

# **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** SPOOKY CARNIVAL

A howling and haunting good time was had last Friday night when our P&C ran a very successful Spooky Carnival. After a two year recess our hard working P&C and the many parent and community volunteers worked solidly for 6 months to organise this fantastic evening. Families from across the town and local area descended like ghoulish spectres on the grounds of Helensburgh Public School. The laughter of children and the smiles on everyone's faces indicated they had a great time at this fabulous family focussed event. I want to thank the great team of organisers and volunteers who helped to make the evening such a success. I also want to thank the many school staff who also helped out on the night and behind the scenes. Our primary playground equipment is one step closer to being built. Thanks everyone.

#### **ILLAWARRA COMBINED BANDS INSTRUMENTAL** REHEARSAL

On Wednesday 26 October students from across the Illawarra gathered at our school for a combined band rehearsal. Our students, led by Mrs Alison Garvie, joined over 100 other band members for a rehearsal in preparation for the Illawarra Instrumental Festival to be held on the 24 November at the University of Wollongong. It was an amazing experience for our students to play in such a large group and we look forward to their performance at the upcoming festival. Our school band gave another show stopping performance on Saturday at the 2016 Helensburgh Fair. Well done everyone.

#### **PREFECT NOMINATIONS**

Nominations from Year 5 students to be School Prefects for 2017 will be called this week. The school takes very seriously opportunities for students to lead their fellow students. Presently students serve as SRC representatives for their class, House Captains and School Prefects. I hope parents will sit down with their children and talk about this important leadership opportunity. Further details will be distributed this week.

# **YEAR 5 ADVENTURE PROGRAM**

This week students from Year 5 will be participating in a transition to high school project sponsored by Bulli High School. Students who have registered in advanced will be assigned specialist high school classes in areas of high interest. This year our school has been timetabled to engage in the following subjects; forensic science or tools of the trade.

#### FINANCIAL SYSTEM CHANGE OVER

Administration staff have been working their way through the enormous changes required to make our new financial and administrative systems operational. We now have with support from our state service centre and the Westpac bank addressed problems with our online payment system and it is now working well. We would like this to become our preferred method of payment. It is much easier to administer and gives parents the assurance that their payments have been received once a receipt number has been issued. Parents are reminded that the school does not hold petty cash so any payments in cash need to be in the exact money.

#### Chris Connor Principal



# **Important Dates to Remember**

Date	Event
2nd Nov	Kinder Orientation 12pm-1.15pm
3rd Nov	K-6 Assembly 1.50pm
4th Nov	Yr 6 Fundraiser Bubble Day
7th-10th	
Nov	Year 6 Camp
8th Nov	5 5
10th Nov	· · ·
11th Nov	,
14th Nov	5 7 11
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17th Nov	
23rd Nov	······································
25th Nov	·····, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
8th Dec	•
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13 Dec	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Year 6 Farewell
16th Dec	,
19th Dec	,
20th Dec	School Development Day





# **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

КС	Rosie, Aiden
KD	Kelsey, Jack
KF	Angus, William
KP	Jeremy, Addison
1M	Dakota, Zade
1R	Clio, Harley
1/2H	Zoe, Lily
2A	Dylan, Lily Cu
2K	Jake C, Tracie
2T	Ella, Alicia
3C	Emmalee, Charli-Anne, Alexander
3L	Indiya, Hanna, Bailey
4M	Isabel, Eleisha, Liam
4W	Lola, Sophia, Nicola
4/5L	Oscar, Jarvis, Jasmine
5V	Leah, Ayla, Cooper
5/6G	Isabel, Briallen, Abbi
6C	Merryn, Spencer, Imagen
6R	Naomi, Elle, Sabina
K/6M	Carla



#### School Swimming and Water Safety Program

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

Ms Stillwell

# **Flutter Friends Foto Competition**



Over the last 20 years, butterfly numbers around the world have decreased, due to lower garden diversity and pesticide use. We want to help increase butterfly numbers, starting in our local region.

