helensburgh, 2508.**

**PRINCIPAL REPORT**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

*Peace has never come from dropping bombs. Real peace comes from enlightenment and educating people to behave more in a divine manner.*  
Carlos Santana 2004

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It is with great regret that this will be my last newsletter while at Helensburgh Public School. First of all I would like to thank the students and staff for their warm welcome and support throughout my time here. To the Helensburgh school community I would also like to express my sincere appreciation. Thank you so much, it has been a joy to come to school every day. It is with great sadness that I am leaving Helensburgh, but I take away with me so many very fond memories and I am looking forward to the challenges ahead on my return to Otford.

Thank you for the amazing opportunity of working with a caring and committed whole school community.

Goodbye

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**BULLI HIGH STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM**

On Thursday our School Captains, Kane and Lucy, took part in a special Leadership Program designed and conducted by the School Captains of Bulli High School. School Captains from our Seadcliff Community of Schools travelled to Bulli High for a day of activities designed to enhance leadership skills. This was a wonderful opportunity to network with student leaders from our neighbouring schools and our Captains had a great day and learnt a great deal.

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**COMBINED SCHOOLS BAND REHEARSAL**

On Thursday 22nd September, the combined schools Performing Band will travel here to Helensburgh PS to participate in a rehearsal session for the instrumental festival. At this rehearsal, students from many schools across Wollongong will come together to rehearse the pieces which all participants will play. As well as the combined pieces, selected schools have chosen to perform individual items. Our band has been rehearsing well for their performance and we are all looking forward to the Festival. More information will be published next term.

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**CHILDREN BUYING UNHEALTHY FOOD BEFORE SCHOOL**

I would like to make parents aware that it has come to our attention students are stopping at the shop on the way to school and purchasing large quantities of lollies and energy drinks. Our school encourages children to eat a healthy diet as this helps to maintain concentration throughout the day and enhances their learning. Children should not be bringing lollies to school as they are not necessary.

Mrs Anne – Marie Hurley  
(Relieving Principal)

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**Important Dates to Remember**

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**Monster Party**

Thank you to all the parents who helped us with the 2011 Kindergarten Monster Party. It was a great success. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed making paper plate monsters, monster party hats and playing pin the tail on the monster. Mrs Hurley joined in the fun too. She made a meanie face biscuit to eat with her drink of “mud” cordial!

A special thanks to Mrs Fuller for her wonderful organisation of the day.

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**Band Fees**

Please ensure all band fees till the end of this term are paid to the school by Friday.

Training Band:  $50.00 per term  
Performance Band: $50.00 per term  
Instrument Hire: $25.00 per term

Thanks  Mrs Bannister

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Ph: (02) 4294 1332 or (02) 4294 1050
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 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).

Incredibly it's the end of another term! Please visit the Stage 1, 2 & 3 Students’ Work pages on the school website to see a selection of our students’ ICT projects this term in RFF, that have all been published on each students’ iWeb site on our Intranet. 2/3C’s ‘virtual museums’, 3S & 3J’s Australian invention podcasts and 3/4C & 4L’s ‘glogs’ on Australian World Heritage sites are well worth a look. Summations of Murder Under the Microscope can be seen in 4T’s ‘glogs’, Year 5’s reporter ‘Vokis’ and Year 6’s news podcasts. A great effort everyone!

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. Don’t forget to visit the Latest News’ page of the school website to view photos of all events/excursions you may have missed this term and check out our Calendar’ page to see what’s happening next term.

Wishing everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday break and students please remember to check out your RFF blogs every now and then for some holiday activities!

Mrs Sue Dowling

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.

Foreign Coins
Please check that no foreign coins are sent in to the office when making payments. They will be returned to you as we are unable to bank the foreign coin.

Thank You

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!

Library News

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Book Poll
The library recently ran a poll through our library blog, asking children to vote for their favourite early childhood book from the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlist. Children at Helensburgh overwhelmingly liked the book The Tall Man and the 12 Babies by Tom Niland-Champion and Kilmeny Niland. This book gathered 48% of all votes with The Deep End by Ursula Dubusarsky coming in second with 24%. Thank you to all the children who voted in the poll.

CBCA Winners
The winners in each of the categories for book of the year this year were:
Early Childhood: Maudie and Bear by Jan Ormerod, Illustrations Freya Blackwood
Picture Book of the Year: Joint Winner, Mirror by Jeanie Baker, Hamlet by Nicki Greenberg
Younger Readers: The Red Wind by Isobelle Carmody
Eve Pownall Award (non-fiction): The Return of the Word Spy by Ursula Dubusarsky, Illustrations Tobbi Riddle

All of these books plus the other shortlisted books are available in our library and are great reads for both parents and children.

Mr McQueen Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN NEWS
Tuesday 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 21st 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 is available on the web site.
Thank you for your continued support
Jan and Bronwyn

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For Sale
Kawai Keyboard + stand $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

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

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.

North Wollongong Surf Club Registration days:
Sunday - September 18th and 25th 10am to 1pm at the Surf Club Proficiency Swim at the Uni pool from 1pm to 3pm on both days New members welcome Enquires David Meredith Club Development Officer Ph: 0404 837765

CatholicCare Workshops Term 4
Term 4 workshops available, please call on 4227 1122.

Friends of Wollongong Botanic Garden Teddy Bears Picnic
Sunday 16th October 10.30am - 2pm. Pack a lunch a lunch and your teddy. Special prizes to be won. A gold coin donation will enable you to ride on the trackless train, visit the petting farm and have your face painted. Ice cream and hot beverages available.

Scarborough Art Show October 8+9
Scarborough Public School
Lawrence Hargrave Drive
2km south of the Sea Cliff Drive
$5 adults $3 concession
Children under 13 free 10am-4pm
Art, Craft, Music, Food, Kids Activities

Highlights

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

Childs name: ____________________________  Class: ____________
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