PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
During the course of this week interviews will be held between class teachers and parents years 1-6. This will be a great opportunity for parents to receive feedback on the progress of their child and their attitude to learning. Teachers will be sharing examples of student’s work and results of any testing to date. If you have not registered for your interview I strongly suggest you contact the school as soon as possible.

ANTI-BULLYING TALKS
This Thursday we will be having a visit to the school from the Police Youth Liaison Officer, Alison Burke to talk to classes about bullying. At the end of Term 4 2011 the school identified with the parent body the need to review our student welfare policies. Equipping students with the tools to identify, report and defuse bullying situations forms part of our ongoing welfare strategies. This term our school executive led by Mrs Jeffree in my absence, identified key strategies to strengthen the school’s response to bullying and the misperceptions that sometimes surround this emotive topic. The visit this Thursday is the start of a series of events, activities and strategies to strengthen our school’s student welfare policy in this area.

K – 6 ASSEMBLY
This Friday 30th March will be our first Kindergarten to Year 6 Assembly under our new assembly format. Our school captains and prefects will be running the assembly and we will be presenting our House Captains and Vice Captains and SRC representatives with their badges. It will also be the first assembly where our new Excellence Award will be presented to students in every class.

WORKING BEE
On Sunday 25th March an enthusiastic team of teachers and parents conducted an extensive clean up of the school's bushlands, recreating paths and removing weeds. Some embankments were reinforced but there are still areas to be cleared and stabilised. I would like to extend our thanks to Mr Col Stubbs for mounting our school clock, a present from 2011 Year 6 and for preparing the wiring ready to be connected in the near future. It was great to work alongside parents with such a strong and positive commitment to our school. I am sure the great work we do together conveys to the community the joy we share in making Helensburgh Public School the best school for our students and children. Well done everyone!

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL
We would like to remind all parents that students need to be at school in time for morning lines as many important messages are delivered at this time. Arriving late is not only unsettling for the child involved but also for classes who have already begun work. Morning socialising with friends is an important part of getting ready for the day and allows students to be more focused on class tasks. Please be supportive of your child and their classmates by ensuring your children are at school before 8.55am.

HELENSBURGH TV
Early this term we had a visit from a television crew from UR TV Helensburgh Scotland, the news item from that visit will be broadcast live this Monday 26 March in Scotland. I understand the news item will be available on their website Helensburgh tv the following day.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Important Dates to Remember

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Library News

The library monitors received their badges at the last assembly.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now well under way. Don’t forget to keep borrowing the Challenge books when you come to the library. Good luck to all Challenge participants.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

Fruit Kebab Day
As we have been talking about healthy food choices, Kinder students are planning to make fruit kebabs for fruit break next Friday. Date: Friday 30th March at 10.15am approximately - after sport.

We would like each child to send along some fruit that will be suitable to make into fruit kebabs and we would like a few parents to help with the cutting from approx 9:15 am.

If you can help please let us know. We would like a variety of fruit – watermelon, rockmelon, pineapple, apples, oranges, grapes, bananas etc so the children can make colourful patterns on our skewers.

Kindergarten Teachers

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Stewart House clothing bags have been sent home. Please return filled bags to the old K-6R room near the K-2 playground (NOT school office) no later than the 26th April for collection.

Principal Award
1/2K Ryan H

Can teen News

We hope everyone enjoyed their cheese and bacon rolls last week. The students really seem to enjoy these days and they provide a little variety from our normal menu. “REAL” coffee is now available from the canteen for parents to purchase at $3 per cup.

We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COINS.
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.

We will also be conducting a lovely Winter Pie Drive again. Watch out early next term for order forms. New Term 2 & 3 price list will be coming home this week and is also be available on the web site. This will take effect from Monday 23rd April (Term 2). On Thursday 5th April (Hat Parade Day) we will be selling tea/coffee for $2 and “real” coffee for $3 as well as hot cross buns $1.50.

Breakfast options are also available: - raisin toast 50c per slice, vegemite on toast 50c per slice and Up N Go various flavours $1.70, milo $1.00 per cup.

