VISIT BY HELENSBURGH OLYMPIAN
On Thursday last week Helensburgh Public School ex-student and dual Olympian Alicia McCormack visited our school. Alicia proudly displayed her bronze medal she received as a member of the Australian Woman’s Water Polo team. Alicia was welcomed to the school by our school captain, Chase and Ellouis, and answered questions concerning her involvement at the London Olympics from students at a special assembly. Well done, Alicia we are very proud of you!

ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOL
This week parents of students identified by their school medical records to have asthma will receive a copy of an individual student Asthma Plan. The school would ask that these plans be completed by parents and in some cases with the help of your GP and returned to school as soon as possible.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

RAW ART
This week students will be participating in their final RAW ART lesson for the year. Teachers and students have reveled in the variety of art mediums and styles they have experienced throughout the year. This week students will experience working with clay, paper, printing, mural and mobile construction and abstraction using photographs. Examples of student work from RAW ART will be displayed during the school’s 125th Art Show next term.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Plans for this year’s Grandparents Day, Thursday 13 September, are well underway with a variety of events and activities planned for this important day in the school calendar. Specialist performances, class items and displays will be mixed with open classrooms and opportunities for grandparents to experience their grandchild’s classroom and learning activities. This will be a special day and I encourage all grandparents who attend to see the day as both entertaining and interactive.

Did You Know…….
In 1919 the first aeroplane to arrive in Australia was due to fly into Sydney so all the school children were marched to the highest nearby site “Nanny Goat Hill” to watch it arrive. Alas, they waited in vain as the plane had flown in by another route. Most roads in Helensburgh were only dirt tracks with some children walking more than a mile along them to arrive at school. There were no tar sealed roads and the first sanitary cart was always given the right of way – pulled by horses while the driver cracked his whip. Motor traffic gradually replaced the horse. In the meantime, the school buildings were becoming increasingly dilapidated as, apart from the original building, all the other buildings were temporary. The school population increased to over 400 so the infants children were given lessons on the steps outside the original building and in the weather shed. In 1925, the first electric light was installed in the main school building and in the headmaster’s residence. In 1927, Mr Southwell asked for some fence repairs to keep out the goats but his request was denied. Mr Kendall, the Inspector, wrote in a report, “I recommend that no money be spent on the present buildings. The grounds are the worst I have ever seen and quite unsuitable for the use of children. They are broken by huge rocks and uneven throughout. It is dangerous for children to run about”. He was considering moving the school to another location.
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**Important Dates to Remember**

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**Coles and Woolworths Promotions**
The Woolworths Earn and Learn and Coles school vouchers are now closed. Please send any vouchers or stickers to the school urgently

**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Well done to the 3 children who finished their challenge this week, bringing the total number of children completing the challenge up to 156. There are still 11 days to go so if you’re close to finishing get those books finished.

**CBCA Book Week**
This week is the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book Week during which the winner of the CBCA book of the year in a variety of categories is announced. We have been reading the short listed books in the library throughout term 3 so children are familiar with the books.

The winners in each of the categories are:
**Early Childhood:** The Runaway Hug by Nick Bland, Illustrated by Freya Blackwood
**Picture Book:** A Bus Called Heaven by Bob Graham
**Younger Readers:** Crow Country by Kate Constable
**Non-Fiction:** One Small Island, The Story of Macquarie Island by Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch

Congratulations to all the winners.
Borrowing of the short listed books has been limited while we were reading them in the library but all books will be available for borrowing from next week.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

**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.

**Environmental News**

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

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

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### CALENDAR

**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.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Back by popular demand!**
**Monday 3rd to Friday 7th September.**
**Spaghetti Bolognaise week** – Fresh home-made 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.

Jaffles are selling well as a warm winter alternative. “REAL” coffee from the canteen to parents for $3 per cup. Apples are 70c each (whole or slinky) and our breakfast items are also still the same: raisin toast 50c per slice, vegemite on toast 50c per slice and Up N Go various flavours $1.70, milo $1.00 per cup.

