PRINCIPAL REPORT

QUOTE OF THE DAY
As knowledge increases, wonder deepens.
Charles Morgan

ENROLMENTS 2012
It is very important for parents who have children of school age to enrol them as soon as possible for the start of the 2012 school year. Presently we have four classes of Kindergarten students and additional students starting in other grades. I would encourage families to seek out any new families to the area and advice them that places are filling up fast and to contact the school as soon as possible to complete enrolment details.

KINDERGARTEN 2012
Last Wednesday evening 2nd November parents of new students commencing in 2012 gathered in the double Kindergarten rooms for our annual Parents Information Evening. Mrs Margaret Badham led an informative evening when parents received their A-Z of Schools folders and their School Information pack for 2012. Parents were also able to nominate which day they would like their child to participate in the Best Start program. Most parents completed their forms and handed them in on the night. If new parents have not nominated their child’s day please let the school know as soon as possible.

YEAR 5 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR 2013
I would remind any Year 5 parents who would like their child to be considered for a selective high school for Year 7 2013 that an application form and placement test will be required. Applications are now open. Details of due dates and application forms are available on the school blog. Just follow the link below.
https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/670614/helensburghpublicschoolblog/entry/applying_for_selective_high_school

Applications must be made online as a matter of priority as online applications close 21st November. But if any parents are for various circumstances without internet access a limited number of forms are available from the school.

STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL EARLY PROCEDURES
Parents are reminded that they must first report to the school office when picking up students early. Parents must sign out their child and take a completed Early Leavers Slip down to their child’s class and hand it to their child’s teacher.

Teachers have been instructed to redirect any parents or adults without early leavers slips back to the office to complete the form before their child is released into their care. This is an important security procedure to make sure students are leaving with the correct people and that at any time the school knows exactly who is present at school in the case of an emergency.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Helensburgh Public School has a wonderful history of excellent opportunities for students to excel in leading others. Throughout their educational journey students can nominate to become SRC representatives, Library monitors and sporting team captains. Senior students have the opportunity to serve their fellow students as Kinder Buddies, Peer Support Leaders, Prefects and School Captains and House Captains. We have come to that time in the school year when nominations will be called for students wishing to become Prefects or School Captain. I would ask parents to discuss this with their child and encourage them to participate if appropriate. To serve as a prefect is a great honour and students will need to be prepared to participate in a student election process and to undertake all the responsibilities of the role.

Mr Christopher Connor
(Principal)

Important Dates to Remember

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Year 6 Gala Day Change of Date
Year 6 has been busy organising a Gala Day to be held on Monday 14th 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, a second hand toy stall and much, much more! Participation in each activity will require a minimum of one raffle ticket. These can be pre-ordered by filling out the Gala Day form (sent separately). Tickets will be sold in books of 6, 10, 14 or 20 tickets starting at $3 for a book of 6 tickets. 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 14th November. Much appreciated  Ms Macmillan

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!

Yr 6 Farewell
Could the Yr 6 farewell group meet on Tuesday 8th November in Mrs Butterfield’s room at 3pm.
Mr Butterfield    Assistant Principal

Library News
Borrowing
In preparation for the library stock take, student borrowing will finish for the year at the end of this week. Children will be able to renew their borrowed books next week if they have not finished them but there will be no new borrowing. A reminder that children can borrow before or after school most days if they bring in a library bag. Overdue notes will be going home at the beginning of next week. I encourage families to have a good look for missing books before paying any money.
Mr McQueen   Teacher Librarian

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

Principal Awards

Live Life Well
Do an hour of physical activity everyday
Children need at least 60 minutes of activity each day. Children are not going to have enough physical activity while at school. Families can plan extra activity into their lives to make up the difference.

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Community Notices

For Sale
Girls bike 8-12 yrs with helmet as new $25 Ph 0416 264 157
For Sale
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
If your child has a birthday in this term please let me know so we can sing and make a fuss Payment details . 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

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.

Canteen News

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

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

Wollongong Junior Chess Club
JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT
2011 SPRING SUNDAY
(Under 18 Year Olds)
7 ROUND SWISS

WHEN: 10.00am Sunday 20 Nov 2011
WHERE: CRINGOLA COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL
32 Lake Ave CRINGOLA

Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups
Games will be rated by NSWJCL
Results will influence qualification to NSWJCL Country Championship
Entry Fee: $10
Arbiters and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI
Phone: (02) 4233 3080
e-mail: mazzieri@bigpond.com.au

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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!

CALL IN 338 CEMETERY ROAD HELENSBURGH OR CALL US ON 42942253

Canteen Helpers

Name_________________________________________ Phone No.________________________
Child’s Name_________________________________________ Class____________________
Day Preferred_________________________________________ Take me off roster _______________
Change of Day______________________________________________________________________

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