Our 125th Anniversary Dinner will be held Saturday 21st July at the Workers Club. Tickets $40 each will be available from school early next term. 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. For convenience we are seeking the assistance of a few local businesses to sell our tickets. If you could assist with this could you please contact Bronwyn Charman on 0423693629.

Uniform News
Our new HPS logo school bags are in stock. We also have some of the new microfibre jackets in stock. The uniform shop is open from 7.30 to 12 noon (canteen opening hours). Thank you for your continued support.

Jan 4294 1778 Bronwyn 4294 3568

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The University of NSW - International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) 2012

These competitions are open to all children in Years 3-6. They aim to challenge the more capable students, but any student from Years 3 - 6 may enter. They are conducted at school during school hours under exam conditions. The tests are set and marked by the University of New South Wales. Each competition has a fee and the price increases for the spelling and writing tests as these are hand marked. Tests are conducted in the areas of: Computer, Science, Mathematics, Spelling, Writing and English. The payment for competitions must be paid at the time of registration and it is not refundable. Please look at the table below for costs and dates for the competitions. If your child / children wish to enter you must complete the registration form found below.

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Each child will require a 2B or B lead pencil (no pen) and an eraser for each exam. Students sitting the Science Exam will also require a ruler marked in millimetres and they are also permitted to use a calculator.

Please note the Computer Exam is a written/paper exam it is not undertaken using a computer.

Practice questions are available on the Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) website if you are interested go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au and follow the link to “Prepare”.

To enter, please fill out the form in this week’s Highlights, together with the correct payment, in a clearly marked envelope. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to the school. Please do not include competition money with other money. Competition money must be in a separate envelope. Entries must be in to Mrs Sida by Friday 30th of March 2012. Please hand them directly to Mrs Sida straight after morning assembly.

Late entries will not be accepted.                         
Mrs Sida
Competition Coordinator

The University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments 2012

Student 1: ____________________________________________ Class: ___________
I wish to enter the following Competitions (please circle):

Computer       Science       Maths       Spelling       Writing       English       Total:$____
$7.00          $7.00         $7.00        $10.00         $15.00        $7.00

Student 2: ____________________________________________ Class: ___________
I wish to enter the following Competitions (please circle):

Computer       Science       Maths       Spelling       Writing       English       Total:$____
$7.00          $7.00         $7.00        $10.00         $15.00        $7.00

Parent/Guardian signature: ____________________________ Date: ______

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Mothers Day Stall

The stall will be held on Thursday 10th May (week 3 term 2) but we ask that ALL money for presents be sent in to the class teacher by Monday 7th May. Any money not received before the day of the stall, (ie brought in on the day) may result in the child having to purchase a gift at the end of the stall as we will be monitoring the ratio of $10 to $5 gifts.

Please fill in the form below, nominating how many presents of each price range are required. Please send money and note in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and the amount enclosed to your child’s teacher. Any cheques should be made out to Helensburgh Public School P&C.

The majority of presents will not be wrapped, because they have come to us in protective wrapping or boxes and we thought it better to send the gifts home the same way. It is suggested that all children bring a green/recyclable bag to school on the day of the stall as some of the presents are too large for the average school backpack.

Your child will have chosen the item with love from our display table and we ask that you remember this when they give it to you.

If you have more than one child at school and wish that your children select a present together, please send a note in to each of their teachers and it will be organised for them to choose a gift together.

It has been a lot of extra work for the Parents Auxiliary, but we believe that the choice and quality available using this system is substantially better. The popularity of this system is growing rapidly throughout many schools. We would appreciate ANY feedback, good or bad.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE STALL—Your children will benefit.

Mothers’s Day

Childs name: ___________________________  Class: ______________

No. of $5 presents required ___ ___________  No. of $10 presents required ___ ___________

Total $ enclosed ____________

P&C NEWS

Mothers Day Stall
The P&C will be holding their Mothers day stall on Thursday 10th May. Gifts will be $5 and $10. Please see form attached to these highlights. Please support the stall your children will benefit from the proceeds.

