PRINCIPAL REPORT

YOUNG LEADERS
Last Monday 26 March 2012, I had the privilege of taking our school captains and prefects on an excursion to the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Our school leaders joined 6,500 other Year 5 and 6 students from across the state at the 2012 Halogen Foundation Young Leaders Conference. Our leaders had the opportunity to hear from outstanding speakers including Ruben Meerman, Tom Harley, Ronni Kahn, Mike Martin and Anh Do. I know the students from our school who attended received great advice and tips on becoming the best possible leader they can become.

Police Youth Liaison Officer Visits our School
Last Thursday we had a visit to the school from the Police Youth Liaison Officer, Alison Burke, who talked to classes about keeping themselves safe and bullying. At the end of Term 4 2011 the school identified with the parent body the need to review our student welfare policies. This visit was the start of a number of initiatives to address bullying and student personal safety and responsibility. Many of these initiatives and strategies will be in place during Term 2.

Parent/Teacher Interviews Continue this Week
During the course of this week interviews will continue between class teachers and parents. This will be a great opportunity for parents to receive feedback on the progress of their child and their attitude to learning. Teachers will be sharing examples of student’s work and results of any testing to date. If you have not registered for your interview I strongly suggest you contact the school as soon as possible.

EASTER HAT PARADE
This Thursday students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in our annual Easter Hat Parade. See separate note regarding time and organisation. I look forward to seeing the fascinating creations and the colour and excitement of the parade. Please remember that our P & C will be holding their traditional Easter raffles on the day.

125th School Caps
Our school canteen is now selling our 125th commemorative school caps for $10. Students may wear these caps to school for this year as a special recognition of our 125th year. 2013 will see a return to our normal school sun safe hat policy and uniform.

HAPPY EASTER
Easter is a special time of year, when families come together to exchange chocolate treats and to see what the Easter Bunny has delivered. It is also based around the Christian beliefs and customs surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time for us all to reflect on how the year has started and how our relationships with family and friends can be celebrated. At school, teachers will be reflecting on how our students have been performing academically and how we have encouraged resilience and social networks to develop.

I wish every family in our school a restful, relaxing and safe Easter break and we look forward to all our students returning refreshed, full of excitement and ready to learn.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Important Dates to Remember

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Kindergarten Fruit Kebab Day
To finish our unit on Healthy Habits, Kindergarten students made fruit kebabs last Friday. We would like to thank all the parents who sent in fruit and those who helped cut it. The day went very well and the children certainly enjoyed making and eating their kebabs. You can see pictures on KD’s and KB’s class blogs.

Thank you to Bilo who donated a large box of a variety of fruit. The children were able to eat fruit at recess too.

Kindergarten Teachers
CSIRO “Simple Machines”
On Tuesday 3rd April, 2/3M, 3J and 3S will be visited by the CSIRO. As part of their unit of study about simple machines, a specialist science educator will visit Helensburgh. The children will be impressed with great information and activities. They will even be allowed to experiment with Lego to make revolving playground equipment, cars, vehicles or winches. This day was postponed from last Tuesday due to the equipment not being available for the children. However, we were lucky that the day was only postponed one week. The children are sure to learn lots and have fun doing it!

Mrs Murray

Easter Hat Parade
On Thursday, 5th April, 2012, we will be having our Easter Hat Parade. All the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to make a hat to wear in the parade. Hats are to be made at home and brought to school on the day. There are no judges or prizes. Parents are welcome to watch the parade which starts at 10.00am under the K-2 COLA. Students may wear mufti.

Library News

Term 2 Book Fair and Author Visit
This year’s book fair will be held from May 4 to May 10. The book fair is always an exciting time and even more so as this year is the national year of reading. As part of the Bookfair we are having an author visit from local author Sandy Fussell. If you would like to pre-order any books by Sandy an order form has been attached to this edition of the highlights. Sandy has been short listed several times for the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s book of the year award and I can personally recommend these books for 8 – 12 year old readers. Have a great holiday!

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

Illawarra South East Region Junior Band Program 2012
The program is open for students Years 5 to 10 who have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years. The program begins with a 3 day/2 night residential camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from Sunday 29 April to Tuesday 1 May. We are looking for students who play any instruments. Further information and application forms can be found on the Regional Website: [www.rasouth.net](http://www.rasouth.net). Applications close on Friday 27 April 2012. Any questions please contact us at the emails below.

Greg Costello -Coordinator Mt Brown PS
gregory.costello@det.nsw.edu.au

Alison Garvie - Asst Coordinator Helensburgh PS
agarvie@aapt.net.au
4294 8172 or 0408 089 262 (m)

Intranet/Blog/Website News
Students in Year 3-6 have worked fantastically in RFF time this term. They have been busy working on their COGS contracts, blog activities and completing their ICT tasks for the term. If you regularly check the school news blog you would have already seen samples of all the new work completed this term that has been published on our Intranet. Please visit the 2 & 3 [Students' Work pages](http://www.helensburg-schools.nsw.edu.au) on the school website to see a selection of their efforts this term including glogs, iMovies and stop motion animations!