As part of the FIRST Lego League science and technology competition, Helensburgh's Komplete Kaos 2.0 wants to find out which butterfly species live in the 2508 area. To do this they are holding a Flutter Friends Foto competition. It's really simple to enter:

- 1. Take photos of butterflies
- 2. Record the date and location of your photo
- 3. Share your photo and information to the "Komplete Kaos Inc" Facebook page.

We have some special prizes to give away, and will draw winners at random on 19 November.

Get outside, go shoot some butterflies! Mrs Redfern

# Youth Eco Summit

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October Green team members went on an excursion to the Youth Eco Summit at Sydney Olympic Park.

For our first workshop we went to the mud (straw, sand and clay). We took our shoes off and stomped in it to make mud bricks.

Next we went to the cow station and learnt how to milk the cow. We also learnt information such as cows can make up to 80L of milk per day!

We looked at feathers, crystals and other natural objects through microscopes. It was interesting to look at all of these items close up. We saw apps High school students had made, telling us interesting information such as how much rubbish people let into the ocean. We also went to a chook workshop and saw a chook lay a warm egg from its cloacka. We saw many interesting exhibits such as electric and solar cars. Finally we went to the Aboriginal rock sharpening station. Then we got the sharpest rock and made a tool out of it and the axe is for our school.

YES was an amazing and interesting day out.

By Isaac T, Jemma T and Bree T

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Seesaw News

We hope you have enjoyed connecting to your child's online digital portfolio via Seesaw this year. We have found it a great way for you to see what has been happening in your child's class and what lessons, tasks, projects etc they have been involved with. We hope you have enjoyed the selection of work that has been uploaded by your child and their teacher so far this year. Because we are using the free version of Seesaw, your child's portfolio will not follow them to the next school year. As we advised at the beginning of this year, you are able to download and save anything out of your child's Seesaw journal to your computer or device at any time.

You are also able to download everything at once as a .zip archive of your child's journal to save to your computer. You will need to do this via the Seesaw website, not the app. The .zip archive of your child's Seesaw journal will include everything - images, videos, audio recordings, and text notes or captions. Here's how to download it:

- Sian into Parent account at https:// your app.seesaw.me
- Click on your Profile Icon on the top left
- Click on the Gear Icon
- Click on Account Settings
- Click on Download Journal Archives and choose the archive you'd like to save.

(Please visit here http://bit.ly/2dJkFbs for screenshots of these steps together with these instructions.)

At the end of this year your child's class will be archived by their teacher and you will have 60 days to download the .zip archive of your child's journal. Seesaw will notify parents automatically about this option with instructions when the class is archived. We suggest you have a go at archiving now, or alternatively, start downloading the specific items you would like to keep. Thanks so much for connecting with your child this year via Seesaw and sharing in their learning journey.

Mrs Sue Dowling

#### The Wollongong Combined Schools Instrument Festival is Thursday 24th November at 7pm.

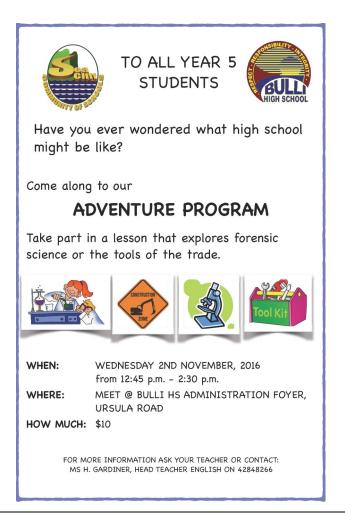
The rehearsal at school last Wednesday went really well, the festival will be great!

There will be a day time rehearsal at Wollongong Uni during the day on Thursday the 24th of November. There will be a bus to take the children down to and back from the rehearsal. Once we have the costs we will send out a permission note for the bus.

Tickets for the performance are available now from the office. They cost \$15 each. At the moment we have to limit the tickets to 2 per performer. Please put your payment in an envelope with your child's name and how many tickets you are ordering. If you need more tickets, please let Mrs Garvie know, there may be more tickets available closer to the performance.

Keep playing!

