PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELCOME TO OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
Last Monday was the first formal day for our 2013 Kindergarten. I have been very impressed with the way they have taken to school in such a calm and confident manner. I want to thank Mrs Badham and her team for the excellent transition to school program experienced by all our new recruits. The parents of our new Kinders are to also be congratulated for the preparation and confidence you have invested in your children. It will certainly give them the self reliance and resilience to participate in each and every learning experience offered by the school.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM
Last Thursday all students in the school had the opportunity to experience our Sports in Schools specialist Physical Education lessons. Our students and staff had a wonderful time interacting with specialised equipment and lessons presented by physical education trained teachers. I want to encourage all students to participate in this worthwhile program which will run for the rest of the term. If you have not sent in your money for last week and for the rest of the Sport in School program please do so as soon as possible because from this week non payment will mean your child will not participate.

SPECIAL INFORMATION
Thank you to all the parents who have returned the Student Contact Details form. If you haven't yet returned this form please do so as soon as possible as we are unable to publish students names without written consent.

SAFETY OF STUDENTS
If your Year 5 or 6, child is riding a bike or scooter to school they must wear a helmet, the bike must be road worthy and they must obey the road rules. Please make sure these three key points have been checked before your child rides to school again. All students walking to school along Parkes Street MUST use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road. They MUST then enter school via the Lukin Street entrance. Students walking to school along The Ridge, Maidstone or Fletcher Street MUST enter the school via the Fletcher Street entrance. At no time are students and parents to walk through the school staff car park.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Our first P & C meeting for 2013 will be held this week on Tuesday 12 February commencing at 7:00pm. Meetings are held in the school staff room and all parents are warmly welcomed. It is a good opportunity to hear first hand reports on the progress of the school and to participate in discussions related to school policy. We have a very active P & C well led by a team of highly committed and motivated parents. I look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School

Increase in Bus Fares
The new fare for students travelling on the bus without a bus pass is $1.10

Important Dates to Remember

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2013 SCHOOL LEADERS

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS
Slade © Zoe ©
Jiah Taylah
Gabe Lara
Ethan Isla

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS
BASS
Captains Piper Cam
Vice Captains Kate Drew
MITCHELL
Captains Erin Dane
Vice Captains Molly Nic
FLINDERS
Captains Ella James
Vice Captains Emily Byron
HARGRAVES
Captains Amy Jackson
Vice Captains Katie Beau

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CANTEEN NEWS
Our Wednesday homemade beef lasagne will sell for $3 as per the issued price list. Our new price list is also available on the website. (Thank you Sue D) Tomorrow Tuesday 12th Feb is Pancake Tuesday and we will be selling mini pancakes (pikelets) at lunchtime to mark the occasion.

Year 6 – Don't forget to get your "Peer Support" special lunch orders in to the canteen tomorrow.

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 are now compiling a new canteen roster for terms 2 to 4 this year. We are in urgent need of helpers, if you can spare one half day per month please fill out the form in this highlights and return it to the canteen A.S.A.P.

If you have any queries, please drop by the canteen and see us.
Jan 4294 1778 and Bronwyn 4294 3568

Swimming Carnival
Helensburgh Public Schools annual swimming carnival was held last Friday and what a fantastic day it was - with perfect weather for a carnival.

Thank you to Ms Connolly and Mrs Geldart for their superb organisation – (not to mention their swimming skills in the teacher versus students race) -and to all the great HPS staff current and retired who assisted with the smooth running of the carnival. There were also a large number of parents and grandparents who attended the carnival to support their children which was great to see, with special thanks to the many parents who assisted with a variety of jobs throughout the day.

The students were extremely well behaved and represented our school beautifully. It was great that we had many students especially our eight year old competitors competing for the first time. I’m sure that the super warm weather was the best incentive to get our students in the pool and having a try at competing.

Congratulations to our House Captains who also did a marvellous job organising their Houses with some great cheering and support throughout the day.

Congratulations to all the successful competitors who will now represent Helensburgh Public School at the District Swimming Carnival at Engadine pool. We look forward to watching your achievements representing our school.

House winners were – Hargrave – first with 500 points; Flinders – second with 409 points; Bass – third with 395 points and Mitchell – fourth with 335 points. Congratulations to all competitors in all Houses.

