PRINCIPAL REPORT

START OF TERM 2
The first day for students next term will be Wednesday 1 May. This is a change from previous years with the NSW Department of Education and Communities gazetting an additional Staff Development Day to address the new Australian Curriculum. As most parents are aware all primary schools in NSW must implement the new English Syllabus in 2014. Some schools are also considering implementing the new Mathematics syllabus at the same time. The department has identified the need for schools to address the mandatory training necessary to be prepared to commence the beginning of the new school year with all the resources, planning and school subject scope and sequences ready. Therefore schools have been given an extra training day.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE
On Monday 25 March our school captains and prefects will be travelling to Sydney to attend the 2013 Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Our school leaders will hear from an array of special speakers including Nathan Hindmarsh, Creel Price, Brett Lee and Jess Fox. I am sure they will be treated to an experience that will assist in their roles in our school and identify key traits that make great leaders.

EASTER HAT PARADE
This Thursday our school will be holding its annual Infants Easter Hat Parade and Primary Easter Art Show. Our parade will commence at 11:30 under the Infants COLA and primary students are asked to bring in their Easter Art creations to the Library as soon as they arrive at school. I would like to thank our Kindergarten parents for bringing in Easter eggs for our famous Easter raffles. I look forward to seeing parents, grandparents and family friends at this special event.

HARMONY DAY
This year our school celebrated Harmony Day in a variety of ways specially designed to meet the developmental levels of our students. I want to thank 4C who invited me to their classroom to hear their wonderful speeches related to their family origins and the special foods they had brought in to share for lunch. I want to thank Miss Coleman and her class for their hospitality and yummy food.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School

Important Dates to Remember

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4C’s Harmony Day Multicultural Lunch
A massive thank you to all the parents of 4C who cooked up a storm for our Harmony Day Multicultural Lunch on Friday. We had a huge variety of food! Food varied from Chinese, Croatian, Irish, Dutch, Scottish, Welsh, English, Australian and more! The students had an awesome time and enjoyed teaching one another about their family’s cultural background. The support from parents to assist our class in these endeavours is greatly appreciated.

Miss Coleman
4C Classroom Teacher.

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.

For our children’s safety, no peanut/nut products, please.
Curriculum News - Science
At Helensburgh PS, staff are in full swing preparing for the implementation of the NSW Syllabuses for the new Australian curriculum.

The new science syllabus is focused on inquiry-based investigations and hands-on learning. The students do this by learning and applying scientific process – hypothesising, predicting, observing and measuring to learn about the world around them. It is an exciting way to learn science and means the students get to do lots of fantastic experiments. Here are just a few of the things that our students are learning in science right now:

- Our Kindergarten classes are experimenting with ice and learning about sun safety and the powerful heat that comes from the sun (enough to melt ice, that’s for sure!)
- 1H is learning all about hot and cold – how things heat, cool and change from solid, to liquid and finally to gas. Last week they challenged themselves by designing and making eskies to see if they could prevent ice melting by using a variety of materials for insulation.
- K/6R is learning about the science of colours and light
- Stage 3 is learning about something that affects us all, but could be even more important for future generations: Global Warming
- Year 5 is learning all about geology: taking soil samples, analysing their content, learning about rocks and rock formations, rock cycles and our tectonic plates. They’ve even been using microscopes to look at their samples.
- 6M is learning about surface tension, surfactants and colour absorption (that all sounds very technical, doesn’t it?)
- Resident environmental expert Colin La Flamme is working with a number of classes on environmental issues.

Implementing the new curriculum means more great learning for our students, but also for our teachers! Our teachers are attending in depth professional development to make sure that they are ready for the new curriculum. We even have local high school teachers coming to our next staff development day to align primary and secondary implementation of science curriculums and help us do an audit/stocktake of science resources needed for the new curriculum. This will make sure that our students’ transition into high school science goes smoothly.

