



Helensburgh Highlights

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



2016 school year has come to an end and I want to thank the teachers, support staff, students and parents for making this year one of the best.

STAFF CHANGES 2017

I announced during my address at Presentation Day that Mr Campbell will be undertaking a twelve months international teaching exchange to Canada starting at the beginning of January 2017. Ms Laura Bruin will be arriving in the new year to take up her exchange position at our school. We wish Mr Campbell all the best and look forward to his return in 2018 and to hear about his many adventures in the frozen wilderness of Canada.

ENVIRONMENT TEAM

Congratulations to our wonderful Green Team winning the Overall Best Environmental Program at the 2016 Wollongong City Council Rise and Shine Awards. The success of this program in no small measure is due to the fantastic work of Mrs Lewis, Mr Vallejos and Mr Tuxford and the team of volunteers including Mr Lynch and Mrs Hanley. No Program can be successful without our committed and highly motivated students who make sure our gardens, recycling and composting jobs are always completed to a high standard. Well done, everyone!

KINDER MEET THE TEACHER

Today our new Kindergarten students will be arriving with their parents and carers to meet their 2017 class mates and teacher. This is always an exciting time as our new students orientate themselves to their new surroundings. We will be starting the new year with four Kindergarten classes. Things may change when we return but for the moment our plans appear to have covered any unknowns.

PRESENTATION DAY 2016

Presentation Day this year was held in our school hall with a large group of parents, grandparents and carers in attendance. Our special guests included Ms Sharon Bird Member for Cunningham and Mr Lee Evans member for Heathcote. Our school band entertained everyone before the proceedings began and our Kindergarten 2016 presented two holiday songs much to the enjoyment of all present. Our Year 6 had their last roll call and our new Prefects for 2017 were inducted. I also announced our School Captains for 2017. Congratulations to Cooper and Charlotte, I know you will be excellent leaders and mentors.

BURGH'S GOT TALENT



I want to thank Mrs Tipping for her dedication and creative energy she puts into making sure Burgh's Got Talent is a raging success. I was blown away by the depth of talent, determination and joy displayed by our students. I know our students and the parents in the audience would have also loved the staff item "Surfin USA". We delight in making our students feel the warmth and joy we experienced teaching and working together as a staff at Helensburgh Public School. Thank you to Mr Vallejos for your choreography.

REPORTS

Student reports for Semester Two have been sent home with students last Friday. I would encourage all parents to carefully study the notes on the cover page that explain what each of the levels means.

HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the staff at Helensburgh Public School I want to wish everyone a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday. May our community remain safe during the fire season and everyone returns fresh and ready for an exciting 2017 school year.

Chris Connor
Principal



Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event
13 Dec	P&C Meeting 7pm
14th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
16th Dec	Last Day Term 4
19th Dec	School Development Day
20th Dec	School Development Day

Opal Card Information for Year 3 2017

If your child is currently in Year 2 and has an Opal Card for travel to and from school you will need to reapply for Year 3. Please see the link for further information

<https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/>



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Kindergarten End of Year Celebration

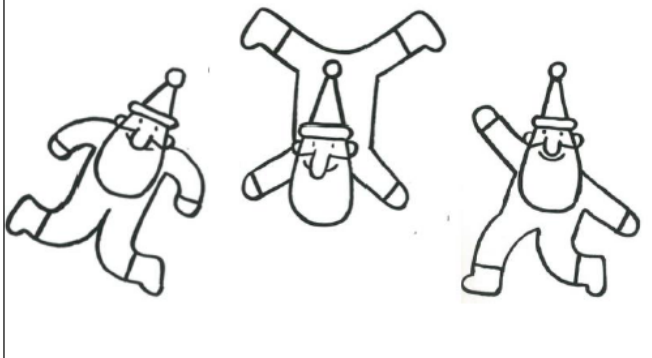
Thursday 15 December 2016

* Students are to wear school uniform but may add something Christmassy e.g. reindeer ears, Christmas socks, Christmas hat

* Students will sing Christmas songs, watch a DVD in our rooms, do some Christmas craft, make an iced biscuit and have an ice block to celebrate the end of the year.

* Students are invited to bring a teddy or soft toy and a small pillow to take with them when we watch the Christmas DVD.

* Please remember to return all Library books and Home Readers.



Stage 1 End of Year Celebration

On Thursday 15th December 2016 students in Years 1 and 2 will be having a special end of year celebration. Students are to wear school uniform but may add something Christmassy eg reindeer ears, Christmas socks, Christmas hat. Students will watch a Christmas DVD, sing Christmas songs, do some Christmas craft and have an iceblock to celebrate the end of the year. Students are invited to bring a teddy / soft toy and a small pillow to take to the hall when we watch the Christmas DVD.

Friendly Awards 2017

Our Friendly Awards need a new design so we are having a competition to find a picture to put on our Friendly Awards for 2017. Can you help? All students in Years K – 5 are invited to submit a design. It must be an original drawing in black pen or black texta on white paper, no larger than A4 size. No colour is to be used. The winning design will be shrunk to the desired size to make our Friendly Award. The design should include the following information: *Helensburgh P.S. Friendly Award. Be safe. Be a learner. Be respectful.* The student with the winning entry will receive a canteen voucher. So, start thinking, what would you like to see on your Friendly Award? Hand your design in at the Office. You have until Thursday. Make sure you write your name and class on the back in pencil. The winner/s will be announced on Friday.
Ms Stillwell

Instrument Return

Mrs Garvie has requested all students return their instruments to the school for the annual stocktake and maintenance check. Please ensure that instruments are returned to the office by Wednesday 14/12/16 and that Mrs Bannister marks your name off the list.

