PRINCIPAL REPORT

It is great to be back at school after an extended holiday overseas. One of the highlights of our trip was a visit to Helensburgh in Scotland. Leading up to my visit contact had been made through the local television - Helensburgh TV and a number of local schools. I had an opportunity to visit Hermitage Academy and to present a copy of our school 125th Anniversary book to be shared between both their senior and junior schools. Helensburgh is a beautiful town on the Clyde River and I was very impressed with the warm and friendly welcome my wife and I received while we were there. I will share more details of my trip in the next issue of the Highlights.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jeffree for relieving as Principal in my absence and to acknowledge the excellent support she received from executive, teaching and support staff during the last three weeks.

Rise and Shine Awards

The 'Rise and Shine' judging committee visited the school on Friday to evaluate our environmental projects. The environmental team has been working very hard this year and all of the green areas around the school are looking beautiful. Thanks to the whole team for your great vision for our school.

Art Show 2012

Well done to the Art Show team who put together a fantastic evening. All visitors and special guest Sharon Bird were amazed by the beautiful artworks that our talented students exhibited at the Helensburgh Art Show. Congratulations on a great success everyone, especially for our great school and its ongoing partnerships with the community.

Congratulations Mrs Dowling

A big Congratulations to Mrs Dowling who received a very special and well deserved award on Wednesday night for 'Excellence in ICT Education' at Helensburgh PS. This was from the ACE Illawarra/South Coast Regional 2012 RECOGNITION Awards. Helensburgh Public School is very proud of your wonderful dedication to ICT at our school.

Bronwyn Jeffree
Relieving Principal
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Important Dates to Remember

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Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

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Thank You

Last Friday was World Teachers Day with this year’s theme being “Take A Stand for Teachers”. On a personal note I would like to sincerely thank Mr Connor and our P & C who made last week a very special one for me. The Australian College of Educators (ACE) is a professional body that represents teachers and educators in all educational sectors.

Last Wednesday night the ACE Illawarra/South Coast Regional Group held their 2012 RECOGNITION Awards - inspired by World Teachers Day celebrations. In their own words “On World Teachers Day, which celebrates the work of all educators, it is fitting to recognise those who have made a wonderful contribution to the life of your educational communities”.

I was extremely honoured to be nominated and receive an award on this night for ‘excellence in ICT education’ at Helensburgh PS. It was a very humbling experience to stand on stage as the most wonderful citation was read about the work I have done at Helensburgh PS over the years. It is work I truly love doing every day, and hope to do, for a few more years yet! Thanks again to Mr Connor and the P & C for nominating me and making this year’s World Teachers Day a very special one for me, particularly in our 125th year at Helensburgh PS.

Mrs Sue Dowling

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lara D who has made it into the Illawarra Stingrays under 12 soccer team. The Stingrays are part of the NSW Women’s Premier League. Well done Lara!

SongWorld Performance

2H and 2S have been participating in the SongWorld choir this year. Following the weekly lessons and the combined workshops with the other participating schools, the SongWorld choir is ready for their debut public performance at Viva la Gong. Viva la Gong is Wollongong’s annual community festival. It is a free family-friendly event that will take place on Saturday 10 November 2012 at MacCabe Park, in the heart of Wollongong’s CBD. The SongWorld choir will perform on the Main Stage at 10.45 – 11.05am. Please come along and be a part of this free festival.

Environmental News

Our fourth and final Working Bee for 2012...
Saturday 8th December. 9:30 am until 12.
You are very welcome to pop in and lend a hand for 1/2 hour, or the morning. Your help makes such a difference! Bring gloves, sunhat and comfortable shoes.

The wonderful canteen staff were inundated with orders for salad wraps last week. The mini wraps were filled with organically grown veggies freshly picked from our school garden beds that very morning.

A new super large worm farm has arrived.
Worm juice production will soon be underway!

A reminder that we collect and recycle Mobile phones, batteries, ink cartridges, stamps, rubber bands - these can be sent to our school office.

Bundled kindling is still available for free near the Lukin St entrance.

Principal Award

3S Tikeira, Lara, Jade, Samuel
3J Clare, Aiden
5/6C Chloe, Isla, Kristen, Jackson, Brodie
6A Natasha, Jamie, Claire, Sophie, Ellouise, Karla, Tyra, Amy, Jodi, Chase, Brae, Finn, Cooper, Duke, Lochlan x2, Harry, Ewan

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“Wacky Wednesday” This Wednesday (31st October) Lots of surprises, cup cakes, jellies “Trick or Treat” bags for $1. We will also be holding the colouring competition again with some canteen vouchers as prizes. Return your masterpieces and 50c entry fee to the canteen by Tomorrow for judging.

Special “school grown” salad wrap Tuesday 6th Nov – thank you to everyone who purchased the mini wrap special last week. We will be providing the mini wrap special again on Tuesday 6th Nov.
Cheese OR Ham OR Chicken and school grown salad on a mini wrap $3.50 each order as normal
It was great to be able to use our own school grown vegetables. We will continue to use this valuable resource whenever available for all our salad items.