Annual Easter Raffle
The P&C will be running their annual Easter Raffle again this year. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Please return any unsold tickets to the office. The raffle will be drawn Thursday 5th April, the last day of Term 1. If any children/families would like to donate eggs, a bunny or basket please leave them at the office before Monday 2nd April. Thank you for your continued support. HPS P&C

BAND UPDATE
Training band lessons will be held during performance band lessons next week (week 10). The schedule is as follows:

Monday 1:45 (after recess) all Clarinet Blue Groups
Tuesday 1:45 all Flutes
Wednesday 1:45 all Guitars, 2:15 all Trumpets
Thursday First half lunch Trombone, Euphonium and Bass Guitar, Second half lunch Bass Clarinet, 1:45 Piano, 2:15 all Saxophones
Friday NO LESSONS HELD WEEK 10

Alison Garvie [agarvie@aapt.net.au]
Community Notices

For Sale
Boys Malvern Star bike with gears $30 great buy before the holidays PH 0414 293 724

Robotics Lego League
Robotics Lego League uses MindStorms Lego, which is Lego, robot components and computer software. The Robotics Lego League teaches design, construction, robotics principals and basic computer programming. It is aimed at children between the ages of 8 and 12 years old. Go to [http://firstlegoleague.org/](http://firstlegoleague.org/) for further information. Classes will run one afternoon per week for two hours. The cost will be $15 per child. This is a purely volunteer and non-profit venture. All money collected will go toward the purchase of insurance, replacement Lego and further kits or challenges. If your child is interested in becoming a participant or you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact me – [lilli@thestoryline.com.au](mailto:lilli@thestoryline.com.au). We will be meeting soon and looking for a Term Two start date. Please let me know what time/day is best for you for a meeting and your contact details.

Playgroup Stanwell Park

Winter Sale at Claudine Schoolwear
10% Discount off all purchases made between Monday 19th March and Saturday 14th April 2012 23 President Ave Caringbah.

Free Easter Family Fun Night

Sharing the Load CatholicCare
Healthy Relationships Group For Kids 6-12 Years When: Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th April (School Holidays) 10:00am to 2:30pm Includes Morning Tea and Lunch Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre Cnr of Rothery St & Cowley St Bellambi Cost: Free Assistance with transport may be available on request For bookings or more information call Wollongong 4227 1122

Host Family Opportunities in 2012
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au). If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, call our office on 1300 135 331.

Family Friendly Events in Wollongong
Over the next 3 months, there is an exciting range of things to see and do around the city. For more information [www.visitwollongong.com.au](http://www.visitwollongong.com.au)

Take Home a Big Brother or Sister
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scce aust@scce.com.au](mailto:scce aust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Lions Club Easter Scramble
Kids! Scramble for some delicious Easter eggs on Saturday, 7 April in Charles Harper Park with the Lions Club for our 4th annual Scramble! Join us from 9am for a bacon & egg, sausage or pancakes with fresh fruit for breakfast and then a FREE science show for kids of all ages with Fly By Fun at around 9.45am. After the show, we Scramble! As in past years, there will be two Scrambles - bubs to 6 and then 7-12, and remember the Scramble rules - no pushing, shoving, swiping eggs and NO HATS or BAGS. If you can’t carry them in your hands, you can’t have them! Parents!Please bring along some eggs for the Easter basket so there’s enough for all to Scramble for! Looking forward to seeing lots of you for some chocolatey Easter fun!
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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

COST: $10 PER CLASS FOR ADULTS AND $7 PER CLASS FOR STUDENTS
WHAT TO BRING: A DRINK AND A SMILE.

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Always swim between the red and yellow flags. Read the safety signs. Ask a lifeguard or lifesaver for safety advice. Swim with a friend. If you need help, stay calm and attract attention.

The person that picks my new name will win one term of swimming lessons at Station Park pool!
Forward your name, age, phone number and why you thought of your suggestion to: Wollongong City Council Lifeguards, 18 Cassie Street, Wollongong 2500, NSW. Life savers hope to have a name soon!

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For our children's safety, no peanuts/ nut products, please!

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