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Helensburgh Highlights
Celebrating 125 Years

PRINCIPAL REPORT

I would like to advise the school community that one of our students, Matthew Young, is currently undergoing treatment for cancer at the Randwick Childrens’ Hospital. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Matthew and his family at this time.

STUDENTS EARLY TO SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that students may not enter the grounds of the school before 8:25 am. The school provides supervision of students from 8:25am until the commencement of lessons at 8:55am. Students who arrive before 8:25 should not be on the grounds and it is not the role of staff from Fun4U to supervise students apart from those enrolled at their before school service. It is important for the safety of our students that no students are at school before 8:25 am. If parents have to start work early they will need to make other arrangements so that their children are not dropped off early at school.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

On Tuesday 14 August 2012 representatives from our school will be participating in the Seaciff Community of Schools Public Speaking Finals to be held at Austinmer Public School. We wish our team well and look forward to hearing the results of their endeavours.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 15 August and Friday 17 August our school athletics team will be competing at the Zone Athletics carnival to be held at Sylvania Waters. We will be sending a strong team from across all grades and ages and we will be hoping for some personal best results on the day. Ms Connolly and I will be taking the team into battle and we hope the weather remains cooperative for the day. Parents are most welcome to attend and to help cheer on our team.

TARGETED EARLY NUMERACY (TEN)

Teachers for Kinder to Year 2 classes are receiving intensive training in the teaching of number to students who require additional support in their understanding and application of numeracy skills. This program forms part of the mathematics initiatives identified in the school plan for implementation of the next four years. This will be of great benefit for all students in these classes as teachers will receive ideas and new resources transfer across the school.

P&C MEETING

The next meeting of the Helensburgh Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be this Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom. This will be an important meeting as we prepare for the school fete to be held on Saturday 15 September. Organisation is reaching its final stages and we should be in for a fete to remember and an excellent time to renew old acquaintances as part of our school 125th celebrations.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Did You Know……..

The 1st World War was followed by the ‘pneumonic influenza epidemic’, which closed all metropolitan schools for 12 weeks in early 1919. Helensburgh Public School was once again turned into a hospital from early June until late August. The teachers, who were not stricken themselves, were engaged in hospital and relief work and there was a high mortality rate amongst residents of all ages.

During 1918 much needed work was completed at the school, including a toilet block for the infants, a weather shed and a new infants classroom. In April 1919 Mr Southwell (the Headmaster) wrote a letter to the inspector to say “The bell at the above school is silent—the tongue having fallen out at mid-day on Friday last”. A new bell was erected to the delight of everyone, and all the children would march into school to ringing of the new bell!

Mr Southwell was Headmaster from 1917 to 1930.

Original school building used as a hospital during ‘pneumonic influenza epidemic’.

The new bell!
Important Dates to Remember

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**Cringila SongWorld Workshop**

On Thursday 9th of August, 2012, 2S and 2H went to another school called Cringila PS for a SongWorld Music Workshop. Year 2 students from Bulli and Coniston were there too.

Before we left we had an early lunch on top oval. We only had five minutes to play before hopping on the bus. Some sensible people got to carry the drums.

It seemed that we were on the bus for an hour but the trip didn’t really take that long.

After we arrived, we were separated into our colour groups – blue, red or green. We rotated around three activities.

One activity was with Louis and his Dad. They are from Lebanon and they taught us a difficult song in Arabic. The dad played the violin and an instrument like a tambourine.

Another activity was percussion with our SongWorld teachers, Mel and Janet. We played the drums and sang.

The final activity was with a lovely Macedonian young lady. She was wearing a special costume with a woollen apron that was very colourful. We passed it around to see how heavy it was. She was wearing Macedonian earrings made out of fish scales. They looked like pearls. She also had a bead necklace that you can put on your finger and spin while you’re dancing. She showed us pictures of Macedonian dancers and other special things.

Her country’s flag is yellow and red. We thought she was very pretty and very nice.

After these activities, we had a break and then went to the hall as one big SongWorld Music Program group. We sang our special songs and danced the Macedonian way. We finished up by doing the African Jambo song and dance.

We all had a ball! We enjoyed making new friends with the children from the other schools. We also enjoyed meeting the presenters from different countries. The trip home seemed shorter than the trip there but there was still time for some children to have a nap.

By 2H

**Winning PSSA Senior Girls Hockey Team**

City to Surf

Congratulations to Amy and Jade of 6A for completing the City to Surf on Sunday. Despite freezing conditions and strong winds the girls kept their spirits up to finish the 14km course in just over 2 hours. Very well done Amy and Jade!

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Closing date is tomorrow 14th August. Please send any stickers in by tomorrow.

**Principal Award**

Apologies to James, Elizabeth, Drew and Ben whose names were omitted from the 5/6C Principal awards last week.

**Library News**

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Only 18 days to go in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Make sure you get your books read and entered before August 31. If you are having any problems with any aspect of the challenge please contact Mr McQueen in the library.

Debating

Next Tuesday our stage 3 debating team will head to Stanwell Park to compete in the Northern Beaches Stage 3 Debating Competition. Our opponent for the first debate is Otford and the topic is: “That handwriting is an not an outdated skill”

Good luck to all the debaters.

