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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QUOTE OF THE DAY

It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well.

Rene Descartes

STAGE 1 SCIENCE DAY

This Wednesday 30 November students in Years 1 and 2 will be participating in an exciting day of science. Parent volunteers, many of whom are professional scientists or science enthusiasts, will be supporting Stage 1 teachers present a variety of interesting and fun-filled experiments. Each time we run our science days students get a real taste of what scientific investigation is all about. The day will conclude with a fascinating science show from our friends from the University of Wollongong Science Centre.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

On Thursday 1 December a special morning tea will be held for all our wonderful parent and community volunteers who support our students in classroom and co-curricular activities. We have many helpers who take time from their busy daily lives to assist and to enrich the education of the children of Helensburgh Public School. The school has always been open to the assistance parents and community members have been prepared to offer. We have volunteers assisting with reading groups, art lessons, Hubbard Street Reading Program, Infants and Primary sport, scripture and working in the canteen just to name a few. The school appreciates the commitment and dedication shown by our community volunteers and we want to take this opportunity to thank you.

BUS BEHAVIOUR

I would like to remind students and parents that travel to and from school on private buses is under the control of the NSW Department of Transport. Students must abide by a Code of Conduct and be excellent ambassadors for our school and their families. Any students who persistently break the Code of Conduct can receive warning letters from the bus company and can eventually have their bus pass removed or suspended for a period of time. I encourage all our students to behave in a manner that brings credit to themselves and honour to their school.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Student end of year reports are in the process of being finalised. It is expected that reports will be sent home by Friday 9 December.

BURGH’S GOT TALENT

Each year towards the end of term 4 the school SRC encourages students of every age to participate in “Burghs Got Talent”. Last week auditions were held and our judges had a hard time with over 70 acts to get through. Ms MacMillan and Mrs Gersback, assisted by our able SRC members, have narrowed the field down and the Showcase will be held on Thursday 15th December. This continues to be an event all students look forward to and it is amazing how much talent there is amongst our students.

Mr Christopher Connor
(Principal)

Important Dates to Remember

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This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!
Upcoming Assemblies
We are having two special assemblies to celebrate the achievements of our students. Please come along and join us for these special events. The details are as follows:

Special End of Year Assembly
Thursday 8th December at 9.30am
As this will be a K-6 assembly seating in the hall will be limited. At this assembly students from each K-6 class will receive their Principal’s Medallions for having earned the most class awards this year. PSSA Sportmanship, Library and SRC awards will be presented. The school choir, school band and Kindergarten will be performing. Please join us for this special occasion.

Presentation Day
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
Presentation Day is an assembly for Years 2 - 6. Class awards and special awards such as Academic Excellence, Citizenship, Performing Arts, Frank Fitzgerald Literature Award, Commitment to Learning, Environmental, Library, Sporting Champions and Sportmanship will be presented. The final roll call for Year 6 2011, and the announcement and induction of the school captains and prefects for 2012 will also take place. The school choir, school band and the Stage 1 dance groups will perform. Our school patron and special guests will also be in attendance.

Science Day for Stage 1
Our Science Day is sure to be lots of fun! It’s on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November in our classrooms and the hall. Year 1, 2H and 2S will participate. We have a team of hard working enthusiastic parents who are co-ordinating some fun activities for us and the Science Centre is going to present a science show in the afternoon. The cost of the day is $6 and students have already received a permission note which they need to return by 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to send in a large plastic recyclable empty soft drink bottle as we will need these on the day. Students should also have a paint shirt to cover their school uniform.

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.

SRC News
The SRC has joined forces with the St Vincent de Paul Society to make up food hampers for local residents. Please send in any suitable hampers items to Mrs Clarke before 5th December.

