QUOTE OF THE DAY
An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.
Benjamin Franklin

STUDENT REPORTS
This Friday your child will be bringing home their end of year report. This report focuses on your child’s learning development during Semester Two in relation to the NSW syllabus outcomes in all Key Learning Areas (Subjects). The key subjects of Mathematics and English will have performance indicators carefully selected by teachers to be representative of the areas of learning presented to your child during this semester. Students will be graded on an A to E scale remembering that a C grading represents Sound Achievement or expectant level for that grade. This would mean a student who scores C – Sound Achievement is working competently at their grade level.

UNIFORM
It is the little things that make the difference. Overall the standard of uniform at Helensburgh Public School is very good but there are areas where we need to lift student presentation and address issues of safety. We need to make sure our students have black school shoes for the start of the 2012 school year. At present we have a number of variations that have crept into student use. I am concerned that given the nature of school activities some students are putting themselves in danger of slipping out of ballet like flat slip-ons or turning their ankles in shoes that are soft sided elastic slip-ons. A sturdy pair of leather black school shoes will last much longer than some of the trendy brightly coloured skate shoes some students are wearing. The school uniform policy clearly indicates black leather school shoes for everyday use and joggers for sport.

I don’t see the need for students to be wearing brightly coloured or ornate headbands and hair ties. In the same category would be necklaces, bangles and wristbands. These only detract from the uniform and can be lost or easily broken when students are playing. For safety might I request that earrings be simple studs or sleepers to avoid accidents and loss. I wish to avoid a situation where a student could be injured.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA
On Thursday 1 December a special morning tea was held for all our wonderful parent and community volunteers who support our students in classroom and co-curricula 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 always acknowledge your contribution to the school.

Don’t forget Special Assembly this Thursday 8 December commencing at 9:30 am for the presentation of my Principal’s Medallions.

Mr Christopher Connor
(Principal)

Important Dates to Remember

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Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
We have been advised of a confirmed case of Whooping Cough. Information can be found on the Department of Health website.

2012 Classes
If your child will be in years 1-6 in 2012 and will not be returning to this school can you please advise me as soon as possible.
**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 Sportsmanship, 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 13th 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 Sportsmanship 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.

**2H and 2S ‘Product and Services’ Picnic Day**
Tuesday 6th December

A reminder children are to bring their picnic items to school tomorrow to share with their groups. We will be on the top oval, playing games and having our picnic! Parents welcome to join us! 10am - 11.25am

Thank you
Mrs Hebden and Ms Stillwell

**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**

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. (agarvie@aapt.net.au)

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)

Presentation Day on Tuesday 13 December

Please arrive at normal band time to set up on the grassy knoll, 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**

Library is now closed for stocktake. Thank you to everyone who used the library this year. If you still have books to return, please return them to Mr McQueen in the library.

Stephen McQueen
Teacher Librarian

**Live Life Well**

**Encourage fair play**

Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity. Parents can encourage fair play by:

* Emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning.
* Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams.
* Talking about the game not the result.

For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or phone 131 302.
**Canteen News**

This Friday 9th December is our Xmas Fun Day. Special treats will be available to buy at lunch time ranging in cost from 20c to $1.00

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.

New rosters for Term 1 2012 will be sent home this week.

**Help Required** - we require the help of a licensed electrician to connect our new oven. If you have some time available to help us out it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the school or the canteen. Time can be arranged during the Xmas break if needed.

**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.

**Special Assembly** - we will be serving tea and coffee etc before the commencement of the assembly but we will close during the assembly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jan and Bronwyn

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**P&C News**

**Christmas Raffle**
The P&C major Christmas Raffle 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 return all tickets sold or unsold and money to the office by Friday 9th December.

Thank you for supporting this last fundraising event for 2011.

Terese Merchant

The canteen has just taken delivery of a new oven and would really appreciate the services of a qualified electrician to properly install the unit. If any parent is able to help with this, please call the office on 4294 1332 and ask to speak to Jan or Bronwyn in the canteen.

The P&C's 125 anniversary committee is meeting tomorrow afternoon in the staffroom. You are most welcome to come along with ideas to help us organise a celebration of 125 years of quality education at Helensburgh Public School.

There will be a working bee at school on Sunday 11 December at 9am. Many hands will make the area easier to maintain over the Christmas break, so please bring hats, sunscreen, water and a strong back if you are able to help on that day.

The final P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us for the final 'official bits' for the year and then a little Christmas cheer. The P&C would like to thank all our wonderful staff - teachers, SAS and canteen - for their great work and support throughout 2011. We would also like to thank all the parents who have contributed in so many ways to make our school a terrific place for our children to grow and learn. Season's Greetings to all!
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For Sale.

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. $50 Girls bike Excellent condition. Suitable for 8-10 yrs with helmet. $20 Helensburgh Little Athletics Girls 2 Piece Suit. Size 12. $15

Playgroup Stanwell Park
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If you just want to have a taste of circus then Call 4285 0066 to find out more or make a booking. Classes start at $70.

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Elona Rey-Costa, elona.rc@gmail.com, mobile: 0431267564

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Saturday 10 December 2011 at Charles Harper Park
* 6:30pm to 9:30pm - Entertainment and Carols
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* Visit from Santa
* Candles and glow-sticks will be available to purchase at the Park
* BYO blanket

Colouring Competition for Primary School Children
WIN one of three family season passes to the Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli Showground 12-15 January 2012
You can pick up your entry from Wollongong City Council libraries or our webpage: http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/page/ColouringInCompetition/
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Inspired to change a child’s life?
Stand alongside us at CareSouth in helping children and families in our community who are going through a tough time.

How can you help? Consider becoming a CareSouth Foster Carer or Respite Carer, volunteer to become an Aunty or Uncle, or join the Family Choices Program as a part-time carer for children with disabilities.

Please give us a call on 02 4423 6833 or 1300 554 260 to join our team - we would love to hear from you!

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- THURSDAYS: 7PM AT MACKILLOP HALL, MACMILLAN ST HELENSBURGH (OPP HOLY CROSS SCHOOL)
- SATURDAYS: 9AM AT HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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