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.

Helensburgh Public School

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

QUOTE OF THE DAY
The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.
B.B. King

KINDERGARTEN 2012 ORIENTATION DAY
Our first Kindergarten Orientation Day was a wonderful success with nearly 80 future Kinder students and their parents participating in a tabloid sports morning. The weather was warm and the atmosphere was alive with happy and smiling students engaged in exciting and challenging gross motor activities. Students had a great opportunity to meet new friends and mates from preschool. The teachers would like to thank all the parents who helped with the activities and fruit break.
The next orientation day will be held on Thursday 27th October at 12:40 pm and we would ask parents to drop off their child for the hour and enjoy a relaxing coffee uptown and return to pick up their child at 1:40 pm. This will help build your child’s independence and provide our staff with time to observe your child in the context of a classroom setting. It was great to meet many of the parents during this time and I look forward to speaking to many more at the Parent Information Evening on 2 November.

YEAR 2 MUSEUM BOX DAY
Last Tuesday Year 2 held an open session in the school hall to exhibit their special museum boxes. I was pleased to hear that many parents attended and took the time to ask each of the students interesting questions about their collections and personal treasures. Thanks to the teachers and students for a great show and to the parents and family members who provided some of the treasures and ask the difficult question of our Year 2 museum staff.

ILLAWARRA INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL
This coming Thursday 27th October our school band will be participating in the Annual Illawarra Instrumental Festival at the newly refurbished Wollongong Town Hall. I know they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school and we thank Mrs Garvie and Mr Tuxford for their dedication and commitment to our students. I look forward to experiencing their performance.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
This Friday 28th October is World Teachers’ Day, a time when we can celebrate the incredible contribution teachers make to the building of our nation. Many of us would have memories of a teacher who made a significant impact in our lives. But there are many teachers who, as unsung heroes, contribute year after year to the development of future generations.

Mr Christopher Connor
(Principal)

Important Dates to Remember

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Sport Vouchers
Sports for Schools vouchers has closed, if you have any vouchers at home please send them in immediately. They will be sent to Coles this week.

Attention Yr 5 Parents
St Mary Star of the Sea College / Edmund Rice College is holding a “Try Yr 7 for a Day” program, on Tuesday November 8th, for interested Yr 5 students. Registration forms are available from the office. Registration closes Fri 28th October 2011.

Lisa Butterfield
Assistant Principal

SOS
If there are any parents able to assist folding the vouchers Tuesday it will be greatly appreciated.
NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival
19th & 20th October, 2011. We had two days of beautiful weather and amazing results from our athletes. Krystal B-T (9 years) came 1st in her 100 metres heat, 1st in the semi final and 3rd in the finals (on her birthday!) Beau W (9 years) came 1st in his 100 metres heat, 2nd in the semi final and 5th in the finals. Tom K (11 years) came 5th in his 200 metres heat, 4th in his 800 metres heat and 5th place in the finals. They will now qualify to apply to compete at Nationals in 2012. I was very lucky to be able to watch them compete as I was an official on both days.

I was very proud of their performances and look forward to their future athletic pursuits. They all worked very hard in numerous training sessions in the lead up to the Zone, Area and State Carnivals with their athletic clubs, myself and their parents.

Congratulations Tom, Krystal and Beau.

Ms Anne-Maree Connolly
HPS Athletics Convener

Scholastic Book Club
All book club orders/money are due back at school by Friday, 28th October, 2011.

Library News

New Books in the Library
Lots of the books purchased as our commission from last terms book fair are now available in the library. Keep an eye on the new book shelves as there are still more new books on the way.

Thanks to the parents who have been covering all these books. There will be more books to cover from Wednesday afternoon.

Library Opening Times
Just a reminder that the library is open every morning from 8.35am for quiet reading and borrowing, every lunchtime except Monday and every afternoon for returning and borrowing only. Computers are not available after school and can only be used before school to complete homework or school work.