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
This week is our last band practice and Thursday lessons. :-(
Please return your expression of interest forms, alternately you can send an email to me and let me know about your plans for next year. There is a slight change to the band program next year and I can email the details to you. [bgarvie@aapt.net.au](mailto:bgarvie@aapt.net.au)

We are playing at the Special Assembly on Thursday the 8th of December, please arrive at normal band time so we can set up on the stage. This is the Santa hat concert, so come with festive head gear. All the students renting their instruments over the holiday will need to leave them with me after this concert so I can check them over the weekend. (if you want to rent over the holidays and have not yet filled in the rental form, please see me or check at the office to get a rental form)

We are also playing at Presentation Day on Tuesday 13 December, please arrive at normal band time to set up, we begin playing at 9am, the assembly starts at 9:30. We will be playing all the songs we worked on this year, so please bring your folders. Those students not renting over the holidays will need to return their instruments to me after this concert for checking, maintenance and cleaning.

Alison Garvie 040 808 9262

Library News

Lunch Times
In preparation for next weeks stock take the library will no longer be open at lunchtimes. Thank you everyone who enjoyed spending some of their break times in the library this year.

Overdue Books
All books that have been borrowed from the library this year are now overdue and need to be returned ASAP. Overdue notices will be issued this week. Please look carefully for any books that you are asked to return. Remember library books sometimes end up on class bookshelves so if you can’t find the book at home try your classroom. Thank you to everyone who has returned all their books, paid for lost books, or has contacted me with issues about overdue books.

Stephen McQueen
Teacher Librarian
Rainy day activities
Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

* build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
* play hide and seek
* play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
* have a dance competition or disco at home
* set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).

Cheese & Bacon Roll day was very popular again and we thank you for your continued support. It is our intention to repeat these days every term.

Keep up the good work eating apples. We can slinky one of ours for 50c or bring your own for 20c. Great for fruit break.

Limited jellies will be available each Friday for 50c each. These are “green” treats, considered healthy and provide a variety for the children.

Friday 9th December will be our Xmas Fun Day with special treats available at lunch time.

New rosters for Term 1 2012 will be distributed soon.
We are sorry to report that our canteen night out has been cancelled. We were looking forward to being able to thank all our canteen volunteers in person for your great efforts this year. Instead we intend to hold a canteen reunion early next year in keeping with the 125 year anniversary celebrations. All current and past volunteers are very welcome and information will be forwarded to you early term 1 2012.

If your child has forgotten lunch or shared it with the cockatoos, canteen is always available to assist, all we ask is that you help us by paying your account A.S.A.P. Thank you to everyone who has paid up on their accounts – it is very much appreciated.

Reusable Lunch Bags – We still have some of these very useful lunch bags available for sale. The standard bag sells for $13 while the cooler bag option sells for $15. Please call by the canteen to view these if you are unsure about them.

Library bags - a new style library bag is now available from the canteen for $6. These are very versatile and should last as long as your child does at Helensburgh Public.

Uniforms – we are currently holding good stocks of most uniform items, so please feel free to use our services between 7.30am and 12.30pm. Busiest periods between 8.30 and 9am and 11.30 and 12.30 may encounter short delays but please be patient. Remember uniforms are now included in the education rebate so we issue tax receipts. If we are restricted by time when you visit a receipt will be issued later and sent to class.

Thank you for your continued support.
Jan and Bronwyn

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.
Any donations for the Christmas Hamper would be greatly appreciated. Please leave at the Office.
Please support this last fundraising event for 2011.

Thank You
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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!

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Girls size 8 plain black leotard, size 13 beige jazz shoes. Susan 0409 661169

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Rinnai Gas Heater $150 Ph 0421 827 685

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Girls Complete Uniform Package. Polo Shirts, Sloppy Joes, Pants, Skorts, Tights, etc 12 items in total. Being sold by the original owner. In Excellent/As New condition. $60 Girls bike Excellent condition. Suitable for 8-10 yrs with helmet. $25 Helensburgh Little Athletics Girls 2 Piece Suit. Size 12. $20

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