PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELCOME NEW KINDERS
Today marks the first formal day of primary education for our 2013 Kindergarten. I want to welcome their parents to the Helensburgh Public School education community. If this is your first child starting school, the journey is just beginning, and for those who have children in other grades you would know the excitement mixed with apprehension that your child experiences in the first few weeks of "Big" school. Your child’s Kindergarten teacher will be your support and encouragement as you adapt to being parents of a vivacious learner, social researcher and sporting champion. I extend a warm welcome to all our new students and parents for 2013.

REMOVAL OF DEMOUNTABLE
Removal of our old demountable classroom should occur early this week. I will be given very little warning related to the time and date so I ask parents to be very careful dropping off and picking up your children in Lukin Street. There will be trucks and cranes deployed at the end of Lukin Street so I would suggest using the Fletcher Street entrance until the building is removed.

SCHOOL FOCUS AREAS 2013
Each year the school carefully and deliberately draws special attention to areas identified following our annual school evaluation. This year the school will be focussing on three key areas. Building Relationships, Quality Feedback and Professional Learning. Through the coming weeks I will be developing a framework for discussion and elaboration of these three important focus areas that make a quality school and improved student outcomes.

SELECTIVE CLASS HEATHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL 2014
Year 6 students will receive an application brochure this week about Heathcote High School’s Selective Class for 2014. The selective class offers the advantages of a selective school, but with many of the advantages of attending the local high school being retained. The application form needs to be returned to Heathcote High School with a cheque for $15 by Friday the 15th of February. The placement test for this selective class will be held at the school on the 22nd of February. For more information please contact Mrs C. Pearse on 95209488.

SPECIAL INFORMATION
Parents are requested to pass on to the school any changes in contact details – telephone, mobile or residential address. We also need to know any medical and dietary requirements and changes that have occurred. I need to have copies of any court orders or agreed outcomes of mediation that have an impact on the supervision of students in our care. We take very seriously our duty of care but we must have accurate information.

PLEASE NOTE: It is important for the school to have emergency contacts, other than the parents, for all students. We cannot accept the 2013 Student Contact Details form if this information has not been provided.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
One source of financial provision for the operation of our school is by the collection of school contributions. Voluntary Contributions are set by the P&C Association at $40 for the first child and $70 for a family. At Helensburgh Public School our voluntary school contributions are used for classroom resources and payment would be greatly appreciated.

PAYMENT FACILITIES AT HELENSBURGH PUBLIC
Please note we do NOT have an EFTPOS facility at the school and payments will need to be either by cash or cheque (We cannot accept credit card). As we do not hold cash on the premises over any period of time, change is not always available and correct money is always appreciated. Please ensure all monies are in an envelope with child’s name and class and what the money is for.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School

Important Dates to Remember

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Issue 2, Monday 4th February 2013 Week 2 Term 1
Welcome back for 2013! I hope everyone has been visiting our school news blog to find out what’s happening every day at our school. If you were checking our news blog during the Christmas holiday break you will see we have a new mobile school app. This means you can have easy access to what’s happening at HPS on your mobile phones, iPads, tablets etc. It’s free and can be downloaded easily from http://my.yapp.us/BURGH or you can scan the QR code below.

Tomorrow, the 5th of February, is ‘Safer Internet Day’ for 2013, the international cyber-safety event supported in Australia by the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Safer Internet Day is the annual event which aims to raise awareness about the safe and responsible use of online technologies by children and young people. This year’s theme is online rights and responsibilities - ‘Connect With Respect’. It’s a time to focus on what it means to be a safe and respectful digital citizen and Stage 3 students will be looking at this important issue this term, as part of their COGs unit ‘Social and Global Issues’. If you would like more information about ‘Safer Internet Day’ please visit http://bit.ly/Vpu8jJ

Mrs Sue Dowling

**Library Term 1**

All classes have 1 library session per week. During this time students are strongly encouraged to borrow books for home reading or research. In order to borrow children must bring a library bag. Library bags should be closable, clean, waterproof and must have the child’s name on it. Library bags can be purchased from the canteen for $6.00.

**Library Days for Term 1**

Monday: KR, 1H, 2C, 5B  
Tuesday: KR, 1H, 2C, 5B  
Wednesday: 1K, 5T, 6C  
Thursday: 2/3G, 3/4H, 4C, 6M  
Friday: 1C, 1M, 2D, 3J, 4/5S

Mr McQueen  
Teacher Librarian

**Student Banking**

The Commonwealth Bank student banking program will resume this week. Please send deposit books to school on a Tuesday each week. Kindergarten students will soon receive an account application form. The student banking program is a great way for children to learn the importance of saving money from an early age, there are no account keeping fees & bonus interest is earned for making regular deposits. If you would like an account application form sent home for your child, please advise the school office or contact Melissa on 0408 943 039.

**Audition Application forms for Year 7 2014**

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 to a new school year.

This Wednesday we will have homemade beef lasagne for lunch orders $3.50. Thank you to Gil and family for the homemade lasagne. We have a new (slightly revised) menu – accompanying these Highlights and also on the website. New additions for this term include homemade cheese and spinach triangles on Tuesdays for $2.50, Wednesday will have homemade lasagne for $3.50 and a sausage on a roll with or without sauce for $2.40, Thursday has a cheese and salad mini wrap for $3.50 and a char grilled beef burger with salad on Friday for $4.00 (salad = lettuce, tomato and beetroot). Cheese can be added for 70cents. Note: the only other change is an increase in the chicken fillet burger from $3.90 to $4.00.

With the swimming carnival on this Friday we will be opening at the pool with a limited menu. Sausage rolls, donuts, water, poppers, tea or coffee and some energy treats. Normal canteen will operate at school for K-2.

Our canteen AGM will be held Wednesday 20th February at 12.30 in the canteen. We encourage all our volunteers to come along and contribute to the calendar and ideas for the coming year.

If you find it hard to get your children to eat sandwiches for lunch then maybe we can help! We now have a dinosaur cutter for sandwiches. It will remove crusts and leave you two lovely shaped dinosaurs sandwich halves. It can be used on any of our sandwiches but will work best on single filling sandwiches. If you would like to give it a try, just mark “dinosaur cut” on your lunch order bag.

We have a few special days lined up for this term. These include:

- 12th Feb – Pancake Tuesday – we will be selling pikelets/mini pancakes  
- 25th Feb – Milkshake Monday – chocolate, strawberry and vanilla milkshakes for $1.00  
- 7th Mar – Cheese & Bacon Roll Meal deal day.15th Mar – St. Patrick’s day – lots of green treats, both healthy and not so healthy. If you have any queries, please drop by the canteen and see us.

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Community Notices

Musical Instruments for Sale
Used clarinet for sale, most likely needs a service. $380, Please call Kerry on 0413 142 655
Electric Keyboard for sale (no stand) $40, contact Julie julie.wilson.528316@facebook.com

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

Helensburgh Netball Club Rego
Helensburgh Netball Club will be taking registrations for the 2013 season at the Netball Clubhouse on the following days: Tuesday 5th February, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Saturday 9th February, 9 am - 1 pm, Tuesday 12th February, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Registration fees are as follows: Nettas (8 -10 years) $115, Juniors (11 - 17 years) $130, Seniors (18 years and over) $150. Proof of age will need to be sighted for new players e.g. birth certificate. If you have any questions, please ring Judy Skiller or Kylie Skiller on 4294 2081.

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 Romanewicz 0403 975 934

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.
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