**PRINCIPAL REPORT**

**PRESENTATION 2012**
This Tuesday, 11 December 2012, our school will meet to celebrate the achievements of our students and the successes of our educational programs, sporting teams and community involvement. This year we have combined the Special Assembly with Presentation to give the day a whole school focus. The program will begin at 9:15 am with special guests including Sharon Bird MP our federal Member, Lee Evans MP our local State member, Cr Gordon Bradbury Lord Mayor of the City of Wollongong, Local Councillors and school patrons.

**STUDENT REPORTS**
This week students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will receive their end of year reports. These reports contain valuable information concerning your child’s progress of the last semester of 2012. Comments contained in the reports are based on the performance of your child as measured against subject indicators. These indicator statements are measured against subject outcomes for each stage of school. When reading reports parents are asked to refer to the cover for detailed descriptions of each level of attainment and effort. If after reading your child’s report you want further explanation I encourage you to make an appointment to speak to your child’s teacher.

**OVAL OPENED**
Following months of redevelopment our school oval was opened last Wednesday for the first time. Throughout the week students from all grades have had the opportunity to play on the new synthetic surface and to freely run and play ball games. I would like to acknowledge that the oval redevelopment would not have been possible without the generosity of Peabody Coal and a 50/50 Capital grant from the NSW State Government. Our Parent and Citizens Association have also donated generously to this project so that our students and future students may have first class sporting facilities.

**WORKING BEE**
On Saturday 8 December a team of hardworking parents and teachers met to refresh the old vegetable garden area of the school. I want to express my appreciation to all those in attendance for their dedication and commitment to our school. We are hoping this kind of dedication will translate to success as we approach the judging of the Wollongong City Rise and Shine Awards this coming Thursday night.

**PLAYGROUND UPGRADES**
Over the weekend markings have been added to the hard surface areas of our school with new handball courts, wall targets and a fitness track added for students to enjoy. I would like to thank Mrs Jeffree, Mr Campbell and the “Life Life Well” team for their direction of this project.

Christopher Connor  
Principal  
Helensburgh Public School  
125th Anniversary Year

**Important Dates to Remember**

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge Honour Roll is now available online.
**Library News**

Please return all library books ASAP thank you

Mr McQueen Teacher Librarian

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**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.

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**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 your 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

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**Conservatorium of Music Scholarships**

Congratulations to Gabe, Jade and Nicola who have been awarded scholarships for next year to the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music for lessons on their instruments.

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**Environmental News**

Many thanks to Mrs Hanley, Colin, Dave, Bridgit, fabulous students Slade and Chase, and our offisders Jasmin, Keiran and Abigail for Saturday's working bee. 75 pioneer rainforest species were planted below the newly turfed bottom oval. Pictures of the morning, including the little green tree frog, can be seen on our school blog. An extra big thank you for the lovely neighbour, Mark, for helping out with water.

**Raffle Tickets**

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, Tuesday, December 11th.

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**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.

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**Burghs Got Talent Reminder**

Dress rehearsal Thursday 9.30am please remember your music.

Ms Macmillan

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

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

**Presentation Day** - We will be serving morning tea and special treats for parents on Tuesday.

**Revised Canteen Menu** - A new menu will be available from the start of next year. We will add a few new lunch items that will enhance our healthy eating options. Certain items are included on a daily basis because as a canteen we have to be available for students every day and most children do not order every day so this way they still have a range of options. We follow the Healthy Canteen guidelines and it is our aim to cater for all students and staff within the school.

**Forgotten lunches** – if your child does not have lunch for some reason, the teachers will send them to the canteen. We are very accommodating and will provide the child with lunch items, but we also need the parents cooperation in sending in the money. An account is issued to the child with the lunch and we ask that this be paid immediately. There are several children who have outstanding amounts, these will be issued with a reminder note this week – please finalise before the end of term. Thank you.

**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.

**Uniform News**

Please note that the canteen provides an order service for all Heathcote High Uniform items. Our prices are the same or less than Claudine’s at Caringbah.

Thank you for you continued support.

