Did You Know......

In 1968, Mr Don Boyle was Headmaster. Due to an increase in numbers, the school also had an Infants’ Mistress, Mrs Rona Powell. The school was progressing rapidly and in the mid 1970's a new brick double room was built for Kindergarten. As Helensburgh Public School flourished and grew, the school was recognised and respected by other schools and communities. The school uniform was changed from the older fashioned grey pinafore to a more modern green check dress. School numbers rose to 386.

In 1987 Helensburgh School celebrated 100 years of education, it was a huge milestone with a big celebration planned. Mr Neville King was the Principal and Mrs Trish Grainger was the Infants Mistress, the school numbers had increased to 423 with 16 classes from Kinder to 6th class.

On Saturday 12th September 1987 the day started with a huge march from the centre of the town to the school with older ex students from the early 1920's leading the way in vintage cars.

Then every decade proudly carried their banner and marched all the way to the school with their old school friends, the teachers at the school at the time marched with their students class by class Kinder - 6th class. There were brass bands, Scottish bands and the local miners band in the parade, and nearly every local resident not in the parade lined the route cheering us on. The township was empty as everyone came to the school. People came from all over Australia and even overseas to come back to their childhood school.

We then had a big fete/get together. The eldest lady that day who had been a student at the school was 91 years old and the youngest was just 5!!!

On the Sunday we had a bush dance in the playground with lots of music, barbeque, damper with ‘cooky’s joy’ (golden syrup) and billy tea. The weekend was great fun for everyone catching up, seeing old school friends and reminiscing. Schools are about learning, but also about friendships and happy memories!

Mardi Keyes (School Captain 1987)
Centenary Fete 12/9/1987
125th Anniversary Dinner 21/7/2012
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PRINCIPAL REPORT

SCHOOL FETE
This year our school fete will be held this Saturday 15 September one of our a special events in our 125th year. Our fete committee has been working all year to provide for our community an amazing event. As with all school activities more volunteers are needed. All reports indicate that this year’s fete will be amazing so come along and have a fabulous time. 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
Parents should have received a copy of the program for Grandparents Day 2012. It outlines the day’s activities and a description of the events centred around our classrooms and performing arts concert. 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. Grandparents are reminded that if you are taking your grandchild out of school following the events you will be required to sign them out. Class teachers have rolls especially for this purpose. Parents must have provided permission to their class teacher for grandparents to sign out their grandchildren.

STUDENT SICKNESS
Last week saw a steep increase in the number of students who arrived at school unwell or who fell ill at school. Presently, we have a nasty gastric bug in our school community. I would remind parents to instruct their children in the correct method of hand washing particularly after toileting and before eating. We would like to keep this horrible vomiting bug under control so any assistance parents can give would be appreciated. If your child is unwell please do not send them to school.

YEAR 3 & 5 NAPLAN RESULTS
The school has been advised that parents of students in Years 3 and 5 should receive their child’s NAPLAN results sometime during the week commencing 17 September. The school will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s results early next term with your child’s teacher once the school has done a complete analysis of the results. The school’s results will also be published on the MYSchool website later in the year.

Christopher Connor
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Important Dates to Remember

Date Event
11th Sept P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
13th Sept 125th Anniversary Grandparents Day
15th Sept 125th Anniversary Fete
18th Sept Debating finals at Bulli HS
19th Sept SRC Meeting/K-2 Assembly 1.40pm
20th Sept Yr 3 Nan Tien Temple Excursion/
                2S & 2H Songworld
21st Sept Yr 3-6 Assembly 2.10pm/
                Last day of Term 3
8th Oct Students return for Term 4
9th Oct P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
26th Oct 125th Anniversary Art Show

Library News

Grandparent’s Day
On Grandparent’s Day this Thursday the library will be holding a ‘Donate a Book’ fair. Books can be purchased in the library to be donated to the school library. A donation plate will be placed in the front of the book letting all future borrowers know who donated the book and the grandchildren of the donors will be the first to borrow the book.
There will also be a photographic display celebrating our 125th birthday. Please come in and have a look. No-one will be forced to buy.