Science Committee

Environmental News
Among the activities enjoyed by HPS students last week, was the planting of carrot seeds by Stage 2, which had been harvested the week before. It will be exciting seeing the seeds sprout into seedlings, ready for the children to plant them in our no-dig garden beds.
Stage 3 students do a terrific job, collecting the fruit break scraps, to feed to the worms, as well as visiting all classrooms to collect the weekly recycling. Stage 3 have also now completed the overhaul of the rock path - great teamwork!
Remember to purchase your bag of Darkes Forest farm fresh apples, on Easter hat parade day. The proceeds from sales will be returned to our school – Thank you so much to the Fahey family, of Glenbernie Orchard for your generous and healthy donation.
6C are ready for your used Nespresso coffee pods, and do a top job of dissecting these for recycling.
Please leave coffee pods, stamps, corks, elastic bands, mobile phones, ink cartridges and batteries at the school office for recycling also.
Ms Lewis  Environment Team

P&C Easter Raffle
The P&C will be drawing their annual Easter Raffle Thursday 28th March (Hat Parade Day). Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Please return tickets sold or unsold to the office by Wednesday 27th March. Thank you for your support.
P&C

Scholastic Book Club
The current book club order has been processed and books are due back for distribution before the end of this week. Going home today, is a Clearance Catalogue offering a range of books at cheap prices. If you wish to order from this Clearance Catalogue, please send completed order and money to the office by the morning of Wednesday 3rd April 2013. Any orders received after this time will still be processed, but there is no guarantee that the books will be in stock, or that they will be available for distribution prior to the end of Term 1.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2013
Stewart House clothing bags have been sent home today. Please return bags filled with donations of good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets to the alcove on the right as you enter the corridor at 2/3G (behind 1H classroom) and NOT the school office. All filled bags must be returned no later than Thursday, 4th April for collection.  www.stewarthouse.org.au Thank you for your support.
The University of NSW - International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) 2013
These competitions are open to all students in Years 2-6. They aim to challenge the more capable students, but any student from Years 2 - 6 may enter. They are conducted at school during school hours under exam conditions. The tests are set and marked by the University of New South Wales. Each competition has a fee and the price increases for the spelling and writing tests as these are hand marked. Tests are conducted in the areas of: Computer, Science, Mathematics, Spelling, Writing and English. The payment for competitions must be paid at the time of registration and it is not refundable. Please look at the table below for costs and dates for the competitions. If your child / children wish to enter you must complete the registration form found below.

Please note for the first time the English and Mathematics exams are open to Year 2 students as well as students in years 3-6. All other exams: Computer, Science, Spelling and Writing are available to Year 3-6 students only.

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Each child will require a 2B or B lead pencil (no pen) and an eraser for each exam. Students sitting the Science Exam will also require a ruler marked in millimetres and they are also permitted to use a calculator.

Practice questions are available on the Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) website if you are interested go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au and follow the link to “Prepare”.

To enter, please fill out the form in this week's Highlights, together with the correct payment, in a clearly marked envelope. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to the school. Please do not include competition money with other money. Competition money must be in a separate envelope. Entries must be in to Mrs Sida by Friday 5th of April 2013. Please hand them directly to Mrs Sida straight after morning assembly.

Late entries will not be accepted.
Mrs Sida
Competition Coordinator

The University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments 2013

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Parent/Guardian signature: ____________________________ Date: ________
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.

Mother’s Day

Childs name:__________________________ Class:____________

No. of $5 presents required __________

No. of $10 presents required __________

Total $ enclosed __________

Bandaged Bear Fun Day

We are having a Fun Day on Tuesday 26th March with a visit from Bandaged Bear who will talk to the children. At lunch we will be selling Bear Cup cups, Jelly Bear and Tiny Teddy biscuits all from 50c. We still have some merchandise for sale. All monies raised will be donated to The Children’s Hospital Westmead.

Clip on bears $3

Note pad $2

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Canteen News

We will be running an Easter Colouring In competition. Collect your entries from the canteen and return them with 50c entry fee by Wednesday 27th. Prizes for each stage.

We will be selling hot cross buns, tea and coffee on Hat Parade Day at recess and lunch.

There will be a new Winter Menu for Terms 2 & 3 out soon. It will be posted on the website before the end of term and will include a few extra homemade lunch options, so stay tuned.

Canteen Rosters for terms 2 to 4 are being printed and will be distributed shortly.

