



Helensburgh Highlights

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT NEW ENROLMENTS

I want to thank all those parents who have taken the time to enrol their students in Kindergarten for 2017 and who have attended our parent morning teas. It has been a wonderful opportunity for any new parents to meet continuing parents, size school uniforms, receive valuable information and to hear from guest speakers about school readiness and nutrition. We have a great group of new parents eager and willing to learn all they can to work with the school to make their child's first year at Helensburgh Public School a great success. Our next meeting for our 2017 Kinder parents will be our Parent Information Evening on 23 November commencing at 6:30 pm.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last Friday Miss Malby and I had the privilege of escorting our school choir and captains to Charles Harper Park for the annual Helensburgh RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day service. Our choir performed a beautiful song and our captains did a sterling job laying the wreath on behalf of the school. I would like to express my thanks to the many parents who attended and lent their support for our students.



P&C

Wow, what a fantastic result from all the hard work that went into our P&C Spooky Carnival. As many parents are aware the P&C have decided to proceed with the process of building the new playground equipment in the primary playground. This will be a long and involved process and I know our P&C will make sure they get value for money and construct something our children will be enjoying for years to come. Well done everyone.



YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6 students and teachers have returned from camp and have been recounting the fun, excitement and terror they experienced at the Point Wolstoncroft Sport Recreation Camp. I want to thank our great teachers and Mr Paine who accompanied them on this excursion. I want to acknowledge the many parents who took the time to personally thank our teachers who did a fantastic job ensuring our students had a fun and memorable time away. We all thrive on encouragement and teachers are no different to anyone else. So thanks parents, it is greatly appreciated.

ENROLMENTS

If parents are aware of any new families moving into the area could you please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible. The school would also like to know of any families who may be moving out of the area next year so that we can finalise our classes for 2017. If you are moving please let the school office know as soon as you can.

Chris Connor
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

| Date | Event |
|----------|---|
| 14th Nov | Swimming Scheme Starts/Applications for Yr7 Placement Selective HS 2018 Close |
| 17th Nov | K-6 Assembly 1.50pm |
| 23rd Nov | Kinder 2017 Parent Info Evening 6.30pm |
| 25th Nov | Last Day for Swimming Scheme |
| 8th Dec | Presentation Day |
| 1st Dec | K-6 Assembly 1.50pm |
| 12th Dec | Kinder 2017 Meet Your Class Morning 9.15-10.30am |
| 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 |



SCHOOL BANKING

There will be no school banking for one week only for the week commencing Monday, 28 November 2016. Banking will start again the week commencing Monday, 5 December 2016. Thank you for your co-operation.



Swimming Scheme

The note for Swim Scheme that went home on Friday had an incorrect end date. Please note the correct date swimming ends is Friday 25 November.



This school is
a peanut/nut
aware environment.



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



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

| | |
|------|--------------------------|
| KC | Kalani, Blake |
| KD | Ruby, Zali |
| KF | Lawson, Zoe |
| KP | Zarah, Lottie |
| 1M | Elhi, Kobe |
| 1R | Maya, Harry |
| 1/2H | Elijah C, Elijah H |
| 2A | Chalotte N, Elise |
| 2K | Kai, Zalie |
| 2T | Zachary, Eva-Lee |
| 3C | Emmalee, Karly, Toby |
| 3L | Mary, Georgia, Tim |
| 4M | Kody, Kambel, Charlie |
| 4W | Lara, Heath, Maddison |
| 4/5L | Charlotte, Grace, Alyssa |
| 5V | Keira, Bella-Rose, Ella |
| 5/6G | Camran, Ryan A, Lilli |
| 6C | Angus, Olivia, Emily |
| 6R | Fletcher, Koby, Kevin |
| K/6M | Archie |

Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Days

We have had three very successful orientation days for students beginning school in 2017.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the morning teas by either sending food or helping on the day.

Our next event is a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 23rd November at 6:30 pm. If you cannot attend please let the school know so we can forward you the information about Best Start Assessment.

Also if you know of anyone who has not yet enrolled their child please ask them to contact the school.

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



BANDANA DAY

Thank you to everyone for buying a bandana at the bandana stall. We really appreciate it. By wearing your bandana you helped to raise funds and awareness for the kids with cancer. All up we raised approximately \$415.

In the Bandana Day stall we also did a raffle and there were 3 winners: 1st prize was won by Brock from 4M which was a \$20 itunes gift voucher. 2nd prize was won by Ayla in 5V which was 5 rainbow pencils, some scented rubbers and cool sunglasses! 3rd prize was won by visitor, Nathan, which was some emoji stickers and some scented rubbers.

We were also selling bits and bobs such as pencils, highlighters, rubbers and more. Anything that you spent at the bandana stall is going towards kids with cancer so again, thank you.

Makayla, Ruby, Mimi, Charlotte, Mia, Phoebe and Zali



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. 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:

- * Sign into your Parent account at <https://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.

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. The cost of the bus is \$10. 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
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Deadly Awards

Congratulations to Jake of Year 5 - our proud recipient of a "Deadly Award" from the Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. The award ceremony took place at Wanoira Public School last Thursday. Jake was nominated by Mrs Murray and Mr Connor in recognition for his improved work habits in class and his outstanding support in the Lego Robotics team that recently traveled to compete in the world games in The Philippines.

A Deadly award is a proud Indigenous Award, recognising Aboriginal kids for their efforts, success and attitude. Once again, congratulations to Jake and his family.

