CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
At this time of the year it is important to remember all those who have contributed to the education of our children here at Helensburgh Public School. I want to personally thank the large group of people who work in and around our school to make sure your child gets the best possible education. This has been a very busy year with our school adopting new programs aimed at lifting student performance in literacy and numeracy. We have researched, reviewed and improved student welfare practices and completed the construction of our new oval just to name a few.

2012 has also been the 125th year of public education in Helensburgh and as a community have celebrated this year in style. This was made possible by the dedication and commitment of our 125th Committee who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. Our students will have long lasting memories of this year thanks to their hard work and enthusiasm. I want to thank everyone involved.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the parents, students and community of Newtown Connecticut who have suffered such loss following the tragic shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. We cannot begin to imagine the horror and pain families must be experiencing at this time but as an educational community we want to say we are standing with you as you bravely face the days ahead. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Today our newest batch of Kindergarten students had the opportunity to meet their teacher for 2013 and to further enjoy transition to school activities. They are just beginning their journey and we wish them well as they prepare to start “Big School” next year. This Tuesday will see our Year 6 students farewelled from the school as they celebrate their 7 years of primary school at their Year 6 Farewell. A wonderful team of hardworking parents and teachers have combined to give our Year 6 a formal evening to remember. As a community we wish Year 6 all the best as they embark on the next phase of their journey as they prepare for secondary school.

I hope everyone has a happy and peaceful Christmas and a relaxing and stress-free New Year and may 2013 be a year filled with adventure and excitement as our children grow and learn at Helensburgh Public School.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Important Dates to Remember

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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.

Intranet/Blog/Website News

2012 draws to an end, with our students completing numerous ICT tasks for the year. So many wonderful projects have been produced this year and have been published on the students’ iWeb sites on our school Intranet. A selection of this work also appears on the Students’ Work pages of our website so please take the time to look at the stop motion animations, glogs, Comic Life creations, podcasts, recordings, posters, Vokis, iMovies, Keynotes, word clouds, stories, artworks and much more!

If you haven’t kept up to date with all the latest happenings at school, please visit the Latest News page on our website for heaps of photos from a variety of school events this year. I’ve also uploaded a copy of the ‘Events of 2012’ slideshow shown on Presentation Day together with the Presentation Day photos. Please also visit the Calendar page of our website to check out any known dates for next year.

If you’d like to see what our students have been up to this year in terms of blogging, please visit the Current Blogs page on our website. All RFF blogs will be open over the Christmas break, so students please visit your blog every now and then as I will post some holiday activities. You can also share what you have been up to in the holidays with your friends!

Our HPS News Blog page on our school website will also remain active and I would like to thank all the parents, students and friends who have visited this blog this year and special thanks if you’ve been brave enough to post a comment!

I hope everyone has a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2013.

Mrs Sue Dowling

Canteen News

Christmas Cheer – As we wind down to the holidays this week, some items may run out, but we will have alternatives available. In particular, playwater and sparkling water have already run out and will not be back until next year. As alternatives we have milk, poppers, up n go’s and water. Pies and sausage rolls may run out but anyone can order party pies, pizzas or nuggets as alternatives. Please be patient and understand our need to hold as little stock as possible over the summer break. We will still be selling Xmas treats, jellies and a few surprises.

Presentation Day Thank You – a special thank you to all the helpers for their efforts on Presentation Day. It was very much appreciated.

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. It will be available on the website as soon as it is completed.

Canteen Helpers - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out in the canteen next year. A roster for Term 1 has been sent home. If you didn’t receive yours please drop by the canteen and collect one.

Year 6 Prefects – Thank you to this year’s prefects for their hard work during the year. We would like to wish them and the rest of year 6 - 2012 all the best for next year at High School.

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. We look forward to harvesting more vegetables in the new year.

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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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. Class locations and times are as follows:

TUESDAYS 7PM at Helensburgh Public School Hall
THURSDAYS 7PM at MacKillop Hall, Macmillan St
HELENSBURGH (OPP HOLY CROSS SCHOOL)
SATURDAYS: 9AM at Helensburgh Community Centre
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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

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.

Heathcote East Vacation Care Program

For more info call 9520 9066. Flyers are available at Helensburgh school office.

Northern District Tigers Junior AFL

Just a reminder to mark in your calendar that our registration days will be: Saturday 2nd & 9th February 2013 Woonona Bulli RSL - Auditorium 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Helensburgh Junior Thistle Soccer Club 2013 Registration

REGISTERING FROM LATE JANUARY 2013 Go to www.helensburghsoccer.org and click on the link to register your child online. Avoid the queues on registration days! Registration dates for those who wish to register in person will be published on the soccer club website and in the school newsletters early next year. www.helensburghsoccer.org

National Parks and Wildlife Holiday Program

For more information www.national.nsw.gov.au or 1300 361 967

Lake Illawarra PCYC Kidzcare School Holiday Program

KidzCare daily rate is $35 plus excursion costs. Parents & guardians receiving Child Care Benefit will only pay the gap!! Rosanna Cepero Club Manager Tel: (02) 42964448 Mob: 0407 252 913

Starting High School Getting Ready for 2013

One day workshop 10am - 4pm Sutherland/Wollongong - Helensburgh Workers Club $120 per person - 6 hour workshop plus handouts. Early Bird Discount Rate $90 - Book by 22nd December, 2012 and Save! For further information or to be placed on the waiting list contact inquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com or 0417 208 562. As soon as final details are available they will be sent directly to those on the list.

Free Support for Parents / Carers

Parent Line NSW (managed by CatholicCare) provides a unique free support service to parents across NSW. Highly skilled professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to take calls from parents and carers about any parenting issue phone 1300 1300 52 or www.parentline.org.au

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