PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
This will be the last Highlights before our end of term break. Term 1 has been a very busy and exciting start to our school year. We have welcomed new students to our school, had our new school oval to play on, conducted our swimming carnival and commenced a Peer Support program that fosters closer relationships between students of all ages across the school. We have all enjoyed our Sport in School Program, had our school photos taken and celebrated Harmony Day. Parents have had the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss their child’s progress. Our Year 6 students have made their selections for high school next year and we all enjoyed a colourful Easter Hat Parade. We have had visits from the Assistance Dogs and had a Crazy Hair day to raise much needed funds to support this worthy charity. We also heard how to be responsible pet owners. What a busy time we have had.

ANZAC DAY
Our school will be conducting its annual ANZAC Ceremony on Tuesday 9 April commencing at 12 noon. Parents are most welcome to attend and students are encouraged, if their parents agree, to bring a small floral arrangement or wreath to lay at our Remembrance Wall during the ceremony. This is a special assembly to remember all those who have served in the armed services during war and peacetime.

FAREWELL MRS BUTTERFIELD
Mrs Lisa Butterfield will be leaving Helensburgh Public School at the end of this week to take up a new position as Assistant Principal at Miranda North Public School. I know you will all join with me in wishing her the very best at her new school and to thank her for the wonderful work she has done in the short time she has been at our school. I know she will be missed by students and staff as well as the many parents whose children she has taught. Miss Payne will be teaching 5B until a replacement Assistant Principal is appointed.

TERM 2 FIRST DAY
Parents are reminded that the first day for students to return to school is WEDNESDAY 1 MAY as the first two days will be school development days designed for staff to prepare for the introduction of the Australian Curriculum.

Cyberbullying prevention – tips for parents
The trend towards increased frequency of cyberbullying is increasing with the most common age being between Year 5 and Year 8. There is plenty of information out there to assist parents. The links I have provided are just a beginning. The key is to have the conversation early with your child, before they get their own phone, iPad and email address. Set the guidelines and how to deal with it before it happens. Here a few suggestions from the Department of Education and Communities School A to Z site.

- Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens.
- Be aware of what your child is doing online.
- Locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
- Don't simply ignore cyberbullying.
- Watch for changes in mood and behaviour in your child.
- Report abuse to the relevant authorities.
- All schools have anti-bullying policies – ask about yours.

Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back on the 1 May ready for a new school term full of cross country running, NAPLAN and half yearly reports.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School

Important Dates to Remember

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Intranet/Blog/Website News

Students in KB and in Years 3-6 have worked fantastically in RFF time this term. They have been busy working on their COGS contracts, blog activities and completing their ICT tasks for the term. If you regularly visit the [School news blog] you would have already seen samples of all the new work completed this term that has been published on our students’ individual websites on our Intranet. Please visit the [Students’ Work pages] on the school website to see a selection of their efforts this term including KB’s Kidpix animations, fruit models, clay avatars and WordFoto app creations. Comic Life ‘Helensburg Charters’ have been created by 3J and 3M, with Keynote presentations on milk, eggs and wheat produced by 3/4H. There are some fantastic posters and tips recorded by 4/5S, 5T, 6C & 6M with our Easi-Speak microphones on how to stay ‘cyber safe’.

Please also visit the [Current Blogs’ page] of our website to have a look at what our students have been busy blogging about this term. They would love you to make a comment! Don’t forget to visit the [Latest News’ page] of the school website to view photos of all events/excursions this term and check out our [Calendar’ page] to see what’s happening next term.

Wishing everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday break and students please remember to visit your RFF blogs every now and then for some holiday activities!

Mrs Sue Dowling

4C’s Selling Warm Herb Toasties!

If you missed out last week, our warm, herb toasties are back this Thursday at lunch! 4C will be selling our own hand made herb toasties! Herbs used in our toasties are fresh from our own garden. Herb toasties are 40 cents a slice.

See you there!
From 4C

Easter Celebrations

Bandaged Bear

Thank you to all parents and children who supported our Bandaged Bear fundraiser. We made $431 which has been donated to the Children’s Hospital Westmead. A special thank you to Bandaged Bear for coming to visit our school.

Jan Hill

Canteen News

A new Winter Menu for Terms 2 & 3 is attached in today’s Highlights and is also available on the website. Our favourite jaffles return and we have a larger “homemade” menu available. Monday and Wednesday = Homemade Lasagne. Tuesday and Thursday = Homemade Spaghetti Bol. Wednesday and Friday = Homemade Macaroni Cheese. We will also use fresh herbs from our garden to make our own herb butter. Herb bread can be ordered with lunch and will sometimes be available for sale at lunch – 50c slice (approx 10cm half roll)

Canteen Rosters for terms 2 to 4 have been sent home.

If you have any queries, please drop by the canteen and see us.

We hope everyone has a good holiday break, see you next term.

Thank you
Jan Hill 42941778 Bronwyn Charman 42943568
Mothers Day Stall

The stall will be held on Thursday 9th May (week 2 term 2) but we ask that ALL money for presents be sent in to the class teacher by Monday 6th May. Any money not receipted before the day of the stall, (ie brought in on the day) may result in the child having to purchase a gift at the end of the stall as we will be monitoring the ratio of $10 to $5 gifts.

Please fill in the form below, nominating how many presents of each price range are required. Please send money and note in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and the amount enclosed to your child’s teacher. Any cheques should be made out to Helensburgh Public School P&C.

The majority of presents will not be wrapped, because they have come to us in protective wrapping or boxes and we thought it better to send the gifts home the same way. It is suggested that all children bring a green/recyclable bag to school on the day of the stall as some of the presents are too large for the average school backpack.

Your child will have chosen the item with love from our display table and we ask that you remember this when they present you with it.

If you have more than one child at school and wish that your children could select a present together, please send a note in to each of their teachers and it will be organised for them to choose a gift together. All funds raised will support your child’s education.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE STALL.

Childs name:____________________________________ Class:______________

No. of $5 presents required __________
No. of $10 presents required __________ Total $ enclosed __________

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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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