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**Issue 39, Monday 10th December 2012 Week 10 Term 4**
1. Penalties for stopping on or near a pedestrian crossing in an operating school zone

- For the safety of all school children, please do not stop or park your vehicle on or near any pedestrian crossing.
- The minimum penalty of a $344 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points applies if you stop or park a vehicle on or near:
  - A pedestrian crossing,
  - A children's crossing,
  - Any marked foot crossing.
- The minimum penalty for failing to give way to a pedestrian is a $344 fine and the loss of 4 demerit points.

For a free copy of the brochure, Pedestrian crossings, Stock No 4509 4455, contact the RTA.

2. Click clack front 'n' back

- New national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds now apply. Find the right child restraint for your child:
  - 0-6 months Approved rearward facing restraint
  - 6 months - 4 years Approved rearward or forward-facing restraint
  - 4-7 years Approved forward-facing restraint or booster seat.
- Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child restraint before you start the car:
  - A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.
  - Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.
- Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle.
- The minimum penalty for a driver not wearing a seatbelt is a $258 fine and the loss of 3 demerit points.
- The minimum penalty for driving with an unrestrained passenger is a $258 fine and the loss of 3 demerit points.

Contact the RTA for a free copy of these brochures. Child restraint safety ratings, Stock No 4509 4001, provides guidelines for purchasing a child restraint. Choose right buckle right, Stock No 4509 4746, advises on the various types of child restraints and is available in eleven community languages.
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Community Notices

For Sale
Green school caps $5 each, 11/2 metres of girls summer uniform material $20 Phone 0431 720 304

Garage Sale
15th December 8am -1pm 3 Cemetery Rd Lots and lots of items.

Helensburgh Lions Club Wishing Tree
The Wishing Tree is on display in the foyer of the Helensburgh Workers Club from now until 19 December. Please consider giving a gift to someone who will appreciate your gift and cherish your kind thoughts on what could be an otherwise lonely day. Please place your unwrapped gift under the Wishing Tree soon. Season’s Greetings to all from the Helensburgh Lions Club.

Christmas Twilight Markets@Sunrise Nursery, Thursday 13 Dec, 5-8.30pm
Be at Sunrise Nursery this Thursday evening for our first ever Christmas market. Loads of stalls - bush craft, artworks, chocolates, ceramics, men’s and women’s clothing, books, candles and more - lots of gifts and stocking fillers! BBQ, salads and crepes makes dinner too easy! Jumping castle, ice creams, face painting and lots of kids’ goodies to keep the children occupied! Entertainment and a very relaxing atmosphere, just for you! And, in the spirit of giving, all proceeds from this market are going to charity, so there really is something for everyone. Parking is limited - please travel safely to and from our market.

Heathcote East Vacation Care Program
For more info call 9520 9066. Flyers are available at Helensburgh school office

Nutrition Snippet
Make Water Your First Choice

Did you know that:
- Our bodies are made up of 50-60% water and we need to consume approximately 2L of water per day to function properly.
- Water is the best drink to quench your thirst.
- Fruit and vegetables help contribute to our water needs daily.

Some ways to keep hydrated and reach your fruit goals in the warmer weather include:
- Stopping for a fruit and water break during the day
- Diluting 125mL of 100% fruit juice with carbonated, sparkling or still water
- Adding pieces of tinned/fresh fruit to iceblock moulds with water for a refreshing fruity treat

It is easy for children and adults to become dehydrated and thirsty in the warmer months. So the next time you’re thirsty go for the water, your body will love you for it!

These ideas were brought to you by Eat It To Beat It, helping families to eat more fruit & veg. For more information visit www.cancercouncil.com.au/edithbeavis or phone 4223 0290.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift?
Fun and funky, Go Splash beach towelling robes enable you to dry off with ease in comfort and style. Perfect after swimming lessons and rippers or simply when playing on the beach or by your own pool. 100% cotton, soft velour on the outside and towelling on the inside.

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CSIRO Education offers whole-day, fun-packed, educational holiday science events for children aged 7-14.
- Castle Hill  Concord  Cronulla
- Helensby  Hurstville  Kurnell
- Northern Beaches  Sutherland Shire
- Northern Beaches  St Andrews
- Paramatta  St Helens

Book online www.csiro.au/nsw-holidays

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