Did You Know…….

In 2012, Helensburgh Public School is celebrating 125 years of schooling, starting from its humble beginning in a small, wooden building with 3 classrooms schooled by the Headmaster and 2 student teachers, to today’s school with 20 classes with 477 children, 30 staff and Mr Connor as our Principal.

This year has been a special year for the children featuring our 125th Birthday celebrations complete with a Birthday cake and the unearthing of the time capsule that was placed near the flagpole at the school’s 100 year celebration.

In July we enjoyed a celebratory dinner at the local Club with 270 people in attendance. Mardi Keyes, the school captain in 1987 (100th year) returned to help us celebrate 25 years on with a wonderful speech.

In September, we will be having a “great fete” to add to the celebrations with lots of rides for the children, special stalls, a reunion centre and a display of old photos and memorabilia in the Library.

In October, there will be an Art Exhibition at school showcasing the students’ art. In early November, we will be placing our time capsule back in the ground to be unearthed again in 25 years time – 2037!

The school has had many great highlights since 1887: from sporting achievements, public speaking, choir, band, Southern Stars, debating, art, science, maths and English. Whenever the children leave the school on an excursion or sporting event, the teachers are always complimented on how well behaved our students are.

This school, for 125 years, has been a great place to learn, have fun, make life-long friends and great memories before moving forward in life.

It has been a school dedicated to serving the community of Helensburgh and, without a doubt, will be a great school for the next 125 years to come!
PRINCIPAL REPORT
As we come to the end of a busy term I would like to congratulate our staff and students for their dedication to teaching and learning and the improved results we are experiencing across the school. Our new school rules are really beginning to make a difference, with students displaying consistent behaviours that characterise our rules of Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner. These messages are becoming a permanent part of all school conversations, in the classroom, on the playground and on the sporting field.
It has been a difficult term for many families battling illness and winter virus and I have been heartened by the concern and care expressed by the school community for the Young family as they soldier through their various challenges. Helensburgh at its best is a wonderful community.

SCHOOL FETE
Last Saturday our P & C ran an incredibly successful 125 Year Fete. The weather was fantastic and the roll up on the day was a reflection of the months of hard work and dedication of our Fete Committee. The school looked a picture on the day and was a hive of activity. The atmosphere was great and the level of volunteering was outstanding. The Fete Committee will soon release their profit figures but earlier indications are we have come close to our target figure. Congratulations to Gina Krohn and her band of merry helpers who have made our fete a great success. I would like to also thank the many parents and community helpers who made things, donated things and volunteered on the day.

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.

HOLIDAYS
This Friday 21 September will be the last day of Term 3 and with the advent of spring and warmer temperatures it is hoped we will see a return to good health for many of our students. I will be on Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of Term 4 and Mrs Jeffree will be Relieving Principal in my absence. First day back for students will be Monday 8 October. Have a safe and happy school holiday.

Christopher Connor
Helenburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Principal Award

KF Abigail, Lauren, Jacob, Tommi, Brodie
KR Alivia, Lucah, Aidan, Oliver, Cameron
KB Indigo, Maja, Kambel, Jacob, Makai
KD Phoebe, Kirra, Jade, Tye, Oscar, Dean,
K/1G Tahli, Skylah, Lara, Keeley, Asha, Heath, Billy, Riley, Ayla, Rachael, Satine, Amelia, Maeve, Keira,
Jaz, Jackson, Jackson, Jake, Brian
1C Makayla, Niina, Jemma, Ruby-Jean, Erin, Kye, Ryan, Dash, Myles, Harry
1M Tara, Arki, Tyler, Oscar, Kiarne, Eoin, Ethan
1/2K Tamberlyn, Ella, Eden, Victoria, Alexie, Laila, Ryan, Ben, Riley
2S Maddison, Kayla, Annalise, Alex, Chantelle, Angus, Thomas, James
2H Amity, Imagen, Ella, Emma, Olivia, Kayla, Briallien, Brianna. Polly, Cadence, Ryan, Riley, Matthew,
Thomas, Benjamin, Luke
2/3M Emily, Libby, Naomi, Tahlia, Jaxon, Jayden, Damon, Camran, Aidan
3S Macey Lu, Jasmin
4L Kathryn, Claudia, Tarleigh, Aimee, Zoe, James, Lachlan, Patrick, Broughton
4M Senece, Tara, Olivia, Tahlia, Bronte, Sean, Jack
5T Erin Steeles
5/6C Isla, Isabelle, Sophie, Piper, Drew, Chloe, Victoria, Lachlan
6A Kayla x2, Kyrah, Natasha, Claire x2, Ellewouise, Karla x2, Hayley, Jade, Tyra x2, Amy x2, Alysha,
Chase, Nathan, Brae, Finn, Cooper x2, Lochlan x2, Duke, Harry, Daniel, Ewan, Tommy, Aaron,
George

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**Student Banking**

This week there will be no banking

**Save the Date**

Kindergarten will be going on an excursion to Wild Life Sydney on Thursday November 8th 2012. Cost $30. A note will be sent home next early term. Parents can come too. Cost $20. However, as there are 90 plus students parents will have to meet us at Darling Harbour. More details will be in the note. 1G students will also be on our bus but their excursion will be to the Powerhouse Museum.