New Fish
We recently got 2 new fish in the library. Their names are Bubble and Squeak. Please come and have a look but remember Don’t touch the tank.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

Principal Awards

KB    Coco B, Jarrah C, Maeve O’D
KF    Abbie B, Kiara M, Madeline N, Byron M, Xavier P
KW    Georgia C, Freya R, Dane C
K/ID  Makayla B, Brooke D, Mimi R, Cooper R, Olivia C, Angus F
1HT   Jaida B, Emma C, Merryn S, Koby O
1K    Imagen B, Lara E
2H    Annalie I, Lara T-H, Jade Wa, Knox B, Joshua B, Samuel W
3J    Kaitlin P, Kynan P
2/3C  Holly E, Jasmin S, Chelsea-Rose G, Aimee K, Zoe T, Kyle F
3S    Senece B, Anne E, Eryn H, Rhiahn McI., Tahlia P, Blair B, Beau W
4L    Taylor T
**Grand Final Champions**
The HelenTops are a basketball team made up from years 3 and 4 that have dedicated their Mondays during Term Three to playing ball in the Bosco Basketball competition in Engadine. The team has earned the nickname 'The Giants' during the term for their height and big game. They went on to play for the championship on October 17. They played a great game overall with good defence, some great steals and sinking a number of three point shots. They won the play off and are the current Grand Final Champions!! Team members as they appear below; Gabe C, Jiah P, Nicola P, Nicholas B, Cam M and Drew W and the Bosco Blue Dogs in the bottom row. They are playing again this term and we wish them luck on maintaining their winning streak.

**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!

**P&C NEWS**
**Heathcote High School Uniforms**
Helensburgh PS P&C have organised with Claudine Clothing Co. to give you the opportunity to purchase Heathcote High School uniforms, at competitive prices, without having to travel to their store in Caringbah. On Wednesday 2nd November 2011 between 3pm & 6pm uniforms, in a variety of sizes, for both boys & girls will be available at our school for students to try on. We will take orders, with payment required at the time of ordering & Claudine’s will return the uniforms to our school for your collection. A price list will be available at the canteen & will be sent home closer to the date. This opportunity is primarily aimed at Year 7 students, however other sizes or items can be ordered for older students.

**Live Life Well**
**Great reasons to be active for children and parents**
- boosts confidence
- improves fitness
- makes bones and muscles stronger
- improves posture
- helps maintain a healthy weight
- lowers the risk of heart disease
- reduces stress
- improves sleep
- reduces the risk of cancer
- improves self confidence
- teachers you new skills
- develops better motor skills
- makes a person happier with their body
- lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.

**This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.**
For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!
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Helensburgh Public School Band Update

Tickets for the Instrument Festival
General admission tickets are on sale at the office. $12-adult, $6-child. If you brought in ticket money last Wednesday, but have not yet received your tickets please see Mrs. Garvie or Mrs. Bannister in the office.

Rehearsal  Thursday - Town Hall performance and rehearsal. All band members should have received a permission note to attend the rehearsal at Town Hall Thursday morning. If you have not received this note please see Mrs. Garvie as soon as possible. Please return these notes as soon as you can. Arrive at the school by 7:45am to meet the bus. What to bring to the rehearsal: your music, instrument, instrument stand (if you have one), morning tea, drink and lunch. What to wear to the rehearsal: regular school uniform, green shirts please. No sport or year 6 shirts.

Performance
Arrive by 6pm in the evening for the performance, doors open at 6:30 for parents, show begins at 7pm. What to bring to the show: your music, instrument, instrument stand (if you have one) What to wear to the performance: regular school uniform, green shirts please. No sport or year 6 shirts.

Saturday 29 October - Helensburgh Fair performance (10-10:20am). Arrive at Charles Harper Park no later than 9:30am to set up. What to bring: your music, 2 clothes pegs, instrument, music stand (if you have one). What to wear: dark top (preferably black), some sort of pants/shorts/skirt. I will provide the crazy ties.

