



Helensburgh Highlights

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome back is extended to all our existing students and to all the new families that have joined our Helensburgh educational community this term. Term 4 is always a very busy term with many important dates for parents and students. This will be the final term in primary school for our Year 6 students and they will have their annual Year 6 Camp and their special Year 6 Farewell to look forward to in the coming weeks. This term also sees our P&C major fundraiser for the year with the return of the very popular Spooky Carnival on Friday, 28 October. I know the whole school community will be out in force on the night to support this major event and to join in on the fun. I want to thank the many parents and community members who have volunteered to assist on the night - your help is greatly appreciated. If you would still like to help out on the night and you haven't had a chance to volunteer, please contact Sam Neill on samantha.neillpandc@gmail.com to see what jobs are still available.

IMPORTANT#

"Go Live Day" – Monday, 17 October 2016

This Monday is a very historic day for our school. We will join hundreds of NSW Government schools in this area and across the state when our old office systems are switched off and our new systems "Go Live". Our office and executive staff have been preparing for this day for some time as we make the switch over from the old financial and student administration systems to the new improved and accrual based accounting and integrated student administration systems.

The lead up to this point in time has been very intense with our administration staff having to undergo comprehensive retraining and coordinated time based tasking to migrated data across to the new state system in an accurate and timely manner. Our whole way of doing business has been changing and with the switch over on Monday and the subsequent days following new ways of conducting school financial transactions will be further communicated to parents.

I want to thank parents for their understanding during this change over period and I want to assure parents of our commitment to continued excellent customer service even though the office is learning as we go along. The message "Please be patient- we are on our L Plates".



Whole School Photograph

On Wednesday 19 October our school photographer will be returning to update our whole school photograph. Please ensure your child is in uniform for this special day and is not late for school as the photo will be taken at 9:00 am.

Kindergarten 2017 Orientation

This Friday will be the first of our Kindergarten Orientation days for 2017. Commencing at 12.30 pm, parents are asked to have their children at school and ready to participate in the fun activities that are being planned. New Kindergarten parents must stay for the duration of this first orientation day. We look forward to welcoming our new Kinders and their parents.

Staffing Arrangements for Term 4

At the end of last term the school experienced an unprecedented level of staff changes due to illness. I want to take this opportunity to inform parents of the arrangements for various class for the rest of the year. 4W – Ms Wira is off on maternity leave and Mrs Thomson and Mrs Lewis will be working together for the rest of the year. 4M – Mrs McPherson will be returning to school this week following her accident and will be assisted by Mrs Lewis for the rest of the year. KP – Mrs Parkinson will be teaching this class full time for the rest of the year as Mrs Dowling asked to let the school community know that she has been diagnosed with early stage breast cancer. She will be undergoing treatment and when well enough will be returning to school. I know you will join with me in wishing her a speedy recovery. 1R – Mrs Geldart will be teaching this class fulltime for the rest of the year. Mr Clark will be returning to the school once he is well enough to undertake teaching duties. We also wish him well in his recovery. On another note, Mrs Jeffree will be continuing as relieving Principal at Mt Keira Demonstration School and Mrs Murray will be relieving as Assistant Principal for the rest of this term.

Thanking you for your support.

Chris Connor
Principal

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Thank you once again for taking the time to contribute your opinions and ideas in our Parent Survey. You will need to type in this specific web address in your internet browser as it is unique to our school

nsw.tellthemfromme.com/helensburghpublicschool2508

The closing date for parent responses will be Friday, 21 October 2016.

Staff and students have begun their surveys at school and we look forward to analysing the data. We will be using this information to reflect and plan for the future directions of our school.

If you have any questions regarding this survey please direct them to me at helensburg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Important Dates to Remember



Date	Event
19th Oct	State Athletics Carnival Homebush
20th Oct	State Athletics Carnival Homebush/K-6 Assembly 1.50pm
21st Oct	Kinder Orientation 12.30-1.40pm with parents
28th Oct	Spooky Carnival 4pm-8pm
2nd Nov	Kinder Orientation 12pm-1.15pm
3rd Nov	K-6 Assembly 1.50pm
7th-10th Nov	Year 6 Camp
14th-25th Nov	Swimming Scheme
8th Dec	Presentation Day
14th Dec	Year 6 Farewell

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KC	Connor, Lily
KD	Arlen, Dede
KF	Curtis, Lucy
KP	Jenson, Brody
1M	Adelle, Bronte
1R	Payton, Melody
1/2H	Ciaran, Harry
2A	Kai, Lily C
2K	Kade, Jaymee
2T	Will, Eva
3C	Oscar, Tahleigh, Ryder
3L	Brianna, Molly, Brodie
4M	Georgia, Jesse, Ashalyn
4W	Tahli, Charlotte, Mackenzie
4/5L	Makayla, Harry, Kara
5V	Tyler, Shaylee, Chloe
5/6G	Ryan Mc, Tom, Kyan
6C	Jaxon, Bowen, Isabella
6R	Evie, Bryn, Alysia
K/6M	Dylan

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.