**We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN**
Thank you for you continued support.

**Uniform News**
**URGENTLY NEEDED** - Second hand clothes – please drop any good quality second hand uniform items to the canteen.

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Community Notices

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

“B” Band (with Dr Martin Gellatley on the Saxophone) will be playing on Saturday 8 September 7pm at the Centennial Hotel Helensburgh. $15.00 cover charge and all proceeds 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. 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 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: 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-lac.com.au and follow the links or contact us at hblac@live.com.au Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HelensburghLAC 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: Wednesday 22nd August - 5pm to 7pm Saturday 25th August - 1pm to 3pm Both girls and boys welcome

Helensburgh Disability Support Group

Support for families with a child or young person with a disability When: Every Monday between 10am and 12pm at Helensburgh Community Centre 26 Walker St Helensburgh. Cost: $2 donation per family/group for morning tea Enquiries Alisa on 0410 946 776

Surf Life Saving Club Open Day

Sunday 26th August 2012 11am - 2pm for more info www.surflifesaving.com.au

Garage Sale

Saturday 25th August 8.30am 9 Otford Rd Helensburgh. Heaps of kids toys, clothes, some baby items eg. High chair, prams, kitchen items, plants and general household items.

September Holidays at Circus Monoxide

This September Holidays Circus Monoxide is holding it’s very popular “A Day at the Circus” Workshops. For a whole day you can try being in the circus! Have a go at juggling or tumbling, sit on the trapeze or walking on stilts. For five hours (with breaks for lunch and morning and afternoon tea) you will try a wide variety skills and do things you never thought you could. Workshops will be held in both weeks of the holidays and are expected to fill up so get in quick to avoid disappointment! To book your place contact info@circusmonoxide.com.au call us on 4285 0066 or check out the website www.circusmonoxide.com.au
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SATURDAYS: 9AM AT HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE
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**125 Anniversary Fete: 15 September, 10am – 4pm**

With only **weeks to go** to fete day, we’d like to thank those parents who have been helping with pre-fete preparations and put a call out for more wonderful parent helpers. **We need you!** The fete team has put in well over 200 hours for this whole-school event, and we are asking you to give us just 2 of yours. Please look at the rosters over the page and see where you can help. Most stalls need at least 2 parent per shift; the BBQ needs at least 3. Then it’s simple - fill in the Parent Helper form below, send it in to school, we’ll pass it on to your Class Parent and our 125 Anniversary Fete will be a huge success!

We have a special request for any Halloween lovers to help out in 2/5M’s Haunted House. For safety reasons, we need adults in the lift while children are being scared. As a bonus, you can be watchful and scare at the same time! We desperately need a couple of ghouls, a witch or two, possibly a vampire and a coffin and lots of creepy characters. Sends a shiver down your spine, doesn’t it!! We also need scary props (to be returned to you) and ideas for 3-4 different scary scenarios, and some suitably scary food to sell. Please email Deb at dcoustle@uow.edu.au or Gina at nhork@yahoo.com.

Don’t forget the fantastic offer from **About Faces Photography** – a sitting valued at $150 for only $40 with a pre-booking. See the flyer sent home with today’s Highlights. And spread the word – booking are not limited to our school!

We would still love donations for our stalls, Chocolate Wheel, raffle and silent auctions. Please contact Sandy (cszewcow@gmail.com or 0418 289 569) or Gina (nhork@yahoo.com or 4294 1371) if you are able to support our fete in this way!

**Thank you to our 125 Anniversary Fete sponsors and supporters.**

Without your generosity, the fete could not be a success!


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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, 15 September!

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**Fete Helpers**

**YES! I am able to help on __________________ class stall at the fete!**

Set Up _____ 10am-12.15pm _____ 12pm-2.15pm _____ 2pm-4.15pm _____ Pack Away _____

Your Name: ____________________________________________

Phone or email: ____________________________________________

**NO, I am unable to help but here is my donation of $___________ towards stall costs.**

**YES! I am able to help on __________________ class stall at the fete!**

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