Mrs Murray
Aboriginal Education



Stage 3 News

Year 6 Camp

Year 6 had an extremely enjoyable visit to Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation camp last week. The camp is located beside the stunning Lake Macquarie and all of the activities were well organised and the camp staff were extremely professional. All of our students were able to face personal challenges, learn new skills and have so much fun. It was also truly lovely for all the students, teachers and parents to make new friendships, consolidate existing relationships, spend time with different groups of people, work in teams and really enjoy ourselves at the same time.

The General Manager of the entire camp commented to our staff many times on how impressed he was with the behaviour, manners and attitude of the children from Helensburgh. The camp leaders from each of the three Helensburgh groups also acknowledged many times how delightful and well behaved our students were. They also noticed how caring, helpful and supportive our students were towards each other. Needless to say our staff and Mr Paine were extremely proud of our students.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful, dedicated teachers; Mrs Gersback, Mr Campbell and Mrs Redfern who worked tirelessly before and during camp to make it the wonderful success it was. We are grateful for the time they spent away from their own families and their undertaking of the exhaustive job of caring for 66 children for 3 days and nights. Also, thank you to Mrs Dowling for her regular Facebook updates and the uploading of our many, many photos to the website.

I also want to say a huge thank you Mr Paine on behalf of all the Year 6 students, parents and teachers. Thank you for using your own holidays from work to accompany us. Thank you also for being so supportive and helpful to all the children and our staff.

Selective High school Placement 2018

Online applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2018 opened on Tuesday 11 October 2016 and will remain open until 10:00 pm on Monday 14 November 2016.

Parents who have indicated their intention to apply but have not done so should apply urgently as late applications are not accepted.

All parents must apply online. There are no paper applications.

Helensburgh Public School High school Transition Program

Our Stage 3 Transition Program will continue in Term 4 and will run as follows:

All Stage 3 students will be involved in our Transition to High School Program. Every Tuesday (weeks 6, 7, 8, 9) from lunchtime onwards the students will be operating on a high school type timetable. They will be split into four different classes, with four different teachers; History, Geography and their "Elective". After lunch (11:45am) they will move to their History classroom, at 12:30pm they will move to their Geography class. There are various interesting topics being covered by the Stage 3 teachers in this program.

The students will proceed to their elective class after recess. The children will have a timetable to follow and will be responsible for their bags whilst in the playground. They will not assemble under the COLA after breaks, they will move directly to their next class.

Our aim is to assist Stage 3 students to develop the following skills:

- *Orderly and timely independent movement around the school.
- *Moving from class to class with their bags.
- *Following a varied weekly program.
- *Responsibility for their belongings and equipment in another learning environment.
- *Being prepared with the correct equipment.
- *Working with a different peer group.
- *Adapting to various teaching styles and expectations.
- *Following classroom rules and adapting behaviour and attitudes to suit new learning environments.

This year we are joined by students from Otford and Scarborough Public Schools who will also benefit from the High school type timetabling and experience.

Mrs Sida
Stage 3 Co-ordinator



Spooky Carnival 2016 – Thank you everyone!

\$15,000 Profit

That's it, you read that correctly! Thanks to our wonderful HPS Community, volunteers, teachers, staff, sponsors and donors we made \$15,000 at the Spooky Carnival 2016!

With that wonderful result we are able to start the prework necessary to make our Stage 2 of the Playground Project a reality!

The Helensburgh Public School P&C would especially like to thank all our generous sponsors who have donated food or prizes.

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Sydney Observatory
Power House Museum
Taronga Zoo
Wanabees Theme Park
Hangdog Climbing Gym
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Helensburgh Butchery



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Kindergarten- Year 2: 10:30am- 12:30pm

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Chloe 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 tunes, 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

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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



Bulli High School E-News

31st October 2016

Year 6 Orientation Day

Tuesday 6th December, 2016

9.15am – 11.15 am

Bulli High School Hall

Year 6 students and their parents are invited to Bulli High School Orientation Day where further information about Year 7, 2017, will be provided.

Orientation Day provides students with an opportunity to look around, and familiarise themselves with their new school, and ask any questions they may have.

It also provides information for parents.

Students will complete a tour of the school accompanied by their Peer Support leaders.

Parents and students are invited to stay for a morning tea.

The Administration office will be open where parents can make camp payments, or purchase the Year 7 Stationary pack. Prepaid packs will be available for collection from the school hall.

Camp notes can be returned on Orientation Day and parents are encouraged to use POP (parent online payment) to avoid delays and queues. Please note there is a time lag so it is recommended online payments are made 48 hours in advance.

We look forward to meeting you as you join our Bulli High School Community.

Chris Gregory
Principal

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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."



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
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- 26th October 2016, 5:30 - 6:30pm Lang Park (Adults)**
- 5th November 2016, 9:00 - 10:00am Southern End of Stuart Park (Adults)**
- 18th January 2017, 10:00 - 11:00am Lang Park (Family - Adults and Children)**

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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Bring your friends, your voice to sing and flag to wave as we promenade through a fun-filled musical afternoon!

See you there!

Our new venue offers wheelchair access and is a great place to enjoy a meal beforehand at the bistro or have a leisurely tea and something sweet at the cozy cafe afterwards. ☺

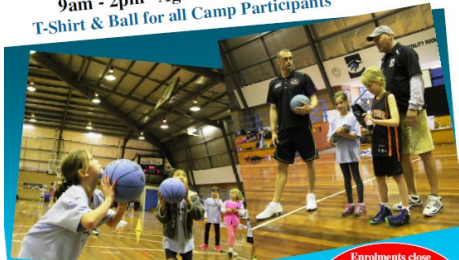
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