For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program will take place at Helensburgh Swimming Pool from Monday, 14th November to Friday, 25th November 2016.

Students in Years 2 and 3 who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

It is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Students receive ten daily lessons of **45 minutes duration**. The total cost of the scheme for students will be \$40. This includes transport by bus to and from the pool. This is excellent value for 10 consecutive lessons of 45 minutes duration.

Permission notes will be sent home this week with every Year 2 and Year 3 student. Please return the permission note and money to the school or pay online as soon as possible to guarantee a place in the program as places are limited. It will be first in with the money and permission note who will receive a place in the swimming program.

Mrs Stillwell



CUPCAKE DAY

On Wednesday, 19th October, our Year 6 students will be holding a farewell fundraiser.

We will be selling delicious cupcakes and other goodies at lunchtime and recess.

Please help us by purchasing a cake or donating some nut free cupcakes or other goodies such as slices or muffins to sell.

Donations can be sent to the Year 6 classrooms before school. Please label all containers.

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 students and teachers



Year 6 Year 5 Adventure Day at Bulli High

On Wednesday, 2 November 2016, our Year 5 students have the opportunity to participate in Science or Industrial Arts at Bulli High. A separate note is going home today and there is also the same flyer in today's Highlights.

Selective High School 2018

Year 5 parents please read the information included in this edition of the highlights regarding applications to Selective High School for 2018.

Year 6 Camp to Point Wollstoncroft

All camp notes must be returned this week. The medical information that parents need to submit on line directly to Point Wollstoncroft Sport & Recreation Camp is also due this week. The link can be found in the camp note.

SPOOKY CARNIVAL YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER



Year 6 will be running a stall at the Spooky Carnival on Friday evening, 28 October. The money raised will be used to help pay for our Year 6 Farewell party and disco, as well as our gift to the school.

Our stall will be face-painting, nail painting and tattoos. We would very much appreciate your support with setting up and packing up the stall, working on the stall with your Year 6 child during the evening and also donations of nail polish (black, red, orange-spooky colours!!!) and face paint. Please help us by filling out the form on the note that went home today and returning it to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Sida
Stage 3 Co-ordinator



TO ALL YEAR 5 STUDENTS



Have you ever wondered what high school might be like?

Come along to our

ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Take part in a lesson that explores forensic science or the tools of the trade.






WHEN: WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 2016
from 12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: MEET @ BULLI HS ADMINISTRATION FOYER,
URSULA ROAD

HOW MUCH: \$10

FOR MORE INFORMATION ASK YOUR TEACHER OR CONTACT:
MS H. GARDINER, HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH ON 42848266



Welcome back for Term 4. We are now in summer menu so no more toasted sandwiches everything else remains the same and we have not increased any prices from last term. Term 4 menu is attached in these Highlights and is also available online.

We will update everyone throughout the term about our special days, we are working on a couple of yummy meal deals – so stay tuned.

We will also be operating at the Spooky Carnival – with Pluto Pups, Sausage Rolls, Sushi and Rice Paper Rolls as well as drinks, ice blocks and other goodies.

Again special thanks to the Bursill family (Rocar Electrical) for the help with obtaining a new fridge for the canteen.

For our on-line ordering system the school number is 25340963. Follow the prompts at www.school24.com.au

Don't forget our canteen menu and special notes etc are also included on the Canteen Page on the School Website. Thanks Sue D for your all your efforts in this area.

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

Uniform News

The uniform shop (in the canteen) is now stocking boys grey shorts and boys grey long trousers. SUMMER Uniform has returned for Term 4. Drop by and check us out for all your school uniform needs. Open from 7.30 to 12 noon daily.

Bronwyn and Melisa

RIDING THE WAVE

SURF LIFE SAVING PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.



Join your local Riding the Wave program TODAY!

Families of children with disabilities are being encouraged to join in the fun of the beach and Surf Life Savings Nippers program through the Illawarra Branch's Riding the Wave Nippers program. This program provides the opportunity through the clubs for children of all abilities to participate in beach and water-based activities such as beach ball games, board surfing, ocean wading and beach sprints.

Get involved and have some fun!

Riding the Wave program aims to:

- Provide an opportunity for all to be a part of a Surf Life Saving Club
- Provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in a non-competitive, flexible Nippers program
- Provide an opportunity for participants to enjoy the beach and its surrounds in a safe manner
- Have dedicated and trained water safety personnel deliver the program.

