PRINCIPAL REPORT

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class. Teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students. There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

NAPLAN test dates and timetable
2012 - Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May

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Friday 18 May will be used as a catch up day for any tests missed by students due to illness or family commitments. Please make sure your child has had a good night’s sleep during the course of NAPLAN testing and that they have had sufficient breakfast to help fuel their minds and bodies for the morning.

125th CELEBRATIONS
Parents are reminded to look out for the recently completed brochure advertising our special events surrounding our 125th celebrations. Students will be taking them home soon.

BOOK FAIR
On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mr McQueen and his team of helpers who worked tirelessly during our recent Book Fair. The Fair was a great success with sales totalling $8,336.40. As a result we now have $2,918 worth of new books in the library. Perhaps even more satisfying than the money was seeing so many children getting excited about books.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Did You Know......
Fletcher St was named after James Fletcher, Minister of Mines and Secretary in State Government.

Lukin St was named after Gresley Lukin – secretary of the Cumberland Coal & Iron Mining Company which owned the coal mine in the 1880’s.

In 1890 the pupil enrolment at the school was 130 and in January 1891 enrolments rose to 190 covering 1st class to 4th class. An application was sent to the Department of Public Instruction to upgrade the school to a “Superior Public School” which would mean a new 5th (or secondary) class, as most children left school at the end of 4th class or aged 14 years and the literacy standard was very low. The first application was rejected and the following year another application was sent to Sydney and was successful.

Entrance to the Department of Public Instruction building Sydney
**Important Dates to Remember**

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**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**.

*Principal Award*

4L Jasmine, Nicola, Max
6A Kyrah, Finn, Lochlan, Harry, Aaron

**125th Anniversary Help**

If you can help us to bind 6 old books A3 size or know of someone who can help please contact Mrs Clarke at school on 4294 1050.

**Safe Parking in School Zones**

Included in this weeks Highlights is information received from Wollongong City Council regarding Safe Parking in School Zones.

**Library News**

**Book Fair**

Last week’s book fair was a great success with the school making a commission of almost $3000 in books for our library. Even better than the money we made was seeing the children getting so excited about books. If you ordered a book from book fair they should be arriving by the end of the week.

**Author Visit**

Last week we were visited by the Author Sandy Fussell. Her shows were very well received by the students and her books are already being reserved in the library. Some students were permitted to attend the shows even though they had forgotten their $2 admission fee. If your child was one of those, please get your $2 in ASAP.

**Debating**

Any Year 5 or 6 Children interested in debating, our first debating meeting will happen in the library this Friday at lunchtime. Please bring your food with you.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian
**Canteen News**

Our Winter Pie Drive orders have closed. Thank you to everyone who has ordered. Delivery will be Tuesday 22nd May at a time to be confirmed. Jaffles are now available as a warm winter alternative.

"REAL" coffee from the canteen to parents for $3 per cup. Apples are 70c each (whole or slinky) and our breakfast items are 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).

**Uniform News**

125th Anniversary caps are now available from the canteen for $10. The uniform shop is open from 7.30 to 12 noon (canteen opening hours).

Thank you for your continued support.

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**125th Anniversary Fete, 15 September 2012**

This year our great fete will be a celebration of 125 years of our wonderful school community. While we will be showcasing our school’s many achievements with entertainment and class displays, we also want the fete to be a financial success so our school can continue to deliver great educational outcomes for our children. For the first time, we will be inviting outside stall holders to be a part of the fete and, following the fantastic fundraising success of other Schools on the Park, we are asking classes to organise and run their own stalls. Many classes have already nominated stalls but we would really appreciate more stall space and would like to book stall space at the fete, please contact Gina at nhork@yahoo.com. Please note there will be an alternation.

**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](http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au) for further details.

- **An Officer and a Gentleman**
  - VIEW club are going by bus to see An Officer and a Gentleman, on Wednesday 22nd August matinee 1.pm. Cost $61.00, bus $25.00. For more information please call Chris on 42941103.

- **Angels of Hope Race Day and Lake Illawarra Charity PCYC**
  - The Race Day is being held on Saturday 19th May 2012 at Kembla Grange Racecourse. Our special guest on the day is Kembla Grange. Cost $110 per adult, $55 per young person (aged 12 -17), $30 per child (aged 5 - 11), and free for children aged 4 and under. The cost of your ticket includes: Reserved seating in the AJ Bert Lillye Lounge Scrumptious buffet luncheon 5hr Drink package including beer, wine & soft drink Race tickets and handing out prizes. Tickets are at a cost of $110 per adult, $55 per young person (aged 12 - 17), $30 per child (aged 5 - 11), and free for children aged 4 and under.

- **Young Carers Events**
  - For more information please call Melissa Winnell on 0466151715 melissawinnell@scgcommunity.org.au

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WHAT TO BRING: A DRINK AND A SMILE.

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Just Dance

This year’s school of dance is for girls aged 4 to 11 years.

Don’t let your child get left behind - Give your preschooler the extra benefits that dance provides

Teaching: coordination, creativity, motor skills, balance, counting and memory retention - whilst experiencing the joy of dance.

Over 3 years. Class Friday 9am in Helensburgh. Pay as you go - $8.00 per class.

NO REGISTRATION FEE!

Call 4294 8366 www.susanjustdance.com

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SMITH’S HILL HIGH EXPO NIGHT

Tuesday May 29, 2012 6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Smith’s Hill High School Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500

Smith’s Hill High School is a government selective coeducational high school catering for Gifted and Talented students.

Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2013 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and examples of the work of our students. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2014.

Phone enquiries directed to the Principal Mrs. R. Mitchell on 42294266 during school hours.