PRINCIPAL REPORT

SCHOOL HATS
I would like to commend those parents who have launched out and purchased one of our school’s 125th commemorative school caps. They look great and the students are wearing them with pride. The caps are available from the school canteen at a very reasonable $10 each.

NEW SCHOOL BELLS
At the end of last week the new school bell system was installed. It has been a lengthy process but the students and staff are now enjoying the change. The school has been waiting for nearly 20 years for an upgrade to its school bell system. The new system incorporates a number of features that are significantly different to what you may have previously experienced. The school bell presently is a series of melodic tones. At the commencement of the day, the end of lunch and at the end of recess, a small two minute segment of music plays to give the students time to go to the toilets, get a drink and line up ready for class.
The school can alter the tones and change music as required. I don’t plan to inflict the same music on all of us year in and year out. The system will not operate during weekends and school holidays.
The school will now have specially designed emergency evacuation alerts and an internal intercom consistent with the new Workplace Health & Safety Regulations.

RAW ART
This week our students will be doing the second of their special art lessons from a very talented groups of artists from RAW ART. All classes will be involved and will be presented with a variety of art experiences from print art, oriental stencilling, clay cats and dogs to monster murals. I am sure it will be an exciting time for all students and their teachers.

125TH DINNER
Our school will be holding a special 125th Anniversary Dinner on 21 July at the Helensburgh Workers Club. Tickets are $40 for a 2 course meal. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with old class mates, teachers and principals. Tickets are limited and selling fast so I suggest you get them soon. Tickets are available from the school office, school canteen and Sunrise Nursery.

THE AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX (AEDI)
Our school is taking part in a national collection of data on young children’s development. It is called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). The AEDI is an Australian Government initiative which provides information about how populations of Australian children are developing by the time they reach school.
The next collection will occur between May and July this year. Your child’s teacher will complete a checklist - like a survey or questionnaire - based on their knowledge and observations of your child. The AEDI is not a test and it does not require your child to be taken out of class.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Did You Know……
From 1891 through to 1896 enrolments at the school increased from 190 to 279, however on two occasions attendance dropped due to outbreaks of measles. On the 15th November 1888 Mr Byrnes wrote to the District Inspector, Mr Dawson –

“The number of children absent through measles is 96, with the development, in some cases, of diphtheria from complications. I cannot with certainty state how long this will continue – the number of children present today is 14.”

On a second occasion Mr Byrnes sought permission to close the school for 2 weeks due to a measles outbreak – permission was granted.
**Important Dates to Remember**

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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 class parents from KB, KR, 1/2K, 2S, 2/3M, 4M and 6A organising your own stalls for fete day. It’s easier than you think, as we can offer ideas, support and, in most cases, stock for you. You need to supply enthusiasm, a sense of humour and a volunteer roster of parents happy to give an hour of their time on the day. Just one hour! If you’re able to do this, or if you are a regular stall holder and would like to book stall space at the fete, please contact Gina at [thork@yahoo.com](mailto:thork@yahoo.com). Please note there will be an opportunity between 12 and 2pm for ex students to meet up with old classmates in the Reunion Centre.

**Library News**

**Library Opening Times**

Due to other commitments the library will no longer be open before school. Children who want to return or loan books are still welcome to do so after school.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Keep on reading those Premier’s Reading Challenge books and entering them into your online reading record. Any students or parents who need help choosing books or entering them online can see Mr McQueen in the library.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

A big “thank you” to everyone who supported our Mothers Day Stall last week. You helped raise over $2,000 towards your children’s education. Also a huge thank you to all the mums who helped out on the day. Your efforts were very appreciated.

Terese, P&C

**Interschool Division of the 2012 Saddle Horse Championships**

On Saturday, 12th May 2012, Tyara represented Helensburgh Public School in the Interschool Division of the 2012 Saddle Horse Championships. Tyara placed 3rd Led Youth Handler, 2nd Ridden Pony Hack, 3rd Best Educated, 1st Pleasure Pony, 1st Girl rider years 3-4 and Champion Rider. Well done Tyara!

**Environmental News**

Thank You!

* Glenbernine Orchard for donating all monies from apple sales during Easter Celebrations.
* Blackwell Bros for the generous gift of 15 ton of soil for our new vegetable beds.

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We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which Helensburgh Public School is situated. We pay our respects to the Dharawal people and to elders past, present and the future.

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Canteen News

Pies will be available for collection from 10am on Tuesday from the canteen area. Thank you to everyone who supported the pie drive.

Monday 4th to Friday 8th June - Spaghetti Bolognaise week: Fresh homemade spag bol will be available for lunch orders @ $3.50 per serve.

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.

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.

Uniform News

The soft yellow sport visors are now available for PSSA players from the canteen for $8.

Sport socks (all sizes) are now available from the canteen for $8.

Second hand clothes – please drop any good quality second hand uniform items to the canteen.

125th Anniversary caps are now available from the canteen for $10.

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

125th Anniversary Dinner

Our 125th Anniversary Dinner will be held Saturday 21st July at the Workers. Tickets are $40 each and are available from the canteen or office NOW. 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.

Enquiries to the school 4294 1332 or please contact Bronwyn Charman on 0423693629.

Community Notice

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

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.

Young Carers Events

The two events are 1. Fest of All on Sunday 24th June 2. Young Carers Camp on 6-8th July at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre. For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Melissa Winnell Young Carer Support Worker

Illawarra Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre ph 4295 5532 fax 4297 8179 mob 0466151715
hmwinnell@scqcommunity.org.au Monday - Thursday

Citylife Church ADHD/ADD Support Group

Next meeting is at 10.30 am on Friday, 25th May at Citylife Church.

This is a great time to share your story, hear from others and share information with one another.

Please contact Jill on 0413048453 or Citylife Office 42844414

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

For our childrens safety, no peanuts/ nut products, please!

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NICOLE'S ZUMBA IS ALL FUN AND ALL FITNESS COME AND GIVE IT A TRY IT'S A GREAT WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT AND KEEP FIT.CALL LOCATIONS AND TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-
TUESDAYS 7PM AT HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
THURSDAYS 7PM AT MACKELROP HALL, MACMILLAN ST HELENSBURGH (OPP HOLY CROSS SCHOOL) SATURDAYS: 9AM AT HELENBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE
COST: $10 PER CLASS FOR ADULTS AND $7 PER CLASS FOR STUDENTS WHAT TO BRING: A DRINK AND A SMILE
VISIT ME ON FACEBOOK AT HELENSBURGH ZUMBA OR EMAIL ME helensburghzumba@gmail.com EVERYONE WELCOME!

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.