The Riding the Wave initiative is a joint program between Illawarra Surf Life Saving Clubs, Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch and the Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation.

Riding the wave is an eight-week program. Enrol for all eight-weeks or either of the 4 week blocks.

When
Every Sunday morning
20 November till 11 December 2016
29 January till 26 February 2017

Local clubs and times

Towradgi	11:00am - 12:00noon
Bellambi	11:30am - 12:30pm
Woonona	11:00am - 12:00noon
Bulli	10:45am - 11:45am
Coledale	10:30am - 11:30am

Cost
FREE

Enrolment closing date
Wednesday 2 November 2016

For further information and to enrol please contact the Wollongong office on 02 4228 5355 or email wollongong@sport.nsw.gov.au

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au 131302



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Spooky Carnival 2016 – 28th October!!

12 days to go! 200 Volunteers needed!
It's almost here and we are SO EXCITED!!!

Ride Passes

Ride passes are now on presale. Ordering your ride pass in advance will save you \$3 per pass and means you are all organised for the night.

The ride pass gets you on all the rides coming in from the amusement rides provider but does **not** include the haunted house.

To order you can use the forms we have been sending home (and there will be more going home this week) or online through the CANTEEN online ordering system Schools24.

Tokens – what are these?

We will also have a 'token/ticket' system operating on the night for purchasing everything coming directly through the P&C. This is to reduce the cash handling the P&C volunteers need to deal with on the night and also so that parents can plan in advance and not experience the cash issues from the last carnival.

To plan your evening give a thought to how many visits to the haunted house the kids might want to make, how much the family might want to have for dinner (we have LOTS of food options), showbag purchases, craft they might want to make, photos they might want to have taken at the photo booth, make up they might want added to their costume, glow stuff to purchase and competitions to enter.

You can buy any amount of tokens and you can replenish on the night but the pre purchase deal is excellent – you pay \$25 for \$30 worth of tokens – that's \$5 for free!

Refunds will be offered only for pre-purchases made and your family doesn't make it to the carnival and don't use the pass or tokens and for \$25 lots of tokens.

Non-P&C run food options will require cash.

If you have any questions grab a P&C volunteer next time you are up at school or drop us an email on pandchps@gmail.com

Parade!

There will be a parade on the night at 6.00 pm for kids dressing up in spooky gear. We will have face painting/zombie make up for those wishing to finish off their outfits.

Craft!

There will be activities for our especially young future HPS students to enjoy if they find the rides a bit too old for them. This will also be a quiet area for any other kids who need a break from having too much fun!

Grown ups!

There will be food and activities for the grown ups so it will be a completely family fun night! We invite you to stay and enjoy the evening with the entire HPS community.

Volunteers!

To do all this we need your help still. If you can spare an hour at the carnival or during set up time please let us know! Email Sam Neill at: samantha.neillpandc@gmail.com

Thirroul Readers and Writers Festival

The Thirroul Readers and Writers Festival is a three day event that was held on September 2 to 4 this year. The programme for the festival included discussion panels and workshops that brought together some of Australia's most well-known and awarded authors, poets, journalists, playwrights and academics to the Northern Beaches.

The Festival held a writing competition in Primary, Secondary, and Open categories. Entrants had to compose a 500 word short story based around an historic image of Thirroul Beach. The entries for the primary school division were of a very high standard and came from school students all over the Illawarra. The adjudicating panel were impressed with the high standards of writing amongst the entries.

Year 4's Asha and Year 1's Jayni were honoured to be finalists in the primary schools section. Asha came away with third prize on the day with her dramatic story of rescue from a tropical island. Thank you Asha and Jayni for representing Helensburgh Public School, and congratulations on your achievement.



Scarborough Public School Artspark Competition

5/6 1st place - Naomi, Helensburgh Public School (2015 People's Choice winner)



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Dates include: 20th & 27th October; 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November; 1st & 8th December

Cost: Free

Location: 33 Pioneer Drive Oak Flats, NSW, 2529

RSVP: Thursday 13th October

Contact: Kristin (0409306534)

or Courtney (0421634537)



Light refreshments provided.



Parenting Webinars

Bullying Awareness Parent Webinars (Parents/Carers)
1 x 1 hour online webinar | Cost \$10

From the comfort of your home or office, understand more about the nature of bullying and cyberbullying. This webinar will provide parents with practical strategies to take if you believe your child is being bullied or is bullying others.