Your assistance in this matter and support for Mrs Garvie at this time is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Bannister
School Admin Manager

Canteen News

Presentation Day – WOW what a day! Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped on the day. A great job Melisa.

This week (last week of school) we will have some special Xmas themed treats available for sale each day from 20c to 50c. There will also be limited special Santa lolly bags which are great value at \$2. We will be running down as much of our stock as we can over the next week, so we are apologising in advance for any necessary changes to daily lunch orders Please read any notes at the counter when ordering to avoid disappointment.

Special thanks to Megan Sida, Megan Tipping, Anne-Maree Lawless and staff for giving us the opportunity to cater for the Principals afternoon teas and other special parties/ events throughout the term – We thoroughly enjoyed it and we think the kids did too.

URGENT – If anyone can volunteer one half day per month (Monday to Thursday) to work in the canteen during Term 1 2017 please contact Bronwyn immediately (0423693629).

Special thanks to the prefects for their efforts throughout the year. Congratulations to 2017 School Leader Group, we look forward to working with these young people as well.

Our volunteer raffle for Term 3 has been drawn and the winner was Gillian Lehn. Term 4 will be drawn on Friday. Thanks to all our volunteers – without you the canteen cannot run efficiently and continue to provide the students what we believe is a relatively healthy and varied menu.

Thank you to all the teachers, staff and parents for your continued support throughout the year.

Lastly I would like to thank the P&C and in particular the Executive for all their support to both the canteen and to Melisa and myself personally this year. I hope everyone enjoys the festive season and returns safely for another big year in 2017.

Bronwyn and Melisa

The UNIFORM SHOP will be open between 8 and 11am on Monday 30th January 2017 (pupil free day) for any last minute uniform needs.

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A second language boosts children's cognitive development and assists their overall learning capabilities. It prepares children for High School language studies and is a great asset in later life.

Expression of Interest

Please indicate below your interest in a French Club at Helensburgh PS for your child:

YES, I am interested in having my child attend a French Class.

Simply return this form to the office as soon as possible.

The Term 1 / 2017 program would run for 7 weeks. Cost is \$130.00 per child for the term.

Classes would run after school on Wednesday afternoons in the Library.

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E-Mail Address

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What you need to know

- Participants must wear a correctly fitted helmet & be able to ride a bike without a training aid
- Participants can either bring their own bike (in good working order) or hire a bike
- Bookings are essential as places are limited

For bookings or more details contact
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Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

COST is \$40 PER CHILD, and includes * rod and reel combination * shirt * hat * tackle box * show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Dates

Lake Illawarra

Wednesday 11th January 2017
Tuesday 16th April 2017

To book: e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190

Web details: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreationalinfo/workshop>

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Frequently Asked Questions Maidstone Street Footpath Improvement 2017

Work is planned to construct a paved footpath for Maidstone Street between the Ridge and The Crescent. Wollongong City Council is seeking to inform the community that this work is scheduled for early 2017.

What improvements are planned?

Currently there are no pedestrian footpaths along Maidstone Street to the north of the school. Council is planning to provide a pedestrian link with good access for students, parents and residents.

Work includes:

- Construct new variable width footpath on southern side of Maidstone Street
- Construct new 1.2m footpath on northern side of Maidstone Street
- Construct new 1.2m footpath on eastern side of The Crescent
- Installation of kerb ramps.
- Modification to stormwater pits to match proposed footpath levels
- Modifications to existing retaining walls, and construction of new retaining wall with handrail

The design provides for the future upgrade of the intersection with The Ridge and Junction Street with the opportunity to install a safe crossing.

How long will the work take and when will it start?

The work is scheduled to commence in the first half of 2017. Generally, the hours of construction will be 7am till 6pm Monday to Friday, and 7am to 2pm on Saturdays. The work will take approximately four months to complete subject to weather conditions.

How will I be affected?

There may be short intervals where access to the footpath will be restricted. The work will be done in stages and temporary access will be restored as quickly as possible.

Maidstone Street will remain open to traffic. The parking lane along Maidstone Street will be impacted by the work. Parking restrictions will be put

in place along the street as the work progresses. Parking will be restored as soon as each stage is completed.

A traffic management plan will be in place to ensure pedestrian safety.

Will any parts of the footpath be closed to public access during the work?

Yes there will be periods when the footpath will be closed. Temporary paths will be installed to ensure access to residences is maintained.

Signage and traffic control will be in place to direct vehicles and pedestrians along Maidstone Street. The parking shoulder will be used to provide pedestrian access around the works, however at some stages pedestrians may need to be diverted across the road.

Driveways will be out of action for up to 7 days. Council will notify owners and residents prior to undertaking works on driveways.

Have environmental and heritage issues been considered?

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared and will be implemented by the Contractor during construction.

There are a number of trees located along the street. It is proposed to maintain all these trees. Root damage is to be minimised to ensure the long term health of the trees.

How can I comment on the planned work?

If you have any concerns or questions about the planned works you can contact Council by 30 January 2017 through:
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