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PRINCIPAL REPORT

It is amazing that at the start of the year we start with an open calendar, - but it doesn't take long before it becomes hard to find a clear day. The staff at Helensburgh Public School are always striving to extend their students, and the communities, school experiences. Special days, celebrations, excursions and incursions have all added to the rich texture of learning opportunities for our children. We look forward to the end of term activities being great fun and a good way to close our 125th anniversary year.

A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Last Saturday, A fundraiser for one of our students, Matthew Young, was held at The Workers Club in Helensburgh. It was supported by many in the school and community- those that could attend as well as those who passed on their support through other measures. At Helensburgh Public School, we are all sincerely grateful that Matthew has made such amazing progress with his treatment for his Burkitt's Lymphoma. We all look forward to Matthew returning to school and that good health may follow him for the rest of his life.

YEAR 6 - ONLY 9 WEEKS TO GO!

This term will bring to a close the primary years for our Year 6 students. This is such a special time, as many of our Year 6 students will be leaving behind their best friends, often from kindergarten. Make the most of the next 9 weeks Year 6! Enjoy each others company. Embrace this time in your lives and continue to be the best role models that you can, for all the other students in the school.

2013

As 2012 draws to a close, we have begun planning for 2013. It is important that we have an accurate guide on which students will be with us in 2013. If your children will not be attending Helensburgh PS next year, please let the office know ASAP.

KINDER ORIENTATION

Our 2013 Kindergarten students will be participating in orientation activities on three occasions from Friday 19th October and finishing on Wednesday 14th November. If someone new has just arrived in your street with a Kindergarten aged child, please pass this information onto them and remind them that they can pick up an enrollment form from our office.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box has many un-named and unclaimed items. Please put your child’s name on their clothing and possessions as it makes it so much easier to return lost items. Also, from time to time, please check that the name is still visible.

A FEW DATES TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR.

This year students will finish school on Wednesday 19th December whilst staff will finish on Friday 21st December. We have already booked the swimming carnival for next year which will be held on 8th February with a backup date of 15th February 2013. Please put this date in your calendar ready for next year. Notes will go home in about Week 7 to ensure that we have everyone organised on their return to school in 2013 as we have a very small amount of time to get everyone sorted.

ART SHOW

Helensburgh PS will be holding an Art Show on Friday 26th of October starting at 6.30pm. This will be featuring an artwork from every student in the school however the night is for adults only 18 years and over. We look forward to seeing many community members attend this exciting event.

Bronwyn Jeffree
Relieving Principal
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year
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**SRC News**

Student Parliament
In term 4 the Student Parliament will meet on Thursday every 2nd week. The next meeting will be this Thursday. Representatives should bring reports from their portfolios or ideas from their class.

**ICAS Assessments**

We had a large number of students sit for the ICAS Mathematics Assessment and last week we received the results. Congratulations to every child who participated in these tough exams, you should all be very proud of your efforts.

The following children received a credit:
- Year Three: Matthew. W, Samuel W and Tahlia.O

The following children received a distinction:
- Year Four: Lachie.M
- Year Five: Jarrah.C

**Mrs Sida**

ICAS Co-ordinator

**Student Art Show**

Please join us for our final 125 anniversary celebration event with an evening of art, auctions and entertainment on Friday, 26 October, 6.30-10.30pm in the Helensburgh Public School hall. See displays of local handicrafts, mosaics, felting, jewellery and woodwork. An adults only event. Tickets are $15 and include a drink voucher and canapes. Available at the door or pre-purchase through the school office. Please RSVP if you intend to come. Email pandchps@gmail.com

**Wollongong Combined Schools Instrument Festival**

Wollongong Combined Schools Instrument Festival, Thursday October 25th at Wollongong Town Hall. Festival tickets available at the office, $12/adult, $6/student (no concession). If you drop your money at the office, with a note as to how many and what sort of tickets you want, Mrs. Garvie will allocate. Alison Garvie (Mrs. Garvie) agarvie@aapt.net.au 02 4294 8172 0408 089 262

**Bookclub**

Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been sent home today. Please return all orders and money by Thursday 25th October. Thank you.

**Environmental News**

Byron, Harry, Brendenn and assistants, have spent their lunchtimes and recess collecting our rubbish. The team is really making a difference, shown by the amounts collected each day which are becoming measurably less, and also as excellent role models. Our Infants children see the enthusiasm shown by the team in their quest to reduce school litter, and many infants are following suit. Well done, we are proud of you! We have many bundles of bound kindling waiting for homes. If you’d like to take advantage of this free offer, please help yourself to the stockpile which is near the original school entrance at Lukin St.