Teacher Librarian
Mr McQueen

Environmental News

The goal of yesterday’s Spring Working Bee was to reduce fire hazard by collecting loose timber from our school area. Our hardworking volunteers gathered a few ute loads worth! The fruits of their labour, bundled kindling, will be available for free at the RFS stand Saturday's Fete. Thank you parents, enthusiastic children and teachers for your wonderful help - it really felt like a Spring clean!

More thank you's...to Chris Bye from CB Landscaping for repairing the stone wall near our Lukin St entrance. Sandy has topped up the garden with plants from Sunrise Nursery. The result is much safer for our children, and definitely more attractive.

Ms Lewis
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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 your continued support.
Jan 4294 1778 Bronwyn 4294 3568

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

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

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

Group Programs Term 4, 2012 Northfields Clinic, University of Wollongong
Child Anxiety For Children (8-12yr) with anxiety problems and their parents/carers Mondays 4-6pm Starts: 15th October 2012 (10 weeks) Cost: $75 / $60 concession and Parenting For Parents/Carers of children (5-11yo) with behavioural problems Two strands: 1) Mondays 10-12pm Starts: 15th October 2012 OR 2) Thursdays 6-8pm Starts: 11th October 2012 (8 weeks) Cost: $75 / $60 concession

School Holiday Workshops

This September/October we are holding "A Day at the Circus" workshops. For a full day (10am-3pm) of circus fun come along to our Circus Monoxide space in Fairy Meadow. Suitable for children 5-12yrs. Check out the website for more details or call 4285 0066 or email info@circusmonoxide.com.au

Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Presentation Day

Sunday 16th September - 3pm at The Workers Club

Lost

1 silver necklace with purple/blue pendant. If found please hand in to the school office

Soccer Camp in Helensburgh October 3-5 2012

9am - 12 noon approx cost $60 for 3 days. We need 24 kids aged 6-12 to go ahead. Please email alysonevans@bigpond.com this week if your child would be interested. Coaching by Glen Fontana from Football NSW

Kids & Bullying Course

This course will be held in Wollongong, for more information, please call 4628 0044 to be included on our waiting list.
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125 Anniversary Fete
10am to 4pm

Please keep sending in your White Elephant items, particularly games, puzzles, workshop, kitchen and garden items! Helpers are also needed on this stall on Saturday – please see Mrs McPherson if you can help!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! We're still collecting, sorting and packaging your much-loved books, CDs and DVDs, if you're ready to pass them on.

YUMMO! If you LOVE baking, we'd LOVE to sell your delicious donations, so please bake and bring your nut-free delights to the cake stall on Saturday morning – and THANK YOU!

Have you bought your raffle tickets yet? Contact Gina or Sandy if you would like more chances to win a 4-burner Jackaroo Hooded BBQ & Garth BBQ tool set, a night's deluxe accommodation at the Royal Exhibition Hotel + $50 towards your big night out, an awesome longboard & helmet or some 125 must-have merchandise! $2 each & drawn on Sat!

Did we tell you about our fabulous Silent Auction prizes? How about $1950 of weekly treatments at Razorhurst, Stanwell Park? Or an unforgettable dining experience at Tumbling Waters? Perhaps you’d prefer a Britstop party? Hmm – maybe a cool skateboard & helmet? I know – a weekly mini manicure & mini facial at True Pampering!

Be sure to place a bid on any of these great prizes on fete day!

With over $5000 in prizes to be won, great rides, food, entertainment and a fantastic range of class and market stalls, why would you be anywhere else this Saturday, 15 September except at our 125 Anniversary Fete!

FETE TARGET: $25,000
125 Anniversary Fete: 15 September, 10am – 4pm

Thank you to our 125 Anniversary Fete sponsors and supporters. Without your generosity, the fete could not be a success!


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!

LAST WEEK FOR PRE-PAID RIDES!
Camelot Amusements are providing a giant dragster slide, mini jeeps, the cannon ball swing, a jumping castle obstacle course and a bungee!

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: ____________________________
Child’s name: ____________________________
Child’s name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________

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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