EDUCATION WEEK

EDUCATION WEEK 2012 LAUNCH
12.30PM MONDAY 30 JULY
Education Week will be simultaneously launched at Martin Place Sydney and in the Hunter / Central Coast, Illawarra South East, on the North Coast, in Northern Sydney, Riverina, South Western Sydney, Sydney, Western Sydney and Western NSW regions - and in numerous schools across the state. The launch will include a commissioned song created by one of our public school students and a 4 minute dance extravaganza.

Our school will be conducting an Open Day on Tuesday 31 July commencing at 9:00 am for Infants classes and 12.00 for primary classes. Parents would have received a separate flyer concerning the events and picnic lunch on the day. We have invited all parents to come to the school and visit their child’s classroom and experience some of the wonderful work your child has produced.

OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
All those who attended would join with me in expressing our thanks to the hard working 125th committee who organised a terrific evening. Photographs from the evening can be viewed on our school website.

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YEAR 1 PUBLIC SPEAKING
I was most impressed with the standard of public speaking I witnessed at last Wednesday’s Stage One finals. I would like to congratulate the winners Ava-Belle 1/2K and the runner up Noah 2H. Thanks to the parents of all the students in the final for their support and assistance in getting their child ready for such a big event in their life. All students in the final are to be congratulated for stepping up and having a go. Well done!

DOGS
I would like to remind parents that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds, even if they are on a leash. If you are walking your dog to school then say good bye to your child at the gate and do not bring your dog into the school. Even the best controlled and quietest dog can bite someone if the conditions are stressful for them. Some children have allergies to pet hair and some children have real anxieties related to animals, so please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL THURSDAY 2 AUGUST
The success of any large school event like our Athletics Carnival can only be guaranteed with the assistance and support of parent helpers. This will certainly be needed following the postponement of our carnival due the state of the grounds. We really need your help so please fill out one of the parent helper forms and return to Ms Connolly as soon as possible.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Did You Know......
A difficulty faced by the staff from the beginning of school history was finding suitable places to live as most had to stay in one of the “hotels”. In 1910, one Assistant Teacher complained to the Department of Public Instruction, “I am compelled to stay at a hotel, and in a Mining and Railway township, some of the other residents of the establishment are altogether undesirable”.

In fact, Mr James Cram, a student teacher at the school, was to fail his teachers’ examinations. He blamed his failure on the poor accommodation he was forced to occupy as all that was available was ‘miners’ lodges and sly grog houses’. World War I had a great impact on regular schooling, with patriotic themes affecting every area of the curriculum. Most children became heavily involved in making comforts for the soldiers and raising funds for the victims of war. There was a large number of fund raising concerts during this period. An Honour Roll was installed at the school containing 128 local names. Mr Southwell was the Principal of the school during this time. Enrolment was 428, however, average attendance was 302.

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Important Dates to Remember

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Scholastic Book Club
Catalogues for Book Club are being distributed to the children early this week. Please ensure that the correct money is sent with the order, esp: if the child is paying out of their own money box. Orders and payment are due by FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST, 2012.
Thank you

Stage 1 Public Speaking
Stage 1 Class Finalists for Public Speaking competed in the School Hall last Wednesday, 25th July. They were competing for an opportunity to represent Helensburgh Public School at the Regional Public Speaking Competition, which will be held in August.

Students from all classes in Stage 1 spoke really, really well and were very brave in front of an audience of children and parents. We are pleased to announce the winner is Ava-Belle from 1/2K and the runner up is Noah from 2H.

Thank you to all the parents and visitors who came along to support the children on the day and thank you to the parents who assisted the children in writing their speeches.

Ms C Carter & Stage 1 Teachers

Special Reading Program Urgently Needs Tutors
At HPS we run a special reading program called ‘Hubbard St’. Volunteer tutors work with our senior students. Unfortunately this year some tutors have left so we are in need of some more tutors. If you can spare as little as half an hour once a week please see Mrs McPherson or leave your name and contact number at the office. Mrs McPherson runs a short training session for tutors. No experience needed! The students will greatly appreciate the help.

M. McPherson SLST

Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes at the end of August. Any children taking part must have their online reading log completed before August 31. If you need help with any aspect of the challenge please see Mr McQueen in the library.

Photo Exhibition
Parents visiting the school for the Open Day tomorrow are invited to visit the photo exhibition in the library, celebrating our 125th anniversary.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

Wollongong Schools Choral Festival
The Helensburgh Choir is very excited! This Wednesday, 1st August 2012 we will be attending our last rehearsal during the day. We will need to depart school promptly at 9am by bus for the Wollongong Town Hall.

Choir members are reminded that they must wear full school uniform, including their hat. They will need to bring their lunch, recess and extra drinks. You will need nothing else. Please bring your food and drinks in a small bag, clearly marked with your name.

We will rehearse our full repertoire all day. We will then return to school by bus before 3pm. All choir members are then to meet Mrs Murray at the side door of the Town Hall and return to school by bus after 9.00pm.

All choir members are to wear the green school polo shirt, preferably with a school emblem for the performance. Girls may wear the green shorts, long pants or skirt. Boys the grey shorts or green long pants. Hats will not be required at night. Girls should have their hair neatly done, tied back and if wearing ribbons or headbands please coordinate with our school colours.