Saturday 12 November - Festival of Flight performance (10-10:20am). Arrive at Stanwell Park (near the kiosk) no later than 9:30am to set up. What to bring: your music, 2 clothes pegs, instrument, music stand (if you have one). What to wear: dark top (preferably black), some sort of pants/shorts/skirt. I will provide the crazy ties.

If you have any questions about these performances, please contact me. Mrs. Garvie, 4294 8172, 0408 089 262, agarvie@aapt.net.au

CANTÉEN NEWS

DON'T FORGET!
Freaky Friday Fun Day – this Friday 28th October. Special treats on sale at lunchtime. No Mufti!
We are also holding a colouring competition. Entry forms sent home today. 20c to enter with a prize for each stage. Please return all entries to the canteen. ENTRIES CLOSE END OF LUNCH THURSDAY.

We will be compiling a new roster and we URGENTLY NEED helpers. This roster will be for 1st Term 2012. Canteen is approximately 1 day per month from 8.30 to 12.30. Without your help we can't run the canteen for the children.
Please fill out the form below and return to canteen A.S.A.P.
Thank you for your continued support.
Jan and Bronwyn

Canteen Helpers
Name______________________________________________Phone No.________________________
Child's Name_______________________________________________Class____________________
Day Preferred_______________________________________________Take me off roster_____________
Change of Day__________________________________________________________________________
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Community Notices

For Sale
Girls formal dress size 10 worn once Light blue and purples $25 Ph 0416 264 157

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

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

Spanish Lessons
Costs stay the same $10 for the first child, $5 for the second. If this is difficult just let me know. $90 for the first child add $45 for subsequent children. If your child has a birthday in this term please let me know so we can sing and make a fuss. Payment details have changed during this year so please take note for those transferring the money. If you are paying cash please put it in an envelope with your child's name otherwise I get very confused. Bank - Illawarra Credit Union Account Name - The Story Line Account number - 2653 3264 BSB - 802 249 We will be continuing with the verbs ser and estar throughout term 4 as well as working on vocabulary. Thanks and see you all soon. Lilli

Waniora Public School and Bulli High school
would like to invite you to Trivia for a Triathlete When: Friday 18th November Time: 7.00pm Where: Bulli High School Hall cost:$15 per seat, tables seat 10 Bring: Byo drink, nibblies and gold coins for games

Carolyn Morgan Fundraising Night
Carolyn has a rare disease called Gastroparesis which has paralysed her digestive system which means she can not eat or drink anything. There is no cure. Our aim is to raise money to assist with medical bills and ongoing medical care. Friday 25th November 7pm at the Helensburgh Workers Club tickets $40 all proceeds to Carolyn Morgan for medical expenses and ongoing treatment. Finger food, Live entertainment, auctions, raffles. Come and support a great local family.

Found
Children’s reading glasses at Engadine Pool on the last day of swimming lessons. Please contact Mrs Clarke

Helensburgh Lions’ Country Fair
Lions’ Country Fair this year is Home Grown! Be at Charles Harper Park on Saturday 29 October for our annual day of fair fun, food, entertainment, stalls and the Grand Parade. This year we have a home grown competition - dust off your secret recipe and enter your jam, chutney or pickle for a community taste test! Entries are $1 and can be collected from the Post Office or downloaded from www.helensburghlions.org.au . See the website for details and see you at the Fair!

Sydney Roosters Coaching Clinic
Kicking off at 11.00am boys and girls aged between 5 -15 years can learn the art of passing, tackling, general play and more, while having fun with the Sydney Roosters players for ONLY $5. Plus a FREE show bag. At the completion of the Coaching Clinic there will be an autograph session inside the Club for participants to meet their favourite Roosters players! This event is being held in conjunction with Berkeley Sports Club’s 40th Birthday Celebration, which will include FREE activities for children, including a jumping castle, face painting, clown, and a kids disco.

Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

Saver Plus is delivered by The Smith Family in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:
• have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
• are at least 18 years old
• have some regular income from work
• have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact
Lindal Jamieson-Brown, Saver Plus Worker at The Smith Family on 0427 489 234 or lindal.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

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