Did You Know……

In 1911 Mr Smith, a local resident, took some special gifts, including an Australian Ensign flag and a flag that bears the inscription “Lest We Forget”, to Helensburgh in Scotland where he exchanged flags with their local school. We received a special, inscribed Union Jack which is displayed in our school library and a Royal Scottish Ensign flag that is stored in our library. There was a special ceremony in September 1911 and everybody was dressed in their best Sunday clothes. The flag was draped over an open verandah near the now Year 2 class rooms.

The school now had an enrolment of 400 children and the classrooms were getting quite overcrowded. It was therefore decided to add another classroom (now 1/2K), a hat room and a teachers’ room. This building was to be built sufficiently high off the ground to have an enclosed basement underneath which would serve as a workroom and a storeroom. The work was completed at the end of 1912.
Important Dates to Remember

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Intranet/Blog/Website News

Students I have had for RFF this term have worked extremely hard and I’m very proud of them all. They have been busy working on their COGS contracts, blog activities and completing their ICT tasks for the term. Please visit the Stage 1, 2 & 3 Students’ Work pages on the school website to see a selection of their efforts this term, as recorded in this semester’s reports, including ‘My Story’ Keynote presentations, convict iMovies, Robonaut stop motion animations and Eureka Stockade news podcasts produced in GarageBand.

Please also visit our Current Blogs’ page of the website to have a look at what our students have been busy blogging about this term. They would love you to make a comment! Don’t forget to visit the Latest News’ page of the school website to view photos of all events/excursions this term and check out our Calendar’ page to see what’s happening next term. Wishing everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday break and students please remember to check out your RFF blogs every now and then for some holiday activities!

Mrs Sue Dowling

Indigenous Day – Tuesday 26th June 2012

Tomorrow we are having our Indigenous Day. Students are invited to wear mufti in the colours of the Aboriginal flag – red yellow and black. We have invited Philip Green to entertain us in the hall with his Aboriginal Survival Technology performance. Please return permission note and money tomorrow if you have not already done so to enable your child to attend. Please bring in a bag of lollies (jelly beans, snakes etc.) instead of a gold coin which will be donated to the school fete. Students will also participate in a number of other cultural awareness activities with class teachers. Please note that recess will be held first on Indigenous Day, at 10.40am followed by lunch at 12.30pm.

Reports

KB Reports will be available on Thursday.

Helensburgh School Choir

Last Wednesday, 20th June, the choir attended their first rehearsal for the upcoming performance at the Wollongong Town Hall on Wednesday 1st August, 2012 at 7pm. The children were very well behaved, sang beautifully and were a credit to themselves, their parents and the good name of Helensburgh P.S. Special mention of Isabella and Keely who were both confident and poised enough to audition in front of the whole hall of over 300 children for a soloist part. They sang exceptionally! Unfortunately other children were chosen, however Isabella will perform on the night as a percussionist.

Tickets for our concert are now available. They may be purchased at the office at a cost of $12 for adults and $6 for students. Children performing in the choir do not require a ticket. Concession tickets are not available. The concert is always a sell-out. We are fortunate that the organising committee has allocated Helensburgh three tickets for sale to every choir member. However, they have asked us to return excess tickets as early as possible to other schools for sale. If you intend to purchase tickets please do so early so we can judge our ticket sales adequately.

My thanks must also be expressed to Mrs Bannister in our school office. She has been so helpful booking buses, distributing notes and the myriad of other little tasks I have asked of her. Thank you! Thanks and well done to the choir children!

Mrs Murray

Choir teacher

Teacher’s Industrial Action Wednesday 27/6/12

Teaching Staff from Helensburgh Public School will be participating in the NSW TEACHERS’ FEDERATION state wide STOPWORK on WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2012. This industrial action is part of the action coordinated by the Teachers’ union in a campaign, in response to the State Government’s changes to school funding and staffing procedures for NSW schools under the “Local Schools, Local Decisions” Program.

The teaching staff from Helensburgh Public School will be among those participating in the stoppage.

It has been determined that the school will be unable to provide adequate supervision on Wednesday, 27 June 2012 from 8:25 am to 2:55 pm. Therefore, in consideration of the safety of students, the school will have to be non-operational for the duration of the industrial action. Parents and caregivers are asked to make suitable arrangements for their children on Wednesday, 27 June.

Students attending the Year 5 Canberra excursion and travelling by bus will need to be at school by 7:00 am as this activity will still be going ahead and has been exempted from industrial action.
Helensburgh Public School 125 Year Celebration Fete!

What a wonderful 125 Anniversary event we had last Friday with the school birthday party and opening of the time capsule! The P&C would like to thank all those involved, especially Mrs Badham, Ms Lewis, Mr Connor and Mrs Dowling. Thanks too, to Nick Szewcow and our other BBQ and canteen helpers, to Mr Hendry and Mrs Merchant for their busy preparations, Mrs Lehn, Mrs Williams, Mrs Carrall and Mrs McPherson, and a HUGE thank you to Nicole Short for baking our very special (and yummy) 125 biscuits!

The day was enjoyed by all in attendance and we were thrilled to see the 125 merchandise so eagerly perused and purchased by visitors. This will be available throughout the year at our other 125 events and smaller items may also be purchased through the canteen. Other items – the Year Book, mugs, wine glasses and wine – will be available by ordering via an order form which will be sent home in Week 1 next term.

