PRINCIPAL REPORT

VIVA LA GONG 2012
On Saturday 10 November students from 2H and 2S performed on the centre stage at the annual Wollongong Viva La Gong festival. Students from these classes have been rehearsing for some time with students from Bulli, Coniston and Cringila Public Schools. I was extremely proud to see the standard of their singing and dancing which enthralled the very large crowd of people who had gathered to witness the event of the day. Ms Stillwell and Ms Hemmingway are to be congratulated along with the music and dance teachers supplied by Wollongong City Council and the Conservatorium of Music to prepare our students for this multicultural event. I would also like to thank the many parents who transported their children and joined in this wonderful community event. On behalf of the school I would like to thank Wollongong City Council for their support and sponsorship of this event. Our students are richer for their involvement.

SCHOOL OVAL UPDATE
The completion of our new school oval is fast approaching. The next job is the turf surrounds of the oval which follows the completion of the very complex earthworks needed to provide a stable foundation. Rubberised safety tiles will be laid as a safety barrier around the perimeter of the oval. Drainage work has also been completed and we should soon see the first of the artificial turf being laid. It is hoped the oval will be complete for students to occupy in a limited way for the last few weeks of the term.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION EVENING
Parents are reminded that the final Kinder Orientation day for 2013 will be held this Wednesday 14 November commencing at 12pm. Parents are also reminded that an Information evening for new Kindergarten Enrolments for 2013 will be held on Wednesday 21 November starting at 6:00 pm. It is requested that this evening be parents only.

PRESENTATION DAY AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
These end of year events will be combined and will take place on Tuesday 11 December commencing at 9.15am. The first part of the program will be the presentation of the Principal's Medallions for Kindergarten to Year 6 followed by Kindergarten singing. After a short morning tea the regular Year 2 -6 awards will be presented.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM – NEW NSW SYLLABUSES
Staff at Helensburgh Public School have already started their familiarisation with aspects of the new syllabuses to be introduced to school over the next 3 years. Over the course of next year staff will receive additional training in the implementation of the new English and Mathematics syllabuses and work with our local high schools to avoid any overlaps or gaps in content during the transition period. My staff are very committed to getting this right and will be concentrating their professional energy to understanding and implementing this new curriculum. The new NSW Syllabuses can be accessed via K-10 syllabuses.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School
125th Anniversary Year

Important Dates to Remember

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Raffle Tickets for Beau and Krystal
Raffle tickets to assist Beau and Krystal with their fundraising for the Nationals in Adelaide are available at the office- $2 each.
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SRC Christmas Disco
Thursday, 6th December 2012
K-2: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
3-6: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Cost - $5.00 per student
(Pay on the night)
Includes chips & a popper

Principals Award

KR
Evelyn, Kaylee, Summer, Jessica, Charley, Chanel, Ava, Isabel, Aidan, Dylan, Oliver, Brock, Cameron, Toby, Beau

KD
Daniel, Lachlan, Kara, Mia, Noah

KB
Sophia, Brydie, Amy, Grace, Nicola, Georgia, Mackenzie, Braeden, Aidan

KF
Belinda, Rachel, Leilani, Chloe, Eleisha, Ashalyn, Jamison, Kody, Archer, Liam, Austin

K/1G
Mackenzie, Ayla, Rachael, Jaz, Sunny

1C
Makayla, Brooke, Niina, Jemma, Tahlia, Alyssa, Ruby-Jean, Kiara, Madeline, Lilly, Erin, Oliver, Kye, Harrison, Ryan, Dash, Xavier, Myles, Banjo, Harry

1M
Coco, Abbey, Aroha, Kieran, Cooper

1/2K
Ava Belle, Abbie, Charlotte, Georgia, Tamberly, Bella-Rose, Ella, Eden, Victoria, Kyah, Ava, Jasmine, Alexie, Shaylee, Laila, Matthew, Joel, Ryan, Fletcher, Ben, Riley, Harry, Joshua, Lachlan

2S
Jasmin, Bryn, Sabina, Zyles

2H
Ella, Olivia, Ruby, Lilli, Jordan, Matthew, Noah, Benjamin, Ryan, Tyson, Beau

2/3M
Alysia, Liam

3S
Jasmin, Joshua

3J
Holly, Tahnee, Leah, Tahlia, Jasmin, Cassius, Jasper, Hugh, Aiden, Billy, Mathew

4L
Tarleigh, Eryn, Jessica, Elie Mai, Shannyn, Ethan x2, Corey, Max, Matthew

4/5B
Lachie, Aahlia, Ella, Sam

Intranet/Blog/Website News
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Yr 6 Farewell Fundraising- Chocolates
All money for chocolates is due no later than Tuesday 20th November.
Wildlife Sydney
Thank you to all the parents and relatives who helped on the Kindergarten excursion to Wildlife Sydney. We had a wonderful time. The children’s behaviour was excellent and they all learnt a lot.

Year 4 Nan Tien Temple
### Safe School Travel

**Information for Parents**

**Tips to improve children’s safety around your school**
- Children aged four years to under seven years must be secured in a forward-facing restraint or booster seat.
- Children aged four years to under seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.
- Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or ‘safety door’.
- Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
- Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate – particularly in wet weather.
- NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult’s hand in the car park on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- Talk your child through the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ routine every time you cross the road together:
  - STOP! One step back from the kerb.
  - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
  - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
  - THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
  - Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
- Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in an operating school zone.
- Always obey parking signs as these signs help save children’s lives.
- NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.
- Always drop-off and pick-up your children from your school’s designated area, following your school’s road safety procedures with care and courtesy.
- Many schools have adopted a school ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ zone – a facility that is convenient for drivers while enhancing the safety of children.

For a free copy of the School ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ initiative brochure, Stock No 4509 4011, containing information on establishing this initiative at your school, contact the RTA.

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**Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone**

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*These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.

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11 Fletcher Street, Helensburgh, 2508 Ph: (02) 4294 1332 or (02) 4294 1050

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 25 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 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.

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

WHSPA Grease the Musical
Brand new season Thursday 13th December 7pm, Friday, 13th December 7pm and Saturday 14th December 2pm and 7pm
To book online www.wollongong-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/whspac-box-office-online

Sport & Recreation
Girls Footy Festival in partnership with NSW Soccer, AFL South Coast, NRL Women in League and the Dragons Community Team in the upcoming December / January school holidays. The clinics will take place at Centenary Field, Croome Rd Complex Shellharbour. Monday 14th January with Soccer run by Football NSW, Wednesday 16th will be AFL hosted by AFL South Coast and conclude on Friday 18th with Rugby League run by NRL Women in League and the Dragons Community Team.
For more information T (02) 4228 5355 F (02) 4228 5399 www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Woonona Public School 130th Anniversary
Woonona Public School is holding its 130th Anniversary on 30 November 2012 in our school grounds starting at 11:00am. For more information phone 4284 4316

Canteen Helpers
Name_______________________ Phone No_______________________
Child's Name_______________________ Class_______________________
Day Preferred_______________________ Take me off roster_______________________
Change of Day_______________________

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