PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELCOME TO A NEW TERM
I hope everyone had a relaxing school holiday and have returned ready to jump in to some exciting learning. I am looking forward to hearing many of your children’s holiday stories and adventures. Ms MacMillan will be on leave for two weeks and will be replaced by Ms Byrne.

TERM 3 MAJOR EVENTS
This new term has a number of major events including our 125th Anniversary Dinner, Annual Athletics Carnival, Education Week, Grandparents Day and our School Fete. All of these events will have opportunities for community involvement and will require a considerable amount of organisation. This year has, by the very nature of our celebrations, created a situation where the cooperation and collaborative planning of the school and parent organisations has enriched the educational experience for all our students. I commend the P & C for their dedication and commitment to our school and our students. I hope our partnership will continue to grow as we continue our celebrations in 2012.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
This week students in Years 3 to 6 and competing 8 year old Year 2 students will take home a series of notes related to the school athletics carnival. This is one of the largest events in the school’s calendar and requires a great deal of organisation. The success of the day is due in part to the assistance the school receives from parent helpers. This year we will require at least 30 parents to volunteer to help run events on the day. If you can assist I encourage you to complete the form related to parent helpers and return it to school as soon as possible. We need parents who have some knowledge of track and field events, who might like to judge or time-keep or just help supervise groups of students as they rotate through events. Additional forms will be available on the school website. We need your help - even for a few hours on the day will be greatly appreciated.

NO GAPS NO EXCUSES
This Wednesday all staff at Helensburgh Public School will be undertaking the Illawarra and South East Region Professional Learning Aboriginal Education called “No Gaps, No Excuses” Staff will be undertaking the first of five training modules.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Some people ask, what do staff do on these pupil free days? Well, on Monday our staff, updated their CPR certificates, received training in handling Asthma attacks in children and how to have an Asthma Friendly School. We reviewed and analysed our whole school Spelling program. Staff also developed Environmental Education teaching units in line with our school plan. Time was allocated to receive instruction on the latest online reading resources available for ages and ability levels. Staff were also given time in stage and grade groups to plan major initiatives and programs for the term. Our staff take every opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and skills so that our students reap the benefit.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Did You Know……..

In 1910 Mr Campbell was still the headmaster of the school. School numbers fluctuated somewhat during this period with a temporary peak of 400. Mr Campbell was concerned at the prevalence of trespassing on the school grounds. He had little objection to the scores of passers-by who stopped to get a drink from the tanks but by Christmas Eve 1910 he took grave exception to the “organised gangs of juveniles ranging from tender years up to 15 or 16” that infested the school yard at all hours of the day and night on weekends and holidays, as well as roaming horses and cattle. Mr Campbell had spoken to the local constabulary about the problem only to be informed there was no legal power or laws to prevent the use of the school out of school hours. Legal advice was sought to change the law to help prevent “bad types” using the school grounds and to make schools safer. Eventually a paling fence was erected around the school.

Court House and Police Station complex was erected in 1902. Photo courtesy of Helensburgh & District Historical Society website.
Important Dates to Remember

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125th Celebrations Continue!
Watch out this week for both your 125 merchandise and 125 Celebration Red (wine) order forms. Be sure to get your orders in so you don’t miss out – and there’s something for everyone in the family! Next week we will be sending home an order form for ride tickets. These are always cheaper to pre-order than to buy on the day and are great value!

With the 125 Anniversary Fete coming up fast, please don’t forget our call for donations of books, DVDs, craft items, White Elephant goods, Chocolate Wheel prizes and, of course, an hour or two of your time on fete day to help out on your class stall! Any items you are able to donate can be left at the school on Friday afternoons, and thanks!

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

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Uniform News**
We have stock of the Helensburgh Public School logo school bag. The soft yellow sport visors are now available for $8. Sport socks (all sizes) are now available for $8. 125th Anniversary caps are now available from the canteen for $10 also a selection of merchandise for the children – wrist bands, pencil cases, stickers.

Second hand clothes – please drop any good quality second hand uniform items to the canteen.

Thank you for you continued support.

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**Canteen News**
We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN

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**FATHERS DAY STALL**

The stall will be held **Wednesday 29th August** and we ask that **ALL money for presents** be sent in to the class teacher by Friday 24th August. Any money not receipted **before** the day of the stall, (i.e. 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.

Pease 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. **Any cheques should be made out to Helensburgh Public School P&C and please do not include with any other school expenses.**

Most 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.

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

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE STALL** – your children’s education will benefit.

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Childs name:________________________

Class:___________

No. of $5 presents required _________ No. of $10 presents required________

Total $ enclosed________

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**Community Notices**

**Mel and Dave Whiteside Barefoot Bowls Fundraiser**


$50 family $30 couple $20 single. RSVP 24/7/12 Sue Bell 0421 247 437 Jo Trigg 0409 429 455

**Lost Dog**

**LOST DOG** – 1 year old female Staffy, white with dark patches, missing from Hay St Helensburgh. Answers to Roxy.

Please phone 0411 111 238 or 4295 1350.

**Spanish Classes**

We will be starting classes again this Wednesday (18th). I look forward to seeing you all bright and early. We will be working on developing short plays with our puppets this term. Warmest Lilli

**Playgroup Stanwell Park**

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

**Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority**

Southern Rivers CMA is updating its Catchment Action Plan and we want to know what natural values and places are important to you across our region. The Catchment Action Plan will guide community and government investment into improving the way we care for, live and work to protect our natural resources - soils, native vegetation, rivers, native animal habitats, estuaries and in-shore marine areas. **We want to know what natural values are important to you in the Southern Rivers region.** To have your say on the Southern Rivers Catchment Action Plan update visit: [www.yoursaysouthernriverscma.com.au](http://www.yoursaysouthernriverscma.com.au)
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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