PRINCIPAL REPORT

I would like to welcome back all our returning students and parents for the 2013 school year and extend a warm Helensburgh greeting to all our new students and parents. This week our new Kindergarten students have been visiting our school and participating in introductory activities and Best Start assessments. We look forward to seeing all our new Kinders on their first day of school on Monday, 4th February.

Students have been assigned their new classes for 2013 and it appears we will maintain these classes.

Teaching Staff

I want to welcome back Mrs Hebden (3/4H) who has been away relieving as Assistant Principal at Thirroul Public School. It is great to have such an experienced and highly skilled teacher return to our school.

Miss Coleman (4C) will be working fulltime and Mrs Parkinson will be working with Ms Dowling on 2D for the remainder of this year.

The rest of the teaching staff remains unchanged with only a number of teachers assigned to different grades for 2013.

Settling into School

The beginning of every new school year can be a stressful time for students, parents and teachers but a few simple suggestions can help make the transition from holidays to school a little easier:

1. Go to bed at a set time every night - children will be tired until their body clocks reset.
2. Get up at a set time each morning - being late to school can be embarrassing for the child and sets them behind in their work.
3. Have school clothes ready the night before and children know where they are.
4. Have consistent routines - routines for getting ready for school, for when children come home from school and for going to bed at night.
5. Eat breakfast - fuel for the body and the mind. “You can't drive a Ferrari on an empty tank”!
6. Check for notes - follow the news blog, read all notes, get money in on time, help at the canteen, support the decisions of your child’s class teacher in front of your child. If you have a problem, make an appointment and discuss it with the teacher.

The staff and I are looking forward to celebrating with parents and the community, the achievements of our children throughout 2013.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School

Important Dates to Remember

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This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

For our children's safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!
Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts
Audition Application forms for Year 7 2014 are available from the office. Applications close on 8th March and the auditions are over 2 weeks with the allocation dates for each area. The payment is now $38.50 for one area and $22 for each additional area. Please note: Parents of students applying for enrolment as a Performing Arts/Visual Arts student will also need to complete the 'Choice of Secondary Schools Form' as either a local enrolment or a non-local enrolment, depending upon their residential address.

Welcome back, I hope you all had a very relaxing and rejuvenating holiday, and are ready to get back into making some serious music! (and having some serious fun!) Band and music lessons will start next week (first full week of term). I am currently working out the schedule for lessons and will be contacting everyone this week with times and days. If you are interested in being in the band this year, and have not heard from me, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can allocate instruments and we can all start together. I still have most of the instruments available for hire. If you have any questions regarding band or instrumental music lessons, please contact me by phone or email below. Keep playing! Mrs Garvie (bgarvie@aapt.net.au or 4294 8172)

Canteen News

Uniform News
Please note that the canteen provides an order service for all Heathcote High Uniform items. Our prices are the same or less than Claudine's at Caringbah.
Thank you for you continued support.
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3. Get in and out of the car using the 'safety door'

- Teach your children to get in and out of the car by the 'safety door.'
- The rear knees side door of the car is the 'safety door'.
- Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.
- When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'safety door'. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.
- Children aged four years to under seven years must be secured in a forward facing child 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.
- A child that is properly secured in an approved child restraint is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.
- Contact the RTA for a free copy of these brochures. Child restraint safety ratings, Stock No 4509 4001, provides guidelines for purchasing a child restraint. Choose right buckle right, Stock No 4509 4746, advises on the various types of child restraints and is available in eleven community languages.

For further enquiries www.rta.nsw.gov.au | 13 22 13
More Ahead web Street Sense is a road safety education program delivered as part of the PCHPE program in all NSW primary schools.
We would like to Acknowledge the Wodi Wodi people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land on which our school stands. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Dharawal Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals present.