Alison Garvie (Mrs. Garvie) agarvie@aapt.net.au 02 4294 8172 0408 089 262



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# Stage 3 News

# Year 6 Camp

Year 6 camp is next week so all outstanding money needs to be paid this week.

Please refer to the camp note for what to pack and the time your child will need to be at school next Monday morning and the time you will need to pick them up on the Thursday afternoon. Please understand that after four days away from home, your child will be tired and missing you. If parents are not at school on time to collect children when they return from camp the child can become distressed.

Please note, as clearly outlined in the camp information, mobile phones are **NOT** permitted on school camp. This is for your child's safety. If you wish to discuss this issue please call either Mr Connor or myself prior to camp. If your child needs or wants to contact you they will be provided with a phone to use. If you need to contact your child you can do so by contacting the school. Students need to be at school by 6:30am as the bus leaves at 7:00am sharp. Students are to hand in any medications to the teacher upon arrival at school along with any spending money which is needs to be in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked.

# Prefects 2017

The process to elect prefects for 2017 begins this week and will proceed as follows:

- Nominations from Year 5 students and Helensburgh Public School staff Week 4-Tuesday 1/11 and nominees announced Thursday 3/11 at whole school assembly.
- Nominees do prefect jobs week 5 as Year 6 are at camp and nominees begin their campaign by designing a poster to display at school
- Prefect Nominee Speeches will be held during week 7 on Thursday 24/11 at 9:15am in the hall for students from \* Year 2 -5.
- Prefect Elections will be held during Week 8 on Tuesday 29/11 at 9:00a.m in the hall for students from Year 2 -\* 5.
- Prefect Morning Tea: Nominees and their parents or caregivers are invited and the prefects for 2017 will be \* announced. This will occur during Week 8 on Thursday 1/12 at 10:00am in the school library.
- Prefects for 2017 will be announced at the whole school assembly that afternoon at 1:50pm.
- The selection of School Captains for 2017 will involve the prefects for 2017 being interviewed by Mr Connor \* during week 9 on either Monday 5/12 or Tuesday 6/12. School Captains for 2017 will be announced at Presentation Day Thursday 8/12.
- Prefects for 2017 will receive their badge (pinned on by parent) and read the pledge at Presentation Day on 8/12.

# Year 6 Farewell Meeting

The next meeting will be held this Wednesday afternoon at 3pm in the 5/6G classroom.

# Year 6 Farewell Fundraising

Thank you to the Year 6 parents who have supported our fundraising initiatives this year. Our last fundraiser is being held this Friday afternoon with a Bubbles and Fun afternoon for the children K-6 who have ordered/purchased bubble blowing wands.

Mrs Sida Stage 3 Co-ordinator



# Little Learning Labs

The University of Wollongong would like to invite your students to LITTLE LEARNING LABS and EARLY LEARNING LABS, an academic enrichment holiday program. We are targeting high achieving students from Year 1 to Year 6 during 2016. Workshop content will be pitched one stage above their current stage.

### Dates:

LITTLE LEARNING LABS (for Years 1 & 2 during 2016):

3 – 4 January, 2017 (3D Printing For Little Labbers only)

5 – 6 January, 2017 (All other workshops)

EARLY LEARNING LABS (for Years 3 to 6 during 2016)

10 – 11 January, 2017 (All workshops but Visual Arts based) 12 – 13 January, 2017 (Visual Arts workshops only)

Venue: University of Wollongong, Wollongong Campus **Applications close: 9 November, 2016** Workshops are both rigorous and challenging. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to socialise with likeminded peers within a university setting.

#### How students attend:

Students can obtain a flyer and letter of invitation to take home to their family. Please see Mrs Tipping if you require one.

Parents/Guardian (or school if parent/guardian is unable to) fill out the online application form found at: http://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabsyr1-yr6/

The purpose of the Pro forma letter of invitation:

The letter of invitation can be photocopied and given to selected students to take home. This can serve as the student's 'teacher nomination letter' which will be recognised as a piece of supporting documentation to attend the program. Students do not need other supporting documentation if they have a teacher nomination letter. You will find all information pertaining to this under the 'Supporting Documentation' section on the website.