The choir sounds beautiful. Their performance will, no doubt, do us all proud. This will be an excellent way for Helensburgh to celebrate Education Week.

Thank you, in song,

Mrs. Murray

Library News

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!
Education Week Cake Stall
We would appreciate donations of yummy, nut-free homemade cakes, biscuits or slices for the P&C cake stall which will be held at our Open Day tomorrow. These can be dropped at the cake stall, under the canteen COLA. Because our cakes are so yummy, the cake stall gets very busy, so we would really like a few extra helpers for the stall (we have two mums and a lot of enthusiasm, but it's not quite enough!).

CANTEEN NEWS
Back by popular demand!
Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August.
Spaghetti Bolognaise week – Fresh homemade spag bol will be available for lunch orders. $3.50 per serve. We will also have Italian Meal Deal which includes a serving of Spaghetti Bol, 2 slices garlic bread and a popper for $4.50.
Education Day on Tuesday 31st – parents can order the Spag Bol or the Italian Meal Deal. Please place all orders at the canteen as usual before 9am.
Athletics Carnival
Thursday 2nd August – We will be operating a canteen at the ovals selling sausage rolls, pies, water, tea, coffee, donuts and some sweet treats to help our athletes run faster. Normal canteen will also be operating at school for years K-2.
We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN
Thank you for your continued support.
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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. 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. 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.

Childs name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________
No. of $5 presents required ______ No. of $10 presents required ______ Total $ enclosed ______

125 Celebrations continue with our Anniversary Fete!
We’re very excited with the fantastic range of class stalls and outside market stalls that will be open for business on fete day! From lucky dips to vintage clothes, plants to a multitude of tea varieties, Nepalese goodies, books, craft, candles and loads more. There’s plenty of time, kids, to do the odd job for mum or dad so you can earn some cash for show bags, the lolly stall, arcade games, the rides – there will be so much to see and do! All day ride passes/wristbands are available now for $24.

Order forms available in today’s Highlights.
Camelot Amusements are providing a giant dragster slide, mini jeeps, the cannon ball swing, a jumping castle obstacle course and a bungee (how cool!). They’ve even promised an extra ride if we pre-sell lots of passes, so buy yours soon! When you purchase your ride pass, a note will be sent home acknowledging receipt of your payment but the ride passes will not be available until 10am on fete day, as we cannot replace any lost passes. We are still in need of donations of books, DVDs, craft items, White Elephant goods and Chocolate Wheel. Any items you are able to donate can be left at the school on Friday afternoons, and thanks! Also, if you are a gardening enthusiast, we would love you to consider cultivating and donating flowers, fruits or herb for the ST stall.

Thank you to our wonderful local businesses and individuals, and those from out of town, who have generously donated prizes for our raffle, silent auctions and Chocolate Wheel: Razorhurst Salon, Tumbling Waters, True Pampering, Raya Thai, R&R Cafe, Tara Carter, Deb Coustley, IMAX, The Sydney Maritime Museum and The Powerhouse Museum. If your business would like to donate to our 125 fete, please contact us! Remember to make your 125 memories jolly ones by ordering your 125 merchandise and classic red wine!

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

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Community Notices
Helensburgh VIEW Club
are going to see Legally Blonde Saturday 20th October 2012 Lyric Theatre 2 p.m. matinee $100.00 to be paid by Friday 17th August. Bus $25.00 to be paid on the day. Correct money please. The bus will leave from the centennial Hotel midday. Lunch may be eaten on the bus, water only to drink. Bookings call Chris on 42941103

Northern Illawarra AECG
The Northern Illawarra AECG is about to meet next week, on Tuesday 31st July at Corrimal High School, 3:45 pm. Everyone is warmly welcomed. Please convey this invitation to both your staff and community

Yarrawarrah Tigers Junior Baseball Club
Sunday 5th Aug Yarrawarrah Oval Club House corner of Giles St and Wheatley Road 11am till 1pm Summer BASEBALL
Register Now www.yarrawarrahjuniors.baseball.com.au and tigers3301@hotmail.com For more information contact Peter Burn on 0408 299 927

Have Your Will Prepared for a $50 Donation to the Salvos
Wednesday 8th August 2012 Helensburgh Community Centre Walker St Helensburgh. Volunteer Solicitors will be on hand to change or prepare your Will @ 15 - 6.00pm Cost $50 donation to the Salvos. For appointments ph Rosemary 9266 9631 between 9am and 4pm Mon to Fri.

Scarborough ArtShow
Students can enter art works in one of 3 exhibition categories K-2, 3-4, 5-6 The children’s exhibition will run alongside the adult exhibition at the Scarborough Art Show 2012 on the 6th & 7th October. Entry is free - and something the children can do at home with their parents, or it can be done as a class activity if time permits. Entry forms are available www.scarboroughartshow.com
Jo Reed Event Organiser 0411 790 140

Please complete and return with payment to Helensburgh PS office
125 Anniversary Fete – all day rides
$24 each

Number of ride passes purchased: ________________________________

Amount enclosed - CASH or CHEQUE: $ __________________________

Child’s name: Class:
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Thank you! Your all day ride passes will be issued on fete day from 10.00am.
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