PRINCIPAL REPORT

SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR PERFORMANCES
I was very heartened to hear that our choir and band performed last week for the folk at Garrawarra Centre for Aged Care. We have, for a number of years, endeavoured to place this performance on our school calendar because it gives our students the opportunity to perform in front of a lively and appreciative audience. It is a real privilege for our students to interact with our respected senior citizens - we hope we brought a touch of Christmas spirit.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY 2
A group of excited and eager future students and their parents descended on the school last Thursday keen to experience what “big” school is all about. Mrs Badham and her team of Kindergarten teachers and helpers provided a friendly and relaxed introduction for our new comers. Everyone left with a big smile and something to show mum, ready for their next visit on Wednesday 14 November. If you have newly arrived in the area or have not yet enrolled your child for school I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. If you have new neighbours with children please pass on this message.

SONGWORLD 2H & 2S – VIVA LA GONG
On Thursday I took the opportunity to experience the final big rehearsal for 2H and 2S as they prepared their SongWorld performance for Viva La Gong on Saturday 10 November in MacCabe Park Wollongong. Ms Stillwell, Ms Hemingway and staff from WCC are to be congratulated. If you have time pop down to the Gong and see the show.

HOME GROWN PRODUCE
This week our school canteen will once again be offering mini wraps that contain salad items grown in our own school gardens. It is wonderful for our students to see that what they grow can, and will, be put to good use. Students are actually learning about sustainability firsthand. Our Green Team are to be congratulated for their fine efforts. I am really looking forward to the Rise and Shine Awards this year hoping our school can once again take out one of the top prizes for environmental education.

STUDENT SICKNESS
We have had an increased number of students with a very strong gastric complaint at school over the last two weeks. We are doing all we can to instruct students on hygiene and cleanliness. I would ask that parents reinforce this message particularly the washing of hands after going to the toilet and before handling food.

Important Dates to Remember

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KB and KD Green Frog Café

Raffle Tickets for Beau and Krystal
Raffle tickets to assist Beau and Krystal with their fundraising for the Nationals in Victoria are available at the office- $2 each.
**LIBRARY NEWS**

*Last Week for Borrowing*

In preparation for the upcoming library stocktake this week will be the last week for borrowing. All books must be returned to the library by Friday 23rd November. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian

*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.

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**Environmental News**

Sat 8th December. Our final 2012 Working Bee. From 9:30am. Hat, gloves, children and fun! Please join us. ‘Wednesdays from 9:45’ means our ongoing Garden Group. Everyone is welcome, even if for a half hour.

Our industrial sized worm farm, supplied by Peter C from SCRAPs, will turn our fruit/veggie scraps into fertiliser for the veggie garden. Jen M, ‘Jenanie Worms’, has offered a box of Red-Wrigglers to get it started. If you have a thriving worm farm, could you donate and help reach our target of 4kg of worms (to work 15kg of scraps generated each week)? Please take them to the office in a sealed container.

Have you noticed that the citrus grove, along the fence by Postman’s track, is bigger? Last week the Enviro team planted 3 different varieties of grapefruit to join the limes, lemons and oranges.

The canteen staff are reaping fresh salad and herbs from the veggie garden in sandwiches, wraps and salad boxes. The special mini-wraps will contain different edible leaves, herbs and even some baby zucchini. How many different leaves can you spot in your lunch?

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Yr 6 Farewell Fundraising - Chocolate**

All money for chocolates is due no later than Tuesday 20th November.

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**Special “school grown” salad wrap Tuesday 6**

Nov – Don’t forget we will be providing the mini wrap special again on Tuesday 6th Nov. (Tomorrow)

**Cheese OR Ham OR Chicken and school grown salad on a mini wrap $3.50 each order as normal**

It is 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. Double “Eat Fresh & Win” stickers for each wrap.

“Eat Fresh & Win” Campaign – Ends Friday 9th November. Buy a piece of fruit, have fresh salad veggies 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** – Please return any forms and money to the canteen by Tuesday 13th November with delivery on Tuesday 20th. Additional forms are available on the school website in current notes or ask at the office

“Wacky Wednesday” Thank you to everyone who entered our colouring competition. Congratulations to Jade (KD), Chloe (KF), Ruby (1C), Ava (1/2K), Josh (1/2K), Tom (2S), Tanhhe (3J), Hugo (3S), Kyle (4M) and Piper (5/6C) who received canteen vouchers for their efforts.

**Canteen Workers Night Out – Friday 16th November**

We would love our dedicated helpers to join us for a fun, relaxing night out. 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.

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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

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.

Circus Monoxide
Presents "Under the Big Top" Festival November 13th-18th. Under the Big Top in McCabe Park Wollongong. Three spectacular events: Fundraising Gala for Illawarra’s disadvantaged youth, Comedy Under the Big Top and Circus Monoxide’s own "Going Going Gong" family friendly Circus Show. Come on down and catch some highflying action and have a really great laugh. More info and tickets www.circusmonoxide.com.au

Lake Illawarra PCYC 75th Anniversary Open Day
To mark this milestone Lake Illawarra PCYC will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 17th November 2012, from 10am until 1pm. We will have a police car on show as well as the crime prevention van. Our local fire brigade will also make an appearance. Most of our activities will be on display with various demonstrations on show throughout the day. There will be a jumping castle, sumo suits, raffle prizes and a sausage sizzle.

City Of Wollongong Giving Tree 2012
City of Wollongong supports two charities St Vincent’s de Paul Society and Anglicare. Unwrapped gifts and gift cards for children 0-16 can be received until 21 December at Council Libraries and Council’s customer service areas or alternately cash donations can be made directly to Wollongong city Council.

23rd Annual City of Wollongong Bikers Toy Run
Saturday 1st December 2012 Flagstaff Hill, Wollongong 10am-12.30pm

Canteen Helpers
Name__________________________________________ Phone No.__________________________
Child’s Name______________________________________ Class__________________________
Day Preferred__________________________ Take me off roster ________________
Change of Day__________________________________________
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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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