**WELCOME BACK**
The Easter holidays have come and gone and everyone, I am sure is very thankful for the warm sunny weather following all the rain last term. I have decided to call a halt to the consumption of chocolate as supplies across Australia must be at an all time low if my family is reflective of families across Helensburgh. I would like to also welcome new families who have decided to make Helensburgh home and to send their children to our great school. It is great to see how many students have taken up the option of the school commemorative 125th school cap. They look great and will be a great memento of this important milestone in the school’s history.

**SCHOOL ANZAC CEREMONY**
On Tuesday 24 April our school held its annual ANZAC service to honour all those who have served our nation in times of war and to maintain peace. Mr Kelly one of our school patrons assisted by Mr Saunders a bugler helped to make the day very special.

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**
This Thursday 26 April the school will be holding its annual Cross Country. The event will be held at Rex Jackson Oval and is open to all students in Years 3 to 6 and student who turn 8 years old in year 2 who have completed a permission form. Our school has a great history of excellent long distance runners and I look forward to uncovering the next generation of champions on Thursday. Special travel arrangements can be found in our recent notes section of the school website.

**BUILDING CHANGES**
Over the Easter break the entrance to KB and KF classrooms were remodelled and new improved doors and windows have been added. The doors and new aluminium windows have given the Kindergarten block a real lift. A number of classrooms have also have had air-conditioning installed. This should improve the learning environment for the students of 1C, 1/2K, K/1G and 2/3M.

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**Did You Know…….**
In July 1886 an application for a school in Helensburgh to the Department of Public Instruction (now the Department of Education) was rejected. The first resident of Helensburgh, who was also the first mine manager, Mr Charles Harper, did not accept their decision and in early 1887 was prompt to reply in writing for the establishment of a school as, in the future, Helensburgh would be a thriving township and a school would be required. On 17th July 1887 the school was officially opened on the existing site under the charge of Mr Edwin Byrnes, the first Headmaster. Mr Byrnes was assisted by ‘Pupil Teachers’, who's ages ranged from 13 to 19 years. The total enrolment was 102, with an average of 85 pupils attending most days.

Mr Edwin Byrnes
aged 21
1887

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**Important Dates to Remember**

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Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

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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.

**Library News**

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.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

**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 this 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.

**Uniform News**

125th Year Anniversary Caps have arrived and are on sale from the canteen at $10 each. The uniform shop is open from 7.30 to 12 noon (canteen opening hours).

**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.

Thank you for your continued support.

HPS P&C

**Canteen News**

Welcome back! Our winter menu is now operating. A copy was sent home late last term (labelled Term 2 & 3) and is also available on the website. Jaffles are now available as a warm winter alternative.

We will continue to sell “REAL” coffee from the canteen to parents for $3 per cup.
We will also be conducting a lovely Winter Pie Drive again. Watch out soon for order forms.

Apples are still 70c each (whole or slinky) and our breakfast items are also still the same:- raisin toast 50c per slice, vegemite on toast 50c per slice and Up N Go various flavours $1.70, milo $1.00 per cup.

**We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN.**

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.

Thank you for you continued support.
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**Band Update**

Welcome back! Hope your holiday was relaxing! It is the beginning of term again, which means instrument hire is now due ($25 to the office or Mrs Garvie, depending on whose instrument you have), band fees are now due ($50 to the office for either training band or performance band) and term lesson fees are due (unless you pay by the week).

Lesson times and groups have adjusted slightly this term; all of you should have been notified by email as to when our lesson time/day is. If you have not been receiving emails from Mrs. Garvie, please contact her at agarvie@aapt.net.au.
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 could 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.

Childs name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________

No. of $5 presents required ________ No. of $10 presents required ________

Total $ enclosed __________

Community Notices

Playgroup Stanwell Park
City Church
Our next ADHD support group for parents and carers will be held on Friday 27th April.
Date: Friday April 27 Time: 10.30am-12.30pm Venue: Citylife Church 2/129 Jardine St Fairy Meadow 2519
Refreshments provided. There is no cost, donations welcome. For further information call Jill on 0413048453 or 42844414

Wollongong City Council
Wollongong City Council are about to put the Wollongong 2022 plans on public exhibition. The plans will guide Council, businesses and the community for the next ten years through our Community vision, goals and key projects.

For the first time, Council has created a children and young people friendly document to encourage everyone in our community to get involved. The exhibition period runs from Thursday, 26 April until the 24 May 2012.

Cancer Council’s Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Cancer Council’s Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, 24 May 2012, is a national cancer awareness and fundraising campaign encouraging Australians to get together in the fight against all cancers. Together, we can beat cancer. For any questions, please feel free to contact me or visit the website www.biggestmorningtea.com.au for further details.

Keiraville Community Preschool Celebrates 60 Years 1952 to 2012
Memory Sharing
We are collecting the memories of our past and present preschool community members, and sharing them in our newsletter. If we have enough responses we may produce a booklet for all to share. Please email or send in memories and include the dates that you were associated with the preschool. Engraved Pavers You are invited to have your name as a permanent part of Keiraville Community Preschool. For $30.00 your name or message will be engraved into a paver which will be laid permanently in our outdoor play space. Please let us know any suggestions you have for ways to celebrate this milestone. Please phone or email for an order form or to share your memory. 42296442 office@kcps.org.au

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