Parents will develop the skills and knowledge to:

- Identify bullying and cyberbullying behaviours
- Set realistic boundaries for technology use
- Keep young people safe online

Upcoming dates (from 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Tuesday, 18 October 2016

Tuesday, 8 November 2016

Tuesday, 22 November 2016

Tuesday, 6 December 2016

Bookings essential
Please call 02 8882 7850

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FRENCH @ Helensburgh Public School in 2017

LCF Fun Languages have been teaching languages to 2-12 year old children around the globe for 25 years. We are well-established at public and independent schools across Sydney and Melbourne and are now also in the Illawarra!

Our Methodology

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Our Teachers

We are proud of our team of native speaking teachers. They are all fully trained and supplied with the latest language teaching resources.

The Benefits

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.

Child's name

Class

E-Mail Address



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Helensburgh Scout Group

Are you looking for an extra-curricular activity that offers a range of variety and is a bit out of the ordinary? Helensburgh Scout Group offers a weekly program that can teach: - Leadership - Community - Loyalty - Independence - Social skills - Outdoor skills Our meeting times: - Joeys (ages 6-8) Tuesday 4.30pm-5.30pm - Cubs (ages 8-11) Friday 6.30pm-8pm - Scouts (ages 11-15) Tuesday 7pm-8.45pm . We are also looking for leaders (18+) How to contact us: Our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/helensburghscouts/> Our website - <http://www.helensburghscouts.org.au/contact> By email - groupleader@helensburghscouts.org.au Or call Bruce Crawley on 0412 210 254 or Vickie Crawley on 0433 459 729

Helensburgh Cricket Club

Helensburgh Cricket Club is looking for players for season 2016/17. We have the Milo In2Cricket and T20 Blast programs for those younger kids who want an introduction into cricket, as well as teams in the U10s through to the U16s. This season for the first time we also will have an all girls team for girls aged 11-17. For more information and registration visit www.helensburghcc.nsw.cricket.com.au, or search for Helensburgh Tigers Cricket Club on Facebook."

Lions Club Annual Country Fair

Saturday, 29 October from 8am, be in Charles Harper Park for all day entertainment, carnival rides, delicious food and lots of your favourite stalls! There will be no Grand Parade but thanks to generous donations from our fabulous local business, you can end the day with some Fair loot - great raffle prizes as well as a range of Silent Auctions! Bid on a Pandora bracelet, summer bbq pack, photography/portrait voucher, the foodies package and much more. Check the Helensburgh Lions Facebook page for details of these great prizes and the excitement of the Fair! Thank you: Diann Darling Jewellers, Sunrise Nursery, Red Nectar, Raya Thai, Gallardo's, Sarada, Grima Bros, Helensburgh Newsagent, Helensburgh Pharmacy, Hey Beautiful, Switched on Mechanical, Christian's Premium Meats, Helensburgh Liquor, Rachel Marie, Helensburgh Butchery, Helensburgh Tyres, La Belle, Essential Surf and Skate, Glitz n Glamour (Campbelltown), Big Sister Horsie and Coles. Your support for the Helensburgh Lions Club and our local community is much appreciated!



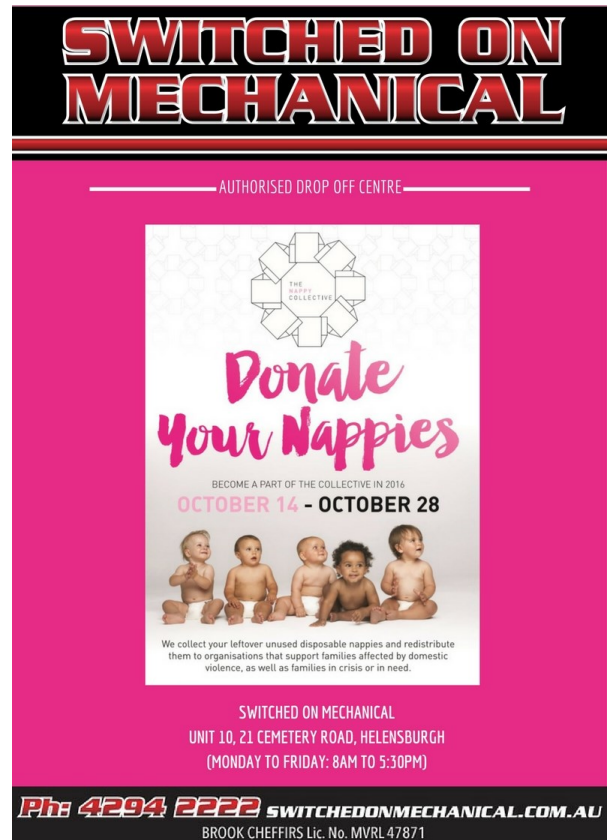
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Picnic
in the park

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