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Helensburgh Highlights
Celebrating 125 Years

PRINCIPAL REPORT

ANZAC DAY
I would like to thank our school captains Chase and Ellouise for representing our school at the ANZAC Dawn Service at Charles Harper Park. It was a very moving ceremony and our two captains participated by laying a wreath on behalf of our school community.

CROSS COUNTRY
Last Thursday 26 April our school held its annual cross country at Rex Jackson Oval. The weather was great and the competition was fierce. Our students always give of their best and the winning competitors will be fantastic representatives at the zone carnival. I would like to thank the many parents who assisted on the day especially Mr Wheatley who had to practise his first aid skills.

Opportunity Class Placements 2013
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2013 are required to submit an application by 18 May 2012. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2012 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2013.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2013 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to the NSW Public Schools website.

Online applications open on Monday 30 April 2012. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form.

Application packages will be available in schools from 7 May 2012. The number of application packages dispatched will be reduced this year in response to the high demand for online applications. Schools requiring additional application packages should contact the unit. Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 18 May 2012.

HISTORY SPOT – “Did You Know?”
Each week the school will be publishing a special snippet about the history of our school. This is being done as part of our 125th celebration. I hope people find these both informative and entertaining. If any members of the community have any interesting stories about the school I would encourage them to ring Mrs Bev Clarke 42941332 as we are gathering a large array of stories, photos, old uniforms, memorabilia of any type. If you can help please contact Bev at the school.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Did You Know…..
In 1887 the first school building was a plain wooden structure with rows of desk and stools. Mr Byrnes (first headmaster) was very concerned about the safety of the children, as the school grounds had no fences and there were wild horses that pranced around the playground at playtime. In 1888 a fence was constructed, Mr Byrnes complained about having to live at the hotel as many “undesirable types” frequented the establishment so by late 1888 a four room cottage “of the ordinary” type, with a kitchen on the outside, was completed on the school grounds for him to occupy –

Original school building relocated from Camp Creek 1887
Important Dates to Remember

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PSSA Round 1 Results

Netball vs Heathcote
Senior A - 12-1 Loss
Senior B - 8-4 Loss
Junior A - 10-4 Loss

Soccer vs Bangor
Senior - 3-1 Loss
Junior - 4-1 Loss

Oztag
Senior Boys vs Bangor 12-0 Loss
Senior Girls vs Bangor 3-1 Win
Junior Boys vs Bangor 7-0 Loss
Junior Girls 1 vs Bangor 5-2 Win
Junior Girls 2 vs Heathcote 5-0 Win

Hockey
Senior Boys vs Marton 3-3 Draw
Senior Girls vs Engadine West 6-0 Win
Junior Boys vs Marton 6-0 Loss
Junior Girls vs Marton 4-3 Loss

Principals Awards for K-2
These will be given out at a combined K-2 assembly. Date to be advised.

STAMP Out Bullying Performance
To further increase our awareness and understanding of bullying we have organised for a performance called **STAMP Out Bullying** to visit our school tomorrow, Tuesday 1st May. Using comedy, magic and ventriloquism, **STAMP Out Bullying** has the audience in fits of laughter and hanging on every word as the 5 important **STAMP** principles are illustrated.

- **Stay away** – How to avoid bullies
- **Tell someone** – Reporting bullying behaviour is not ‘dodging’
- **Always help** – The power of peers
- **Make friends** – Including students who are easily left out
- **Play nicely** – Making sure that YOU’re not being the bully

There will be 2 performances on the day to accommodate all of our students and we are looking forward to all the students K-6 participating in this wonderful opportunity. The cost of the performance is $4.40. To enable your child to attend please complete and return the permission note and payment to your child’s class teacher.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2012
You could win a $4,000 holiday for your family to the destination of your choice! Just place a ($2) coin or the equivalent in the envelope and return it to the school office to be eligible for the draw. Your donation helps fund the program that supports the 1,800 public school children who experience a healthy and much needed break at Stewart House each year. Please return envelopes to school **no later than Friday 18th May**.

Library News

Book Fair starts this Friday 4th May and runs until Thursday 10th May. Author Sandy Fussell visits on Tuesday 8th May.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

Gymsports
Gymsports lessons began today (Monday 30th April) for students in Year 1, Year 2, 2/3M and K/1G. Tomorrow, KF, KB, KR and KD will begin their Gysports lessons. The gymnastics program is lots of fun and is a strand of the PDHPE curriculum. Please remember to wear sports uniform and bring in $4 every Monday / Tuesday to the class teacher, or you may make one payment of $32. Please note that payments made in advance are non-refundable. As Gysports is a private provider students cannot attend the sessions unless payment has been received.
Aunties and Uncles Colouring Competition
All information on the back of the colouring competition form. Entries close Friday 4th May 2012

125th Anniversary Dinner
Calling past students, teachers, families and friends.
Tickets will be on sale this week from the school for our 125th Anniversary Dinner which will be held on Saturday 21st July at Helensburgh Workers Club from 6.30pm. $40 per ticket. (Unfortunately adults only). Grab your own ticket or organise a table of up to 10. Make it a reunion or come along and enjoy meeting some of our past students.
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.

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.
P&C

CANTEEN NEWS
Remember the new WINTER menu has begun. Copies were sent home last term, but if you don’t have one please drop by the canteen to collect one. Wraps and jaffles are available now. Thanks to Susan R and Kerrie B for the wonderful assistance on Hat Parade day. Also to Chris H and Jan H for the lovely Anzac biscuits last week. Special thanks to everyone who purchased Bandaged Bear merchandise. A cheque for $225 has been forwarded to the Childrens Hospital.
Pie orders have gone home today please return form and money to canteen by Mon 14th May for delivery on Tues 22nd May.
LAST CHANCE – for reusable lunch bags. $13 or $15 each, we only have a few left for sale in the canteen. Great gift idea also.
Lastly the new volunteer rosters were sent home.
Contact the canteen ASAP.

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

Thank you for you continued support
Jan 4294 1778 Bronwyn 4294 3568

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.

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

Playgroup Stanwell Park

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.

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