Thank you again to all who made this day a very special day for our current students. The opening of the time capsule, in particular, gave them a greater understanding of and context for the meaning of 125 years for Helensburgh Public School – their school.

Term 3 will be very busy with the 125 Anniversary Fete. If you have items to donate for any stall (no need to limit yourself to your own class!), please contact Sandy or Gina and we will help them get to the right place. All donations are very welcome and will help make the fete a memorable one (it might get a mention in the 150 Year Book...).

Please have a safe and happy holiday.

Fete Coordinators
Sandy Szewcow - szewcow@gmail.com or 0418 289 569
Gina Krohn - fhork@yahoo.com or 4294 1371

Environmental News

Thank you very much to our wonderful parents who put their best glove forward on our sunny Sunday Working Bee. As well as removing more Morning Glory and other invasive weeds from the ‘quiet area’, 90 new natives were planted. We are lucky to share many beautiful natural areas within our school and fortunate to have lots of willing hands to help maintain our beautiful environment.

Week 9 also saw infants classes enjoying some hands-on sensory experiences whilst building up the ‘lasagna’ of ingredients, such as lucerne and ‘magic dirt’ for our no-dig garden beds. Next the children helped plant a lemon tree, generously donated by Barbara Hanley, and the first for our planned citrus garden. The children were impressed that the lemon tree may well be there when they are 86!

Meanwhile upper primary children continued industriously filling tons of soil into the garden beds. Great team work stage 3!

Check the HPS News Blog for pictures of these events.

CANTEEN NEWS

Tomorrow is Cheese ‘n’ Bacon Roll Day. Thank you to everyone who has ordered lunch, they will be delivered to the classroom tomorrow as per normal lunches. In conjunction with the school’s Indigenous Day, we will also be selling some red and yellow treats at lunchtime.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the canteen and provided lovely cakes and treats on Friday for the birthday party. It was a great day. Just a reminder that we will be operating a canteen at the ovals for the Athletics Carnival in week 2 of next term. More details will be available in the first issue of the highlights for term 3.

Jaffles are still available every day as a warm winter alternative.

We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN

UNIFORM NEWS

We have stock of the Helensburgh Public School logo school bag which is tax deductible this financial year should you purchase before the end of term.

The soft yellow sport visors are now available for $8. Sport socks (all sizes) are now available 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 also a selection of merchandise for the children – wrist bands, pencil cases, stickers. Thank you for you continued support. Jan 4294 1778 Bronwyn 4294 3568
125th Anniversary Dinner

Only a handful of tickets left!

Our 125th Anniversary Dinner will be held Saturday 21st July at the Workers. Tickets are $40 each and need to be purchased before the end of term (Fri 29th June).

Most tables are full, some single or double spaces still available.

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

Community Notices

FREE: Pine 4 drawer desk with hutch and pine bookcase (180cm) - good condition.
Ph: 0413 209 895

Lost Dog

LOST DOG - 1 year old female Staffy, white with dark patches, missing from Hoy St Helensburgh. Answers to Roxy. Please phone 0411 111 238 or 4295 1350.

Playgroup Stanwell Park

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

St John Bosco Baseball & Softball Club

No Experience Is Required! Registration days for 2012/13 season Sunday 22nd & 29th July 2012

1.00pm à 3.00pm at Boystown Gymnasium, Banksia Avenue, Engadine. Also, we have Try Baseball sessions on these days from 10am to 12pm at Boystown Oval for the new kids to come along and have a go at the game. We’re looking for players from 5 y/o to seniors for both baseball & softball catering for all standards from new players to the experienced.

Wollongong NRE Hawks School Holiday Basketball Clinic in Wollongong

Tuesday 10th July 9.30am to 2.30pm Illawarra Basketball Stadium from $45 per child Registrations: online at hawks.com.au

Rego for Wollongong Touch Junior Comp 2012 - 4th term only


Group Programs 2012

Northfields Clinic, University of Wollongong

Parenting

“Confident Carers Cooperative Kids”

For Parents/Tutors of children

Eating, sleeping, clothes, in and out of the house, etc.

Thursdays 6pm

Starts: 25th July 2012 (6 weeks)
Cost: $60 / $40 concession

Child Anxiety

“Cool Kids”

For children (8-12yrs) with anxiety problems and their parents/care

Mondays 6.45pm

Starts: 23rd July 2012 (10 weeks)
Cost: $60 / $40 concession

All group participants need to attend a Pre-group Meeting.

Please book early as places are limited.

Please Contact Northfields Clinic for further information:

Tel: 02 4221 3747
Fax: 02 4221 3986
Email: northfields_clinic@uow.edu.au

Band News

Week 10 (last week of Term) there will be no band on Thursday morning. The lessons will be condensed into the first three days as follows:

Monday 1st Lunch - Percussion, 2nd Lunch - all Trumpets, 1.45 - all Flutes, 2.15 - all Clarinets.

Tuesday 1.45 - all Saxophones.

Wednesday 1.45 - Keyboard/Guitar, 2.15 - Bass Guitar/Trombone/Euphonium.

This schedule ONLY refers to the last week of this Term. (The Schedule is also posted on the demountable window).

Mrs Garvey
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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