Please also visit our [Current Blogs’ page](http://www.helensburg-schools.nsw.edu.au) of the website to have a look at what our students have been busy blogging about this term. They would love you to make a comment! Don’t forget to visit the [Latest News’ page](http://www.helensburg-schools.nsw.edu.au) of the school website to view photos of all events/excursions this term and check out our [Calendar’ page](http://www.helensburg-schools.nsw.edu.au) to see what’s happening next term. Wishing everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday break and students please remember to check out your RFF blogs every now and then for some holiday activities!

Mrs Sue Dowling

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Stewart House clothing bags have been sent home. Please return filled bags to the old K-6R room near the K-2 playground (NOT school office) no later than the 26th April for collection.

Spare Clothing
If would be appreciated if parents of children in Years K-2 could place a spare pair of underpants and shorts in a plastic bag to be left in the bottom of their school bag in case of emergencies. The school does supply spare clothes in the case of accidents but due to the large number of children borrowing these clothes, the school is running short.
Also, if your child has been sent home wearing borrowed clothes, could you please wash and return them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs Sue Dowling
**Canteen News**

On Thursday 5th April (Hat Parade Day) we will be selling tea/coffee for $2 and “real” coffee for $3 as well as hot cross buns and some special treats. Normal lunch orders will be available. We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COINS. Lunch orders and counter sales will be rejected if they include foreign coins (even New Zealand). Please check coins before sending them to school. Coin machine counting (v weighing) is now being done by the Credit Union therefore we must also reject what they reject.

We will be conducting a lovely Winter Pie Drive again. Watch out early next term for order forms. New Term 2 & 3 price list is also available on the web site. This will take effect from Monday 23rd April (Term 2).

Thank you to everyone who supported the cheese and bacon roll day. We hope you all enjoyed the treat.

A very big thank you from the Childrens Hospital Westmead to everyone who purchased Bandage Bear merchandise. We have totally sold out and the total proceeds of $225 will be forwarded to help the children.

Don’t forget Sunfruits are now 3 for 20c and Yoghurt frogs are 15c each.

We are now selling “real” coffee (parents only) at the canteen. Cups are $3 each.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. See you all next term.

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**Uniform News**

125th Year Anniversary Caps have arrived and are on sale from the canteen at $10 each.

NO UNIFORM SALES ON THURSDAY. A separate table will be set up by the P&C to sell the Anniversary caps.

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**125th Anniversary Dinner**

Our 125th Anniversary Dinner will be held Saturday 21st July at the Workers Club. Tickets $40 each will be available from school early next term. Buy your own ticket or get a table of ten friends together. Ticket price includes: 2 course sit down meal, tea, coffee and drink voucher on arrival. Great value. For convenience we are seeking the assistance of a few local businesses to sell our tickets. If you could assist with this could you please contact Bronwyn Charman on 0423693629.

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**Apology from Engadine Zone Football Trial**

Daniel R was also chosen to trial for the Engadine Zone Football Team. Our apologies for not including Daniel’s name in the article. Congratulations Daniel for being invited to try out.

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**2012 NSW Little Athletics State Track & Field Championships Held at Sydney International Athletic Centre**

Three children from Helensburgh Public School attended this event on the weekend of 24/25 March 2012.

Dane came 9th in the Discus and 19th in the Shotput. Beau performed well coming 5th in the 70m, 6th in the 200m and 4th in his heat for the 100m.

Krystal had an amazing performance coming 4th in the 400m and winning Gold medals in the following events:
- 60m Hurdles
- 100m
- 200m

Krystal also broke the Australian record for 200mtrs and broke the State record for the 100mtrs.

Well done to those children - Helensburgh Public School is very proud of your achievements!
Mothers Day Stall

The stall will be held on Thursday 10th May (week 3 term 2) but we ask that **ALL money for presents** be sent in to the class teacher by **Monday 7th May**. Any money not receipted before the day of the stall, (ie brought in on the day) may result in the child having to purchase a gift at the end of the stall as we will be monitoring the ratio of $10 to $5 gifts.

Please fill in the form below, nominating how many presents of each price range are required. Please send money and note in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and the amount enclosed to your child’s teacher. **Any cheques should be made out to Helensburgh Public School P&C.**

The majority of presents will not be wrapped, because they have come to us in protective wrapping or boxes and we thought it better to send the gifts home the same way. It is suggested that all children bring a green/recyclable bag to school on the day of the stall as some of the presents are too large for the average school backpack.