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**Principal Award**

- **3J**: Tahlia, Matilda, Jared, Jasper
- **3S**: Annaliese, Brock
- **4M**: Isabella
- **4/5B**: Katie, Byron
- **5T**: Layla, Byron, Harry, Brendenn, Blayke
- **5/6C**: Kristen x2, Drew, Elizabeth, Bijou, Kelsey, Hawke, Matthew, Jack, Lachlan, Izak
- **6A**: Kayla, Kyrah, Claire, Sophie, Karla, Hayley, Jodi, Harry, Daniel, Ewan, Tommy, Alex, George

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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 coming home today. Parents can come too. Cost $20. However, as there are 100 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.

Canteen News
Canteen Fun Day for Halloween - Wednesday 31st October
Lots of surprises, cup cakes, jellies “Trick or Treat” bags for $1 and much more.

Canteen Workers Night Out – Friday 16th November
Details will be sent home soon. Hope you can all come.

Canteen Helpers Needed
We are compiling a new roster for 1st term 2013 and we are in need of helpers. Please fill out the attached form and return ASAP.
Without your help we are unable to run the canteen for the children. A few hours once a month is all we need.

Apples are still 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

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

Ardnell Interschool
Over the school holidays the following riders represented Helensburgh PS with the following results.

Kelsey Year 6 1st Best Presented 1st Rider Year 2 1st Best Exhibit
3rd Best Exhibit

Tahlia 1st Rider Year 2

Tyara Year 4 3rd Best Exhibit
3rd Best Presented
3rd Rider
3rd Working Hunter

Sporting results not in as yet.

Tyara also attended Berry Interschool with the following results in the Primary Open Ring.

3rd Best Presented
1st Pony Hack
1st Rider
1st Bareback
Champion Primary Hack Rider

Well done girls!

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.
For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!

Canteen Helpers
Name______________________________________________ Phone No.________________________
Child’s Name________________________________________ Class________________________
Day Preferred________________________________________ Take me off roster _______________
Change of Day______________________________________________________________________
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Community Notices

For Sale
Cricket Gear to suit 10 or 11 year old Kookaburra pads, gloves and country helmet - only used for part of one season. $70 the lot. Call Kerry 0419127344

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

Parent Meeting for Reconciliation
PARENT MEETING to enrol children for Reconciliation (First Confession) at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Tuesday 16 October, 2012, 6:30pm. This is in preparation for First Holy Communion in 2013. All enquiries Sue Clark, Catholic Scripture Co-ordinator: 0438 606 182

Lions Club Colouring Competition
- Entry is $1 - Entries are due on Friday 19 October (they will be collected from your school office)
* Winners will be notified via your school by Wednesday 24 October - Winners will receive a certificate and a book prize from the Helensburgh Lions Club and winning entries will be on display at the Lions Fair on Saturday, 27 October

Helensburgh Lions Club Annual Country Fair
Roll up for the Fair - Saturday, 27 October in Charles Harper Park! Packed with stalls, new rides, entertainment and much more, this year’s’ Country Fair is not only Helensburgh’s biggest market day, it’s the most fun for everyone! If your community, social or sports club would like to participate in the Grand Parade at 4.30pm, please contact Gina on 42941371 or at nhork@yahoo.com

Lake Illawarra PCYC
Are re-introducing our Tumbling Teddies classes for children aged between 1 & 5 years old! Each new participant will receive FREE membership to our club (ends Oct 31st). All classes are run by qualified & experienced instructors in a fun, safe & interactive environment. Our new timetable below begins on Monday 8th October 2012: For further information please contact Lake Illawarra PCYC on 4296 4448. Cost: $9 per session - children must be a member to participate.

Northern Illawarra AECG
The Northern Illawarra AECG has an upcoming meeting in Week 3. Our Annual General meeting, to be immediately followed by our regular meeting, is to be held on Tuesday 23rd October at Keira High School, 3:45 pm. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

Keiraville Community Preschool is Turning 60
Come join the celebrations Saturday 20th October 11am - 3pm and Trivia Night Saturday 27th October
For more information call 4229 6442 or email office@kcps.org.au

Sunday 28th October 10am to 2pm
Calling all babies and their families come and celebrate Baby’s Day Out in Wollongong at Osbourne Park, Grand Pacific Drive, Wollongong (opposite Belmore Basin).

There will be lots of family fun and entertainment for all. Enjoy a sausage sizzle and some live music while you relax on the lawn with your little ones. There will also be family friendly stalls on the day too!
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