Mr McQueen

Teacher Librarian
Community Notices

Ride to Conquer Cancer - Dr Chris O’Brien Life House at RPA

“D” Band (with Dr Martin Gellatley on the Saxophone) will be playing on Saturday 8 September 7pm at the Centennial Hotel Helensburgh. There will be a $15.00 cover charge and all proceeds will go the Chris O’Brien Life House at RPA for Cancer Research. Nathan Johnson a local sight impaired cyclist and six other local people have signed up to ride ‘The Ride to Conquer Cancer’ in October. Each participant must raise $2,500 to enter and this fund raiser will help Nathan and his team across the line. Please contact Wayne on 0416 086 685 or Dave on 0431 388 316 if you would like to purchase tickets in advance or just come along on the night.

Found

Mauve glasses in a brown case at the Athletics carnival please contact the office 4294 1322

Registrations - Tues 21st August 2012,
7:30pm- 8:30pm at the Netball courts Competition begins September 2012 Minimum 9 players in a team recommended * played at the local courts (NO Travelling) *all equipment supplied * 6:45pm and 7:45pm games depending on the number of teams in the competition* individual players welcome *great exercise, play for fun or competition. COST- New players= $80 (includes insurance), players already registered in 2012 = $40 Please email kristypoole@hotmail.com for a team registration form or PHONE Kristy for any enquiries - 42943793

Rego 2012/13 - Helensburgh & Districts Little Athletics

Online Rego opened on Wednesday 1st August 2012. Online rego + secure payment is the preferred way of becoming a Little A’s member: it’s faster, easier and much cheaper! TINY TOTS (3-4 years old): $70 per child ONLINE versus $80 OFFLINE ALL OTHER ATHLETES (U6-U17): $85 per athlete ONLINE versus $100 OFFLINE Visit our website at www.helensburgh.sportsreg.com and follow the links and instructions there, or contact us at hblac@live.com.au or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HelensburghALAC First Competition Night at Helensburgh Rex Jackson Oval will be on Friday 14th September 2012 from 5:45 pm. 3000m races will still be on this season again (once a month). Offline Rego Dates at Helensburgh Workers Club: Friday 31st August, Friday 7th September, and Friday 14th September between 6-8 pm.

Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Junior Surf Life Saving Club
Saturday 15 September 2012 - REGISTRATION DAY - 9am till 12 noon Outside Pizzarama, Walker St, Helensburgh Saturday 22 September 2012 - REGISTRATION DAY - 10am till 1pm Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, Beach Road, Stanwell Park

Helensburgh Cricket

Helensburgh Cricket Club will be holding registration days for junior players

Aged 5 to 16 years for the 2012/13 season at Helensburgh Community Centre, 26 Walker St, Helensburgh on: Saturday 18th August - 8am to 10am Wednesday 22nd August - 5pm to 7pm Saturday 25th August - 1pm to 3pm Both girls and boys welcome

Bunnings Wallongong Father’s Day Family Night

Bunnings Wallongong is holding their Father’s Day Family Night on Thursday 30th August 2012 from 6pm-8pm. Join us for a free night of fun for the whole family. To book your place either call the store on 42207700, or head online to bunnings.com.au

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 ___________________
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125 Anniversary Fete!

We forgot to tell you the date of the 125 Anniversary Fete!
Well, it wasn’t meant to be a guessing game, so mark **Saturday 15 September, 10am–4pm**, on your calendar and we’ll see you at the fete!

We still need many more parent helpers in most classes and would appreciate 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, or contact Sandy or Gina to arrange an alternative drop off or collection.

Ride passes are selling well and if we have great pre-sales, the ride company have offered us a sixth ride on the day – now that’s incentive to order yours soon! Passes can be collected on fete day (15 September) from around 10am.

Our classes are still in need of some stock to help them create their fete day marvels. KR would like suitable items for their ‘grown up’ Tombola – single bottles of beer or wine can be dropped at the office any time, and small boxes or chocolates or gifts can be sent in as well. 2H still needs can of coloured hair spray and headbands; 4/5B desperately needs empty, clean, clear 750ml plastic bottles (we’re bottling our ginger beer very soon!) and 5T is still after some terra cotta pots, small to medium size or glass tumblers to use for a terrarium and pantyhose to make grass heads. Please remember that the whole school will benefit from a successful fete, so there is no need to restrict any donation you wish to make to your own class.

Don’t forget to **pre-book** your wonderful child’s photo session with the award-winning **About Faces Photography** studio. Families will make great savings when pre-booking a Fairy Dell or Fantasy sitting. The fee is normally $150, but with an advance booking you pay only $40, and $10 of this will be donated to the school! Children can be photographed as elves, fairies or dragon riders. Older children can be photographed against a Hogwarts or other fantasy background. Costumes are supplied by children may wish to wear their own. To pre-book and take advantage of this great opportunity, contact Janet on 4283 8480 or at [info@aboutfaces.com.au](mailto:info@aboutfaces.com.au).

Many thanks to those wonderful businesses who have generously donated prizes for our 125 Anniversary Fete (on 15 September): R&R Cafe, Southern Sports Physiotherapy, the NRMA, Tumbling Waters, Helensburgh Workers and Bunnings Kirrawee.

Finally, we are still taking orders for our 125 merchandise and classic red wine. Order yours now!

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

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Please complete and return with payment to Helensburgh PS office

125 Anniversary Fete 15th September 2012 – 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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Environmental News

Spring Celebrations!!
Please join us for an hour or so on Sunday September 9, from 9am, for the Great H.P.S Spring Working Bee.