PRINCIPAL REPORT

SCHOOL OVAL UPDATE
The completion of our new school oval is fast approaching. Last week the turf surrounds of the oval were laid following the completion of the very complex earthworks need to provide a stable foundation. Rubberised safety tiles have been laid as a safety barrier around the perimeter of the oval. It is hoped the oval will be complete for students to occupy in a limited way for the last few weeks of the term. The contractors have indicated that they plan to hand the oval over to the school this coming Tuesday weather permitting. A roster has been drawn up to allow each grade an opportunity to experience our new oval.

UNAUTHORISED ENTRY
Parents and community members are reminded that school grounds are Inclosed Lands as described under the Act and permission must be soughtt from the Principal to be on school grounds particularly outside of school times. Any persons on the school property without permission will be deemed as trespassing and will be prosecuted.

PRESENTATION DAY – KINDER and YEAR 1
As previously advised this year we are combining our Special Assembly and Presentation on the one day. The first part of the program commencing at 9:15 will be the presentation of school service awards and Principal’s Medallions. The morning session will be concluded with our traditional Kindergarten Christmas Performance. This first part of the day will finish at 10:45 am with Morning Tea. Kindergarten and Year 1 will not be participating in the second part of the Presentation Day and will return to normal classes after morning tea.

CLASSES 2013
My staff are working not only on completing their student end of year reports but also on classes for 2013. The formation of classes is a complex matter handled in a professional way by my highly competent and committed staff. My executive and I take into consideration the academic and social needs of all students and place students with the best teacher for their overall growth and development. My Assistant Principals are not only a great support administratively they are outstanding class teachers who have had to demonstrate a real mastery of teaching and understanding of child development to be promoted. Our school is well served by these educational leaders and any parent whose child is taught by one of our Assistant Principals has had the privilege of their wisdom and dedication to their profession and the children in their care.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Important Dates to Remember

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For our childrens safety, no peanuts/ nut products, please!
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Kindergarten
Home Reading will finish this week and all books are to be back at school by Friday 7th December.

PSSA Nationals Congratulations
Krystal finished 6th in the 100 m Finals, Bronze with her 4x100 relay team, Gold with her 8x100 relay team, and Gold with her long jump team (Krystal jumped 2nd furthest in relay).

Bulli High School Year 6 Orientation Day
Wednesday 5th December 9.30am - 12.30pm Bulli High School. Students will be picked up from their school between 9 - 9.15am.

Plastic Bottles Wanted!
We urgently need 1ltr and 600ml bottles with the lids still on for the year 6 farewell decorations. Thank you kindly from the Farewell Committee.

Christmas is a Wonderful Time of the Year!
This Thursday 6th December, 2012, the Christmas Choir will perform at the Helensburgh Workers Club for the Northern Illawarra Neighbour Aid Centre. We will be celebrating Christmas with lots of great carols and a special lunch, subsidised by the Club. Children may wear Christmas clothes, tinsel, reindeer ears to really get into the mood. We will also be ringing lots of bells! See Mrs Murray if you have any queries.

Let’s Share our Christmas Spirit!
The inaugural Helensburgh Christmas Reverse Christmas Tree will be held in our school hall on Monday 17th December, 2012. All students will attend to sing carols to celebrate the end of year and Christmas. This is also the time when we can donate a gift, food or money to the Anglicare Toys 'N Tucker Appeal for 2012. All donations will help those less fortunate at Christmas. Anglicare have sent information that toy suggestions include: Fisher Price type toys for under 3 year olds, toiletry packs, retail gift cards or watches for teen boys. Please do not wrap you gift donation. Foods they require are spreads: jam, vegemite, nutella, long-life custard, Christmas puddings, cakes, shortbreads or small sweet biscuits. You may bring in your donation now; the S.R.C. will be collecting all donations brought in before the assembly. Money donations can be placed in an envelope available in the office, so that you can apply for a tax donation exemption. Otherwise, we will be setting up a Christmas Tree on stage on the day for all the piles of donations to be placed underneath. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.  Mrs Murray

Another Christmas Celebration
Garrawarra Aged Care Centre has invited the choir to sing Christmas carols. We will be travelling by bus on Tuesday 18th December, 2012. The Garrawarra staff will be very kindly supplying a bus for us to be transported to the centre and for the return trip to school. There will be no cost to the children – just more carols and bell ringing. Choir members may wear Christmas clothes again. Please see Mrs Murray with any queries.

Wanted Stage 3 Parent
To coordinate the trying on, ordering and distribution of Heathcote High uniforms. This needs to occur one afternoon after school in the school hall at a time that suits you. If you can help please contact Mrs Butterfield.

SRC Christmas Disco
Thursday, 6th December 2012
K-2: 4:00pm – 5:30pm  
3-6: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Cost - $5.00 per student
(Pay on the night)
Includes chips & a popper
Environmental News

The big day has nearly arrived... WORKING BEE. Please join the buzz @ school Next Saturday, December 8th, from 9.30 am until lunch. All most welcome for any length of time.

The spinach and cheese parcels sold out in just two days! 3 armfuls of spinach from the school garden were picked. If you were lucky enough to taste them, did you also notice other vegies and herbs in the parcels? These included zucchini, spring onion, rainbow chard, mint, apple mint, oregano, thyme, basil, lemon balm and parsley. No wonder they were bursting with flavour!

For your chance to cook with the great tasting vegies and herbs from the school's garden, buy a raffle ticket to win a box of fresh produce on Presentation Day, December 11th.

Canteen News

Spring into Summer – this week at the canteen. We will be selling cups of fruit salad and ice-cream for $1 and other summer treats throughout the week.

Christmas Cheer – Weeks 10 and 11. Special Xmas treats will be available as we head into the festive break.

Thank you to Rachel Peach for the lovely cheese and spinach parcels last week. Sorry that we sold out but we will be looking at including them one day a week next year. Look out for “new look” menu early next year.

School-grown salad vegetables – The canteen is now purchasing and using green salad vegetables and any other items available straight from the garden. Thank you to the committee for making this possible. All proceeds are used to restock the garden.

“Eat Fresh & Win” Campaign - We still have some of the wristbands left over so we will continue to provide stickers for the sale of fruit and they can be redeemed for a wristband as previous.

Canteen Helpers - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out in the canteen next year. A roster for Term 1 has been finalised and will be distributed this week.

We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN

Uniform News

Please note that the canteen provides an order service for all Heathcote High Uniform items. Please drop by and talk to us, our prices are the same or less than Claudine’s at Caringbah.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Safety around school buses

- There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is picking up or setting down school children.
- This speed limit is for all traffic traveling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
- The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear “wag-wag” lights on the bus flash.
- Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
- A fine and the loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the wag-wag lights are showing.
- If you park illegally in a bus zone, there is a minimum fine of $258 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

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- THURSDAYS 7PM AT MACKILLOP HALL, MACMILLAN ST HELENSBURGH (OPP HOLY CROSS SCHOOL)
- SATURDAYS: 9AM AT HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE
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