If you have any queries, please drop by the canteen and see us. We wish everyone has a safe Easter.

Thank you for your support.

Jan Hill 42941778 Bronwyn Charman 42943568
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.

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Community Notices

For Sale
Ikea student desk and chair. Black and white with magnetic whiteboard back size 74cm wide, 74cm high $60 ph 0416 264 157

Stanwell Park CWA
Stanwell Park CWA will be showing a documentary called Bag It on Tuesday 2 April at the conclusion of our monthly meeting. This award winning documentary is about the impact of plastic on our environment and health. We would like to invite any interested community members to join us. Come along to the CWA hall in The Drive Stanwell Park at 11:30 for a cuppa followed by the movie and stay for lunch. Our country of study this year is Morocco and we will be serving up Moroccan spicy carrot soup and crusty bread. The documentary runs for a little over an hour. Children are welcome.

Musical Instruments for Sale
Used clarinet for sale, most likely needs a service. $380. Please call Kerry on 0413 142 655

Fun 4 U Helensburgh
Dear parents, Please note that if your child is going to be absent from Fun 4 U, You must contact us on 0431 199 150 or 0431 099 608 As we are spending a lot of time chasing up absent children, and this is taking our staff away from the other children. We are on School grounds but run separately from the school, so we do not know if your child is absent unless you have notified us. Thank you Fun 4 U Helensburgh

Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Football Club still accepting registrations for 2013!
Boys U6 - U16 & Girls U6 - U12. Registrations $110 includes shorts and socks. Please contact Nicole 0416 148 081 or email registrarHJRLFC@hotmail.com

Super Easter Scramble this Saturday!
Get along to Charles Harper Park this Easter Saturday for another super Scramble! Enjoy a bacon & egg or pancake & fruit salad brekky from 9am, followed by a fabulous FREE kids show at 10am. Don’t forget, two age groups (5 & under, 6 & over), and the Scramble rules: no pushing or shoving, no taking someone else’s eggs and no bags or buckets - hands only! Please bring along some yummy Easter eggs for the basket so we have plenty to Scramble for. Our chocolatey raffle will be drawn after the Scramble. The fab annual Scramble is proudly brought to you by your local Lions Club. We hope to see you there!

An Introduction to Basketball Program for Primary School Students
Learn basketball skills at Helensburgh Community Centre 26 Walker Street Helensburgh NSW Monday Afternoons during School Terms 4.00pm—5.15pm Starts: Monday 29th April 2013 Cost: $6.50 per class or $60.00 paid in advance for 10 classes Registration: $20.00 for all new players Fees include insurance, coaching, court hire and equipment hire. Download enrolment form at www.sutherland.basketball.net.au or email info@sutherlandbasketball.net.au

Sharks Basketball Holiday Camp
16th to 19th April 2013 9am - 2pm Age 6 to 15 years T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants Phone: 9542-1999 Fax: 9521-5696 Download enrolment forms at Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au or Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au

April School Holidays At Ipac
Cautionary Tales For Children. See it at Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, Wollongong, on 23 & 24 April. Kids aged 8 - 13 can also get a look behind the scenes at our One Day Creativity Camp on 24 April. For more information and to book, call the box office on 4224 5999 or visit www.merrigong.com.au.

Fun 4 U Helensburgh April Vacation Care
Do you require care for April school Holidays?
If so please contact us on 0431 199 150 or 0431 099 608
Or email: fun4uhelensburgh@bigpond.com
All bookings must be in by 2nd April 2013

Square Dance Classes
Have fun in a friendly atmosphere learning to square dance with happy people. Square Dancing is a great social, mental and physical activity for the whole family.

Friday Evenings 7.30-10.30pm
Beginner Classes Starting 5th, 12th & 19th April 2013
St Catherine’s Catholic Church Hall
Cnr Gymea Bay Road & President Avenue, Gymea
Enquiries: Chris & Linda Foggatt
p: 9542 3518 or 0421 133 518
e: kneedeeqsquares@gmail.com
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INDOOR HEATED POOL NOW OPEN

mums n bubs to squad & everything in between

5/17 Cemetery Road H'Burgh Business

4294 9999

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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!