For further information about workshops and the application process please go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/in2unimyway/learninglabsyr1-yr6/

Please know that workshops fill very quickly; it is helpful to get this information out to your targeted students to avoid disappointment. Those who miss out for the January program will be given priority placement for the July 2017 program.

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		will be held this term during lunchtimes starting from	*
judged by Mrs Tipping. Students school performance on Friday 9t Students need to put their perm school each morning. I will info ready to audition together. They make sure that the item is reaso If your child/children are interess Tipping's box at the office by Fri	S/Groups who are selected with December, 2016 (12.30p ission slips in a box that with them of their audition d v do not require costumes a bonably polished and your child in entering, please fill in day 11/11/16. Your child w	Il be labelled "Burghs Got Talent" at the office, before ate as soon as possible. Group performers need to be it the audition, but they do need their music. Also, ild is confident to perform on stage. In the permission slip below and return it to Mrs ill then be informed of their audition date and time.	******
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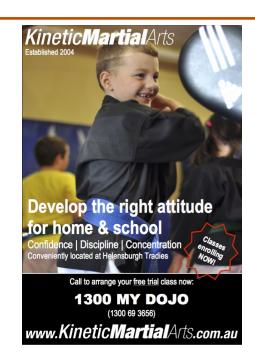
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5/17 Cemetery Road H'Burgh Business

Fun 4 U Helensburgh Before, after school and vacation care 0431 099 608 or 0431 199 150 Email: fun4uhelensburgh@bigpond.com web page: www.fun4uhelensburgh.com.au





Kids 5-13 years, come along for the best night ever whilst helping to save Chloe!

Chice Saxby had just started dance lessons and loved them! Then overnight, she lost the use of her legs.

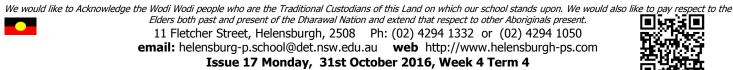
Chice still loves to dance in her wheelchair and would love you to come to her RAINBOW DISCO!

> Where: Woonona Bulli RSL Club When: Friday, 2nd December Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Tickets are \$20 each and include rocking tures, a photo booth, cake buffet, entertainer and more!

All proceeds go towards advancing the life saving research to speed up the cure for Vanishing White Matter Disease. Help us in our race against time to save Chloe and children like her, whilst having lots of FUN!

> Tickets available at reception or by calling WBRSL on 4284 1577











# 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 wellestablished at public and independent schools across Sydney and Melbourne and are now also in the Illawarra!

#### Our Methodology

Children love the LCF Clubs' fun approach to language learning, which involves lots of games, songs, drama and activities to fire the imagination. You will be amazed at how quickly they learn their chosen language.

#### 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

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#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### 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."

# **nterrelate 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) ay, 18 October 2016 ay, 8 November 2016 Tuesday, 22 November 2016 Tuesday, 6 December 2016 **Bookings essential** Please call 02 8882 7850 Interrelate is a community based, not-for-profit organisation with a network of centres across metropolitan, regional and rural New South Wales. Each year, Interrelate helps over 60,000 individuals, couples, families and children to strengthen their relationships. This year, Interrelate celebrates 90 years of delivering relationships deucation and services to individuals, couples, families, children and schools across NSW. We offer affordable parenting occurses and seminars that support parents and children. facebook.com/interrelate 1300 I relate (1300 473 528) MainterrelateFC







School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community Permanent Part-Time position – Helensburgh Public School

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The position is working 12 hours per fortnight with the hours of 8.05 to 9.05 am Friday mornings 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The base rate is \$21.91 - \$26.29 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or aronee wardine meaningful work — but not ful-time.

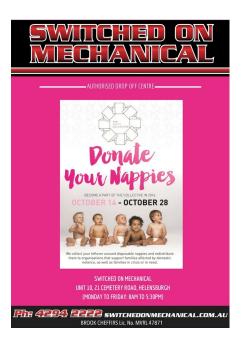
Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to slop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely. Will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Anonimment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

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