Mrs Bronwyn Jeffree
Assistant Principal

Library Term 1

Library Opening Times
The library will be open at the following times in term 1
Monday – Thursday 8.25 – 8.50 for quiet reading, study or borrowing only (no computers)
Tuesday – Friday 2nd half of lunch

Library Computers at Lunchtime
The timetable for using the computers at lunchtime is:
Tuesday - Years 1 and 2
Wednesday - Years 3 and 4
Thursday Years - 5 and 6
Friday - Kindy with a friend to help them.

Student Representative Council (SRC)
The SRC will meet in the library at lunchtimes on Monday of every second week beginning Monday February 18.

Mr McQueen
Teacher Librarian
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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.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

Date: Thursday 28 February 2013
Time: 5.30 - 7.00pm

We look forward to meeting you. Principal’s address at 5.30 in WHSPAC.

4. Bus kids Safe kids

- Hold your child’s hand and walk together to the bus stop in the morning.
- If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.
- Meet your child at the bus stop after school. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road.
- When getting off the bus, wait on the footpath until the bus has been driven away. Then together choose the safest place to cross the road, discussing the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ routine with your child as you cross.
- Until they are at least ten years old, children have not developed the maturity required to cross the road safely without holding an adult’s hand.
- Talk with your child about what they should do if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual.
- Discuss what they should do if they accidentally get on the wrong bus or miss their regular bus stop.
- A fine and the loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40kmh speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the ‘wig-wag’ lights are showing.
- While waiting at the bus stop, stand as far away from the passing traffic as possible. Never wait right at the kerb.

Your school has copies of the Move Ahead with Street Sense School Bus Safety Resource which includes a video for parents and stage-appropriate videos for students.

For a free copy of the brochure, School bus safety how parents can help, Stock No 4509 2289, contact the RTA.

Canteen Helpers

Name________________________ Phone No________________________

Child’s Name________________________ Class________________________

Day Preferred________________________ Take me off roster __________

Change of Day________________________
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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
New green school cap $4, New size 8 girls green summer uniform $30 Phone 0431 720 304

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: 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

Helensburgh Netball Club Rego
Helensburgh Netball Club will be taking registrations for the 2013 season at the Netball Clubhouse on the following days: 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.

Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Football Club rego dates for 2013
Saturday 9 Feb 10 - 2, Thursday 14 Feb 4.30-6.30 @ Helensburgh Workers Club Registration $110 includes shorts & socks.
New players bring birth certificate and Medicare card Contact: registrarhjrlfc@hotmail.com or Helen 0403980831

Shamrocks Junior Rugby
Registration Days 2013 Sat 9th & 16th Feb 12pm - 2pm, Wed 13th & 20th Feb 5pm - 7pm Age groups - U7’s, U8’s, U9’s, U10’s, U11’s, U12’s, U13’s, U14’s, U15’s, U17’s New players welcome. Registrations to be held at Ocean Park Woonona Contact: Andrew Cracknell ph 0432 944 543 or Megan Cracknell ph 0403 796 246 Birth certificate required for new players.

Grand Pacific Walk Information Session
Sunday 3rd March 11am - 1pm, next to North Beach Bathers Pavillion For more information visit the Council website at www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/grandpacificwalk or call Paula Kennedy on 42276566.

Northern Illawarra AECG
A reminder that the Northern Illawarra AECG is holding its first meeting for the year on Tuesday 19th February at Bulli High School, 3:45 for a 4:00 start. All staff and community members, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, are very welcome to attend.

Would $500 Assist you with Education Costs?
Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs including school uniforms and textbooks, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition! To be eligible you must: have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card, have a child at school or starting next year, have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.
Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown 02 4254 4505 or 0427 439 234 or lindi.Jamieson-Brown@thesmithfamily.com.au
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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!

INDOOR HEATED POOL NOW OPEN

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5/17 Cemetery Road H’Burgh Business

4294 9999

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Physical is a unique competitive sport for girls and ladies aged 3 years and over.

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Great for pre-schoolers, wiggle and giggles in a pool class.

Classes are held Monday and Wednesday afternoons at the Engadine Community Centre.

For more information contact Karen Keene 4204 0340 or 0407 035 483 or email info@yarrawarraphysical.com.au

www.yarrawarraphysical.com.au