Your child will have chosen the item with love from our display table and we ask that you remember this when they give it to you.

If you have more than one child at school and wish that your children select a present together, please send a note in to each of their teachers and it will be organised for them to choose a gift together.

It has been a lot of extra work for the Parents Auxiliary, but we believe that the choice and quality available using this system is substantially better. The popularity of this system is growing rapidly throughout many schools. We would appreciate ANY feedback, good or bad.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE STALL**—Your children will benefit.

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P&C NEWS

**Mothers Day Stall**
The P&C will be holding their Mothers day stall on Thursday 10th May. Gifts will be $5 and $10. Please see form attached to these highlights. Please support the stall your children will benefit from the proceeds.

**Annual Easter Raffle**
The P&C will be running their annual Easter Raffle again this year. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Please return any unsold tickets to the office. The raffle will be drawn Thursday 5th April, the last day of Term 1. If any children/families would like to donate eggs, a bunny or basket please leave them at the office before Monday 2nd April. Thank you for your continued support. HPS P&C

BAND UPDATE

Training band lessons will be held during performance band lessons next week (week 10). The schedule is as follows:

- **Monday** 1:45 (after recess) all Trumpet, 2:15 all Piano
- **Tuesday** 1:45 Clarinet Blue
- **Wednesday** 1:45 Clarinet Green, 2:15 Flute,
- **Thursday** First half lunch Trombone, Euphonium and Bass Guitar, Second half lunch Guitar, 1:45 Saxophones, 2:15 Bass Clarinet
- **Friday** Happy Easter

Alison Garvie [agarvie@aapt.net.au]
Community Notices

For Sale
Boys Malvern Star bike with gears $30 great buy before the holidays PH 0412 293 724

Playgroup Stanwell Park
Fridays 9.30 til Midday. Safe, Friendly, Atmosphere. Stanwell Park Children's Centre. Contact Monique
0425 320 597

Winter Sale at Claudine Schoolwear
10% Discount off all purchases made between Monday 19th March and Saturday 14th April 2012 23 President Ave Caringbah.

Lions Club Easter Scramble
Kids! Scramble for some delicious Easter eggs on Saturday, 7 April in Charles Harper Park with the Lions Club for our 4th Annual Scramble! Join us from 9am for a bacon & egg, sausage or pancakes with fresh fruit for breakfast and then a FREE science show for kids of all ages with Fly By Fun at around 9.45am. After the show, we Scramble! As in past years, there will be two Scrambles - bubs to 6 and then 7-12, and remember the Scramble rules - no pushing, shoving, swiping eggs and NO HATS or BAGS. If you can’t carry them in your hands, you can’t have them! Parents! Please bring along some eggs for the Easter basket so there’s enough for all to Scramble for! Looking forward to seeing lots of you for some chocolatey Easter fun!

CatholicCare
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Skoolzout!
School Holiday Program 10-20 April 2012 ages 5-12 Phone 02 4283 9900

April Holiday Program @ Half High Circus in Fairy Meadow
A Day at the Circus: A fun day filled with circus shenanigans of all sorts - aerials, tumbling, juggling, clowning - it's all happening at the circus! This program is always a huge hit; make sure you book in early! DATE: Easter Monday, 9 April 10am - 3pm. COST: $70 AGES: 5-12yrs Teensagers Circus Week: A week of intensive training for our circus teens, with a focus on fitness (oh how hardcore you will be by the end of this week!!!!!), aerials, tumbling, and any other fun circus stuff that people request. DATES: Monday 16 April - Friday 20 April, 12:30 - 2:30 each day COST: $120 AGES: 13yrs+ To Book In: Email: info@circusmonoxide.com.au or ring 4285 0066. Also please visit our website: www.circusmonoxide.com.au for any further inquiries.

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South Coast Region April Holiday Program 2012
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- TUESDAYS 7PM AT HELENSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
- THURSDAYS 7PM AT MACKILLOP HALL, MACMILLAN ST
  HELENBURGH (OPP HOLY CROSS SCHOOL)
- SATURDAYS 9AM AT HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Wollongong City Council
Lifeguards have a new recruit. He needs a name!

Make sure you follow these rules at the beach:
- Always swim between the red and yellow flags
- Read the safety signs
- Ask a Lifeguard or Lifesaver for safety advice
- Swim with a friend
- If you need help, stay calm and attract attention

The person that picks my new name will win one term of swimming lessons at Beacon Park pool!
Forward your name, age, phone number and your Lifeguard Name Suggestion (must begin with L) to:
Wollongong City Council, Lifeguards
E: contact@wollongongcity.nsw.gov.au
As Locked Bag 9221, Wollongong NSW 2500

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This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.
For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!