ENROLMENTS 2013
Parents are reminded that enrolments for 2013 are now open. The school is presently undergoing a period of growth and numbers of places can be a problem in a number of different grades. If you are intending to enrol, or you know of others planning to come to Helensburgh Public School in 2013, I would encourage you to get your enrolment forms into our school office as soon as possible. I am also very happy to show any prospective parents around our school, just ring the school to arrange a time.

SCHOOL FETE
This year our school fete will be held on Saturday 15 September. This year an enormous amount of work is being undertaken by a very committed group of parent volunteers to make our fete a special event in our 125th year. Our fete committee has been working all year to provide an amazing event for our community. As with all school activities more volunteers are needed. This year each class has been allocated a stall to run and I am sure that every parent has been contacted by their class parent coordinator to see how you can contribute. The success of such a large event depends on the number of people willing to help. If you can spare an hour or even two on fete day working on a stall please contact your class parent coordinator or Gina Krohn on 4294 1371

GRANDPARENTS DAY
This week parents will receive a copy of the program for Grandparents Day 2012. The program will give an outline of the day’s activities and a description of the events centred around our classrooms. Morning tea will be provided by the P & C, although a gold coin donation would be appreciated. A feature of the day will be a picnic lunch in the school grounds for grandparents and their grandchildren. A BBQ will be operating throughout the day.

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 goodbye 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.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Did You Know……..
During the 1940’s the “Penny Dances” became part of the schools’ help towards the war effort. They cost a penny per child for a social dance and were held at the Band Hall at the bottom of Lukin Street. The families also cooked biscuits and sweets to sell. The teachers made the boys dance with the girls and they were not happy! All money raised was donated to the Red Cross and the War Fund. Mr Frank Daly was the Principal at this time. It was during these hard times that the school numbers dropped to 232. Mr Eric Dandie arrived in the 1950’s and was a respected and energetic Helensburgh Public School Headmaster. Mr Dandie announced his intention to start a school library in the basement room (under 1/2K). The P&C worked hard to raise funds for the purchase of books. Finally in 1978 renovations were carried out to the 1890’s original building and the school now had a bigger library. In 1951, the water from Sydney’s water supply was connected to the school thus alleviating the fears of children catching diseases from the tank water. In 1956 the Headmaster of the school was Mr Edmund Suters and enrolments had increased to 280. This was mainly due to improved train services and a better water supply. Some roads in Helensburgh were also now sealed. In 1960 a canteen area was built at the school to cater to the school population for lunches. It was now possible to order your lunch and buy snacks at school!
**Important Dates to Remember**

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**Kindergarten Bushwalk**

Last Friday Kindergarten, their teachers and lots of parents went on a bushwalk along the fire trail towards the dam to observe natural and built environments as part of the COGS unit “Our Places”. Everyone had a fantastic time and the children were all very well behaved. The teachers would like to thank all the parents who joined us!

**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now over for 2012. Congratulations to the children who completed the challenge this year. You will be receiving your certificates in term 4. Watch out in term 4 for a noticeboard of photos in the library highlighting all those children who completed the challenge.

Unfortunately state government support for the PRC has been cut back this year and will be further cut back next year, meaning this will probably be the last year our school participates in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

**KOALA**

Voting for the Kids Own Australian Literature Awards (KOALA) has started in the library this week. Children can vote for their favourite book from the short listed books at the KOALA display table in the library. Voting is open for the next 2 weeks after which Mr McQueen will tally the votes and send them off to KOALA. One voter will be chosen from the voter box to win a prize of their choice of book from the next book club catalogue so get your votes in.

**Debating**

Tomorrow our school will be debating against Stanwell Park in the Northern Beaches Stage 3 Debating Competition. The topic is “That the paparazzi should allow celebrities their privacy.” Our team is the affirmative. Good luck to Matthew, Katie, Jade and Lachlan in tomorrow’s debate.

Teacher Librarian
Mr McQueen

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**Community Notices**

**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](http://www.helensburgh-lac.com) and follow the links or contact us at hblac@live.com.au Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HelensburghLAC](http://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 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

**Helensburgh VIEW Club**

Helensburgh VIEW club are going to see 'CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG' on Saturday 17th November, 2pm matinee. Helensburgh VIEW club are going to see 'WARHORSE' on Saturday 23rd March 2013.

For enquiries please call Chris on 42941103.

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**Canteen News**

**Spaghetti Bolognaise this 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.

**Grandparents Day**

We will be providing morning tea for the grandparents and guests on the day. Gold coin donation for tea/instant coffee and slice of cake or $3 for cappuccino/hot chocolate and slice of cake. We will also have some treats on sale for the kids.

**Fete**

Please come and visit us on fete day. We will be selling quiche and salad, assorted sandwiches, Pluto pups, sausage rolls and pies as well as tea coffee pikelets, scones and other yummy treats.

**We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN**

**Uniform News**

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

Thank you for you continued support.