**K-2 Assembly 19th September**

Principal's Awards will be presented and Kindergarten students will perform the "Wishy Washy Washer Woman" song that they did on Grandparents' Day. We may have another visit from Mrs Wishy Washy too!!

**125 Anniversary Fete**

Well, after many months, weeks, days and hours of hard work, our anniversary fete finally came together with fine weather, a great atmosphere and wonderful class stalls, entertainment and fun for all. While we didn't make our $25,000 target, we think we came pretty close! We will give a complete wrap up of the fete in next term's first Highlights when we have all the information and figures in, but would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE, and we mean HUGE, thank you to those parents who spent months, weeks, hours and days trying to make this anniversary fete the most successful fundraiser for all of our children, and an equally HUGE thank you to those parent helpers who volunteered to help on class stalls and activities on the day. Without your time, we simply could not have pulled it off. Special thanks must go to the dedicated 5/6C kids who spent a lot of time attracting crowds to their arcade games, and to the handful of parents who successfully scared the pants off more kids than we could count in the Haunted House! Extra special thanks to Mr Hendry for being in the right spot at the right time every time we needed anything at all throughout the day – you are a HPS legend! We trust you all have a safe and fun-filled term break, and look forward to giving you some good news in Term 4 – and don't forget the final 125 event of the year, the Art and Craft Show on Friday, 26 October. Don't miss it! Sandy and Gina

**Intranet/Blog/Website News**

Students I have had for RFF in Term 3 have worked extremely hard and I'm very pleased at the effort they have all put in. They have worked steadily through their COGS contracts, blog activities and successfully completed their ICT tasks for the term. Please visit the Stage 1, 2 & 3 Students’ Work pages on the school website to see a selection of their efforts this term including 125th Anniversary Comic Life projects, Dreaming Story recordings with beautiful illustrations and Murder Under the Microscope Voki Reporters, Comic Life summations and Key Concept Word Cloud creations. If you are regular visitor to our School News Blog you are able to preview any new work as soon as it is uploaded to our website! Please also visit our Current Blogs page of the website to have a look at what our students have been busy blogging about this term. They would love you to make a comment! Don't forget to visit the Latest News page of the school website to view photos of all events/excursions this term and check out our Calendar page to see what's happening next term.

Wishing everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday break and students please remember to check out your RFF blogs every now and then for some holiday activities!

Mrs Sue Dowling

**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

**Zone Champions**

Congratulations to Beau and Krystal, both from Year 4, who are off to the State PSSA Athletics Championships at Homebush in October! They have both had a fantastic athletics season that started with them excelling at school level and then both were declared the Engadine PSSA Zone Junior Champions. They competed at the Sydney East Regional Athletics representing the Engadine Zone in numerous events which was an amazing achievement. Krystal competed in the 10 years 100m, junior 200m, junior long jump, junior high jump and the junior relay. Beau competed in the 10 years 100m, junior 200m, junior 800m, junior discus, junior long jump and the junior relay. Now they are both off to the State Championships in October. Krystal will be representing the Sydney East Region in the 10 years 100 metres. Beau will be competing in the 10 years 100 metres, junior 200 metres and the junior long jump. We wish them every success next term.

Mrs Sue Dowling
Community Notices

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

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

“the mama tree’ presents mums “n” bubs market day
Sunday, September 30th 10am - 1pm Helensburgh Scout Hall limited parking so please walk if you can. $2 entry fee (kids free) cash only transactions. To book a stall $30 or donate items call 0431 593 118. Come and join us for a morning of bargain shopping and an opportunity to meet other local mums and join the Mama Tree network.

Wollongong NRE Hawks School Holiday Basketball Clinic
Register your child for a day of basketball fun these school holidays: Wednesday 26th September 2012 9.30am to 2.30pm Boys and Girls aged between 6 and 14 years Illawarra Basketball Stadium Foley’s Road Gwynneville $50 (Junior Hawks Community members only $45) For more information and to register go to hawks.com.au

Kids in the Park School Holiday Activities
22nd September - 7th October Full details at www.kidsthepark.com.au or 02 9714 7888.

School Holiday Intensive Swimming Lessons
24th - 28th September $70 at Crawchy’s Swim School 4294 9999

Art Space Creative Arts with a difference
Book now Term 4 start 15th October, 98 Railway St, Corrimal. Check out website for details bigfatsmile.com.au/artspace

Hawks Holiday Clinic!
Wednesday 26th September Illawarra Basketball Stadium from 9.30am to 2.30pm $50 per child - $45 for Junior Hawks Members - Register ONLINE Call us at the Hawks office on 4229 7722 to secure your Child’s place in the clinics!

Helensburgh Lions Fair Colouring Competition
The Helensburgh Lions Fair is coming up fast, on Saturday 27 October. As part of the lead up to the day, we would like to invite your school to take part in a colouring competition based on this year’s theme - Stars in Our Community. We would like to celebrate the wonderful volunteers, workers and organisations that make this area such a great place to live in - our school teachers & support staff, the Rural Fire Service and the ambulance officers, NINA and others. We hope to distribute our competition before the school break, entries will cost $1 and each prize winner will receive a Lions’ certificate and book voucher prize. We hope to display them in the Bi-Lo window for all to see! We hope you can be part of what is a great community event. Gina Krohn Helensburgh Lions Club
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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.

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