“Eat Fresh & Win” Campaign – Thursday 18th October to Friday 9th November
Buy a piece of fruit, have fresh salad vegies on your lunch or buy some tasty fresh fruit treats on offer throughout the promotion and you could win a TV, Ipod or other prizes. All completed entry forms will be forwarded by the canteen to Sydney markets for entry into the major draw.

Loftus Pies Xmas Gifts – Included in today’s highlights is an order form for some lovely Xmas gifts. Gift Boxes, Puddings, Xmas Cakes and more . Please return any forms and money to the canteen by Tuesday 13th November with delivery on Tuesday 20th.

Canteen Workers Night Out – Friday 16th November
Please return forms and money to canteen ASAP. If you haven’t received your form please drop by and see us. 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.

We cannot accept ANY FOREIGN COIN

Uniform News
URGENTLY NEEDED - Second hand clothes Thank you for you continued support.

Jan 4294 1778 Bronwyn 4294 3568

Student Art Show
Our student Art Show, held last Friday evening, was a wonderful final 125 anniversary year event. Our thanks go to the craft and art contributors for the beautiful knitting, weaving, felting, metalwork, woodwork and much, much more. There were some truly stunning pieces on display. Alison Garvie, Scott Chambers and Chris Tuxford provided a great soundtrack for the 100+ guests on the night. Thanks to the Art Show committee of parents and teachers who worked very hard to make this such a successful event, to the team who spent many days mounting the art works and setting up the hall, to those who sliced, diced, chopped, baked and sauteed all day to present a feast of delicious canapes to a very appreciative crowd and those who later served that crowd! Good food, great music, clever craft - what have we missed? Oh yes! A HUGE, GINORMOUS, REALLY, REALLY BIG THANK YOU to each and every student at Helensburgh Public for your wonderful artwork! Your art rocks!
Thanks again to all for a wonderful 125 Anniversary Year (nominations are now open for the 150 Year organising committee!).
P&C

Helensburgh Fair
The school had a great presence at Saturday’s Lions Fair where our big band kicked off the days entertainment, our fete team worked hard to sell fete and 125 merchandise (and lots and lots of books) and our kids marched in the Grand Parade behind the 125 banner with Mrs McPherson and Ms Lewis! Well done to everyone and a special thank you for being on the stall from 7am till the day’s end to Sandy Szewcow, Terese Merchant, Wendy Littlejohns and Dave Skelton, Tamara Crawford, Gill Lehn, Naomi Carrall and Gina Krohn. Thanks to you, we added $1380 to our fete total!!

Grand Parade - Helensburgh Fair
Ms Lewis, Mrs McPherson and our Year 6 students Paige, Bijou, Zac, Lochlan, Chloe, Chase and Hayley lead a group of over 35 students and parents from all years in the Grand Parade on Saturday. A large group of our younger students proudly carried our 125th banner down through the people who lined the street and cheered us on. Our numbers grew to over 40 as we were joined by past and present students. The students made the teachers very proud especially in our 125th year of public education. Thanks again to all parents and students that marched.
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Community Notices

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

For Sale:
Heathcote High School girl’s size 10 uniform: all new, never worn. + 1 x second hand jumper. Happy to sell separately or the lot for $120, call Gina on 4294 1371.

Christmas Twilight Markets @ Sunrise Nursery, 13 December
Come along to Sunrise Nursery on Thursday, 13 December from 5-8.30 for our very first Christmas market. Lots of boutique stalls, food, entertainment and a jumping castle means lots of great Christmas shopping and Family fun, with proceeds going to the Illawarra Community Safety Brigade, a community organisation presenting bushfire awareness and house fire safety information and to KIVA.org. Stall holder enquiries welcome, contact Gina at nhork@yahoo.com or Sandy at sandy@sunrisenursery.com.au.

Nutrition Snippet

**Vegies for Breakfast? Your Kidding!**
A good breakfast is especially important for kids because it can improve energy levels, alertness and concentration. Many people would not think of breakfast as a time to squeeze in some extra vegies but the following ideas provide a solid meal for breakfast with 1-2 serves of vegies! They will also help to warm the kids up on cold winter mornings!

**Tip:** add a serving of vegies to your breakfast to provide great nutrition, variety and excitement.

- **Toast/muffin topped with cooked mushrooms.**
- **Tomatoes, baked beans, capsicum or creamed corn.**
- **Chop and add left over vegies to an omelette or savoury pancakes.**
- **Heat chopped leftover vegetables and serve as a topping for toast, add an egg or reduced-fat cheese for a more substantial meal.**

These ideas were brought to you by Eat It To Beat It, helping families to eat more fruit & veg. For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or phone 4223 0020.

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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.
VISIT ME ON FACEBOOK AT HELENSBURGH ZUMBA OR EMAIL ME helensburghzumba@gmail.com  EVERYONE WELCOME!

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