Jan 4294 1778 Bronwyn 4294 3568

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**Environmental News**

The big day has finally arrived...Our Spring Working Bee

This Sunday 9th from 9am-12. All very welcome whether you can make ½ hr or 3 H.P.S students, teachers and volunteers have been working hard preparing gardens for the new season. K/1 G have planted their dwarf beans in the vegie patch and lettuces have been planted nearby. Kindergarten are waiting for their Bottle Brush seedlings to sprout, and the sensory garden is under way with chocolate mint, parsley and sage carefully tended by year 5 students. Four citrus trees have been added to the ‘grove’. 4/5B and 5T have worked especially hard in shifting tons of soil and mulch, in addition to upholding their normal duties of collecting paper and fruit scraps from all classrooms for recycling. The 15kg of spent batteries donated by you have also been sent to the recycling outlet.
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Bulli High School Uniform Shop Year 7 2013
Helensburgh’s allocated date and time for Year 7 uniforms fittings is Tuesday 9th October 2012 3pm - 5pm. All Year 7 orders must be placed by Friday 12th October. All Year 7 uniforms must be ordered. For more information call Bulli HS 4284 8266

Karen’s Pet Care Service
kpetcare@tpg.com.au

Zumba fitness
Nicole’s Zumba is all fun and all fitness come and give it a try. It’s a great way to lose weight and keep fit. Class locations and times are as follows:- Tuesdays 7pm at Helensburgh Public School hall Thursdays 7pm at Mackillop hall, Macmillan St Helensburgh (Opp Holy Cross School) Saturdays 9am at Helensburgh Community Centre Cost: $10 per class for adults and $7 per class for students. What to bring: a drink and a smile. Visit me on Facebook at Helensburgh Zumba or Email me helensburghzumba@gmail.com EVERYONE WELCOME!

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125 Anniversary Fete: 15 September, 10am – 4pm

We need you! Check over the page for a class by class breakdown and then see where you can help fill the gaps! It’s only a hour or two, it’s fun and your kids will benefit from your support.

Please keep sending in your White Elephant items, particularly games, puzzles, workshop, kitchen and garden items!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! We need your much-loved books, CDs and DVDs, if you’re ready to pass them on.

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 any way!

Thank you to our 125 Anniversary Fete sponsors and supporters.

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

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 to P&C $______________________________

Child’s name: ____________________________________________________________________ Class:

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Thank you! Your all day ride passes will be issued on fete day, 15 September!

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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125 Anniversary Fete Major Raffle – tickets have been sent home today!

1st prize: A sizzling BBQ, donated by Bunnings Kirrawee
2nd prize: 1 night’s deluxe accommodation at the Royal Exhibition Hotel in Surry Hills and $50 towards your dinner/drinks bill!
3rd prize: Longboard donated by Centennial Heritage Cellars & bike helmet donated by Engadine Cycles
4th prize: a selection of 125 Anniversary merchandise

Tickets are $2 each, so buy yours today and good luck!

Be sure to check out our markets stalls in the primary playground – we have Nepalese clothing and trinkets, beautiful locally made candles and melts, educational toys, more toys, clothes, jewellery, cards & stationery, baby wear and much, much more! Don’t miss this great opportunity for some early Christmas shopping.

Keep an eye out for our Silent Auctions! Thanks to Razorhurst in Stanwell Park, we have a fabulous prize consisting of a weekly shampoo, treatment, blow dry and thermal finish for your hair, valued at $1950!! We also have an exciting children’s party to be won on the big red Britstop bus! Valued at close to $400, everyone will want to be given invitation to this party! There are more Silent Auctions on fete day! Watch this space!

KB: 12-2.15pm needs 2 helpers; 2-4.15pm needs 2 helpers; pack away needs 2 helpers
1/2K: we need choc melts, icing sugar, big marshmallows. Cupcake decorations & clear plastic cups
1C: 2-4.15pm – needs 3 helpers
2S: would love home-made knick knacks, jams, pickles, chutneys, etc
2H: still needs helpers in all time slots; would also love coloured hairspray
3J: needs helpers at the 12-2.15pm and 2-4.15pm time slots
3S: 2-4.15pm – needs 3 helpers
4L: 10-12.15pm needs 1 helper; 2-4.15pm needs 2 helpers
4/5B: 2-4.15pm needs 2 helpers; pack away needs 2 helpers
5T: needs one helper in each of the time slots
5/6C: 12-2.15pm needs 2 helpers; 2-4.15pm needs 1 helper; pack away needs 2 helpers; we also need packets of jelly beans, wrapped lollipops & fizzers for arcade game prizes
6A: set up needs 3 people; 12-2.15pm needs 1 person; 2-4.15pm needs 2 people; pack away needs 2 people

PLEASE NOTE: BBQ volunteers are also needed to help with the Lions BBQ – any time!!

IM would love your donations of cakes & slices!