Karen's Pot Care Service
Call Karen
0419 432 482
kpetcare@tpg.com.au

Nicole's Zumba is all fun and all fitness! Come and give it a try! It's a great way to lose weight and 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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Community Notices

For Sale

Green school caps $5 each, 11/2 metres of girls’ summer uniform material $20 Phone 0431 720 304

Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Football Club registration dates for 2013

Wednesday 30 Jan - 4.30-6.30, Saturday 2 Feb - 10-2, Saturday 9 Feb - 10-2 @ Helensburgh Workers Club Early bird registrations $110 includes shorts and socks New players bring birth certificate and Medicare card Contact: registrarHJRLFC@hotmail.com Helen 0403980831

Northern District Tigers Junior AFL

Just a reminder to mark in your calendar that our registration days will be: Saturday 2nd & 9th February 2013 Woonona Bulli RSL - Auditorium 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Helensburgh Junior Thistle Soccer Club 2013 Registration

Register Now Go to www.helensburghsoccer.org and click on the link to register your child online. Avoid the queues on registration days! Registration dates for those not registering or paying online will be: Sat 2nd Feb 10am to 1pm, Sat 9th Feb 10am to 1pm, Wed 13th Feb 6pm to 8pm at the Clubhouse (Rex Jackson Oval) Don’t delay - registrations close Wednesday 13th February 2013. Cost: $120 LATE REGISTRATIONS NOT ACCEPTED www.helensburghsoccer.org Any child who turns 5 years old in 2013 or older can play. Team requests (for U6-U9 age groups only) may be emailed to lesarae@bigpond.com up until 13/02/13.

Seacliff Hockey Club Registrations 2013

Looking for under 7,9,11 and 13’s in 2013. New under 7’s get a free hockey stick with Rego. Cost: From $60 for under 7’s. Training once a week locally. For more information phone Kylie Fussell on 0419 610 890 or www.seacliffhockey.com.au

2013 Bosco Netball Registration Day

St John Bosco Primary School, Mazzarello Centre, Banksia Avenue, Engadine Saturday, 2nd February 2013 9am to 3pm For Further Information www.bosconetball.com.au

Starting High School Getting Ready for 2013

One day workshop 10am – 4pm Sutherland/Wollongong - Helensburgh Workers Club $120 per person – 6 hour workshop plus handouts. Early Bird Discount Rate $90 – Book by 22nd December, 2012 and Save For further information or to be placed on the waiting list contact enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com or 0417 208 562. As soon as final details are available they will be sent directly to those on the list.

Illawarra Regional Eisteddfod

This eisteddfod is run by a group of parents who are passionate about supporting the arts. We offer the opportunity for entrants to perform for an audience, and are known as the ‘fun and friendly’ eisteddfod. All proceeds are put into the Joanne Grace Fundraising Account to pay for students to travel and dance overseas in 2015. Illawarra Regional Eisteddfod. Location: Smiths Hill High School Syllabus can be viewed and downloaded www.illawarraregioneisteddfod.com.au Closure dates for entries: Friday 16th February Sections include: Dance, Drama and Singing. For more information call Tanya Romanecwicz 0403 975 934

Angels of Hope In conjunction with Lake Illawarra PCYC Race Day Saturday 2nd March 2013

Kembla Grange Racecourse—11am start. Reserved seating in the AJ Bert Lillye Lounge Luncheon Tickets — $1250 per table of 10 including: Scrumptious buffet luncheon, 5 hour Drink package including beer, wine & soft drink, Race booklet, Free on-site parking. Entertainment / Raffles / Great Auction Prizes. Funds raised go to supporting Lake Illawarra PCYC Youth Intervention programs. Race sponsorship packages available. Please contact Rosanna Cepero at Lake Illawarra PCYC on (02) 4296 4448 or email rcepero@pcycnsw.org.au to make your booking

6th Annual Great Illawarra Walk

The walk is on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March. We walk up to a total of 100km from Shellharbour Village to Stanwell Park and back. Participants can walk all or part of this distance. The Great Illawarra Walk has proudly raised over $200,000 so far for Camp Quality and we have $1,000,000 as our aim.