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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.

Helensburgh Public School

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

QUOTE OF THE DAY

If you want to be someone be yourself.

Anonymous

ILLAWARRA INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL

I had the great pleasure of attending the 42nd Illawarra Instrumental Festival held on Thursday 27 October at the Wollongong Town Hall. I was extremely impressed by the performance of our school band and the behaviour and conduct of our students. The opportunity to play in a mass band situation is a thrilling and memorable experience for those students who participated. I would like to thank Mrs Garvie for her excellent leadership and musicianship and Mr Tuxford for his guidance and encouragement. Our school band is certainly coming of age. Congratulations to everyone, you help make Helensburgh Public School a special place.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that all student absences from school must be followed by a note explaining your child’s absence to the class teacher. Long unexplained absences can have a detrimental effect on your child’s learning. Parents are also reminded that school starts at 8:55 am every morning and students may arrive as early as 8:25 am as staff will be on duty. Many eligible families have taken advantage of our excellent school bus system. Catching the school bus can take pressure off families by providing a free or inexpensive service. If students arrive late to school they must be signed in by an adult. Continued lateness to school can place children in a difficult position always having to catch up with work and explain to their friends.

BREAKFAST

A recent report indicates that an increasing number of children across Australia are skipping breakfast. Parents are encouraged to make sure their children have a substantial breakfast each morning before school. Teachers will tell you that by about 10:00 am it is easy to identify those students who have eaten breakfast and those who begin to lose concentration or become restless. Give them the best start possible by encouraging breakfast.

YEAR 4 VISIT TO HEATHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 4 students will be leaving the school by bus at 9.30am for an exciting visit to Heathcote HS on Thursday 3rd November. The cost is free and lunch will be provided by the High School. Students are to wear full school uniform.

STOPWORK MEETING

On Wednesday 2 November commencing at 8:30 am teaching staff from Helensburgh Public School will be participating in a two hour stop work meeting. The NSW Teachers Federation has called the meeting which will be held off site. Parents are advised that minimal supervision will be provided between 8:30 and 10:30 am on Wednesday. It is anticipated that normal classes will resume from 10:30 am.

Mr Christopher Connor
(Principal)

Important Dates to Remember

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Lost Property

A large variety of lunchboxes and drink bottles are in lost property. If you are missing any, please ask your child to check in the foyer as they will be disposed of late next week.

School Vouchers

Last call for school vouchers. Please send in ASAP.

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.
For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!
Sports For Schools Vouchers
A BIG thank you to everyone who sent the sports vouchers to school, especially the Helensburgh community who dropped them in or sent them in by mail! The students will really appreciate the new sports equipment when it arrives. We would also like to thank the students, staff and parents who assisted in cutting or folding the vouchers for packing – it was a massive task but everyone joined together as a team to get it finished in time. We will be mailing them to Coles this week and look forward to all the new equipment.

Year 6 Gala Day
Year 6 has been busy organising a Gala Day to be held on Monday 7th November between lunch and recess to raise funds for their farewell present to our school. Loads of great activities have been planned – face painting, a cake stall, lucky dips, obstacle course, nerf gun competitions, a second hand toy stall and much, much more! Each activity will cost a minimum of one ticket and these can be pre-ordered by filling out the Gala Day form (sent separately). Books of tickets (6, 10, 14 or 20 tickets) can also be purchased before school from Yr6 near the canteen on Gala Day Monday. Save your money kids, buy a booklet or two and have a great time at the Year 6 Gala Day!

Donations for Gala Day
Yr 6 would appreciate any cake donations to sell on Gala Day. Donations may be brought to Ms Macmillan’s room on the morning of Gala Day Monday 7th November. Much appreciated
Ms Macmillan

Bulli High School Yr 6 Orientation
Students attending Bulli HS will be having orientation on Monday 5th December 9.30 am to 12.30pm. Students will be picked up from school between 9 - 9.15 am by Greens buses, provided by Bulli HS

OOPS

Apologies to Joshua D 2H and Keely C 3/4C whose names were left out of last week’s Principal Awards

Live Life Well

Did you know…?
Sedentary living causes over 20 different health problems including heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Obesity can make nine different conditions worse including chronic back pain and stroke. Get active and stay healthy!

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!

Band Update
The Helensburgh Public School band took part in the Wollongong Combined Schools Instrument Festival last Thursday. The kids behaved very well and I was pleased and proud of their performance. Well done guys, pat yourselves on the back. You deserve it!

This past weekend the band is scheduled to open the Helensburgh Fair, playing from 10 to 10:20. I hope that many of you will be there to hear us.

The next performance of the band is the opening of the Stanwell Park Festival of Flight, Sunday November 13th at 10am. Band members please wear a black or dark coloured top, and bring your instrument, 2 clothes pegs, music and music stand (if you have one)

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

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Canteen News
A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Freaky Friday Fun Day.

There were some great entries in the colouring competition and a total of 20 prizes were awarded (5 per stage). All entries have been returned to your class teacher. We hope everyone enjoyed the treats on offer and thank you to Mr Connor for extending lunch slightly to allow everyone to be served.

Please note that toasted sandwiches/jaffles are not available during term 4 and nuggets only on Tuesday and Thursday. Small juice ($1.50) has been replaced with 100% juice poppers ($1.00) and we also stock small water (350ml) for $1.00.

An error appears in the Term 4 menu sent home – please change Up’n’go price to $1.70 not $1.50. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Canteen Xmas night out is being organised by Jan and details will be sent home soon. Keep the first Friday night in December free.

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

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Canteen Helpers

Name______________________________________________Phone No.________________________

Child’s Name_________________________________________Class________________________

Day Preferred________________________________________ Take me off roster _______________

Change of Day______________________________________________________________________

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P&C News

Christmas Raffle
The P&C are holding a major Christmas Raffle for Term 4. It will be drawn on Presentation Day 13th December.

1st prize is a bar fridge filled with Christmas cheer. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 and will be sent home later this week.

Please support this last fundraising event for 2011.

Thank You
Terese Merchant

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.

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Community Notices
Garage Sale
Saturday 5th November 8am 11 Otford Rd Helensburgh
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
$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.
Bank - Illawarra Credit Union Account Name - The Story Line Account number - 2653 3264 BSB - 802 249 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 Gastroperesis 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.
Host Family Opportunities In 2012
In January 2012 we will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families located in NSW who might be interested to host a student. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au
Free Support for Parents
ParentLine is free counselling for parents, carers and professionals (www.parentline.org.au) with a range of tip sheets for parents about contemporary issues facing families today, some parenting stories written by our counselling team that normalise parenting challenges and some links to other NSW wide services. Ph 1300 1300 52
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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!

BLUEFIT HELENSBURGH

Memberships for only $14.50 per week

Gymnastics classes for children aged 2 – 12 years, all boy classes available.

Have your next birthday party here out of the weather in our party room and save Mum the mess, hassle and stress. Affordable, easy and fun!

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