

# Helensburgh Híghlíghts

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT **SCHOOL BAND**



On Thursday 24 November 2016, our school band participated in the 47th Illawarra Instrumental Festival held at the main hall at The University of Wollongong. Our band members joined with students from across the area to perform as a combined band. This was a wonderful experience for them and I am sure has inspired our budding musicians to continue with their chosen instrument. Our band also performed two individual items that thrilled the audience of enthusiastic parents and supporters. Well done Mrs Garvie, our amazing band leader and music teachers. I am sure our students and parents really appreciate you skill, commitment and enthusiasm.

# **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**



This week we will be holding the last K-6 Assembly for the year. At this assembly the Term 4 Principal's Awardees will be presented with their certificates and treated to a special Principal's Afternoon Tea in the school library. I want to congratulate all our winners and the students who have gained the distinction of this award throughout 2016. I want to also thank Mrs Tipping and Mrs Sida for their involvement in the planning of these special afternoon teas.

# **PREFECTS 2017**

On Tuesday 29 November students from Year 2 to Year 5 will be voting for their school leaders for 2017. An official ballot and election will be held and our students will have the opportunity to participate in a democratic process to elect their school prefects. I want to thank all the student nominees who spoke last Tuesday. The standard of prefect speeches seems to be getting better and better every year. I wish everyone the best as they approach election day. Following the elections and the Prefects Morning Tea on Thursday 1 December, I will be interviewing the successful prefects to help confirm the selection of school captains for 2017.

# **STUDENT SAFETY**

Walking to school is a very nearthy option for our students and Helensburgh is such a beautiful location to take a stroll and to admire our bushland setting. I would however remind parents that students who walk to school should walk directly to school and not take the opportunity to play along the way, visit a friend's house or go to the shops. Parents should reinforce this message as we all want our students to be safe on their way to and from school.

# **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.

## **PARENT FORUM**

Parents are invited to participate in the review of our proposed 2017 School Plan on Thursday, 1 December 2016 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the School Library.

Parents will be able to view key milestones related to the school's Strategic Directions and be informed on school progress 2015 –2017. A light supper, snacks and beverages will be provided on the night.

**RSVP** by email to helensburg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

# Chris Connor Principal

# **Important Dates to Remember**

Date **Event** 29th Nov Prefect Elections 2017 9.00am

1st Dec 2017 Prefect Nominees Morning Tea/K-6 Assembly 1.50pm/ Parent Forum 6.30pm

6th Dec Yr 6 High School Orientation Day Presentation Day 9.30am

8th Dec 9th Dec Burgh's Got Talent

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.



# PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Aiden, Emmitt, Lily
Jack, Arlen, Zali
Lawson, Zoe, Curtis
Liana, Liam, Isla
Lily, Tom, Gilby
Mia, Cody, Payton
Mia, Jorja, Elijah
Lily, Lily, Krystal
Josie, Bowen, Kai
Will, Annie, Ashlie
Lucius, Will, Patrick
Timothy, Stella, Indiya
Jamaya, Belinda, Ebony
Sophia, Charlie, Leilani
Ruby, Maja, Braeden
Chloe, Keira, Ava
Freya, Riley, Zyles
Tahlia, Imagen, Spencer
Brianna, Ryan, Naomi
Dylan

# **READING RECOVERY AWARDS**

Koen, Cormac, Iona, Riley, Will

# **School Swimming Scheme**

The swimming scheme concluded last Friday with a water safety program. The children had a wonderful time learning how to swim and they all made a big improvement with their water skills.

We were very lucky with the weather and had sunshine most days which meant the water was warm and very enjoyable to swim in. Thank you Ms Connolly for taking a swimming group and getting in the water with the children every day. Everyone had a wonderful time and are now more prepared for the summer swimming season. Thank you to all the parents who allowed their children to attend. I look forward to seeing you at the swimming scheme next year. Many thanks.

Mrs Carter

# Library

All library books need to be returned this week as there will be no more borrowing this year.

All library books need to be accounted for so please return all books as soon as possible.

Outstanding book notices will be issued this week.

If a student has lost a book, it will need to be replaced and the replacement cost will be made available. Mrs Sida

# Kindergarten News

Kindergarten will be singing at the end of the first session of our school's annual Presentation Day on Thursday 8th December. Session 1 is starting at 9:30.

Each Kindergarten child needs to bring in reindeer **antlers** to wear while we sing. We will be singing "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and a holiday song, "Holidays are Happy Days".

# **Home Reading**

Home Reading will finish on Friday 9th December and we would like all books returned by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

# **Wanted**

Kindergarten always need off cuts of cardboard and paper. We would love some donations. Thank you Mrs Badham

# Stage 3 News

This is a very busy time of year for Stage 3.

This week we have Dance to be Fit on Monday, the Prefect elections on Tuesday and Prefect Nominee Morning Tea on Thursday.

The following week Year 6 have High School orientation Day on Tuesday 6 December. This is for ALL government high schools. Parents should receive information from their high school about the organisation of this day. If you have any queries please contact the high school directly. Students enrolled in a Non-Government attend primary school as usual on this day.

Year 6 Farewell notes and invitations went home last week. Please return permission notes and costs as soon as possible so catering can be finalised. A note regarding parent helpers for the night will go home this week. Mrs Sida







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Give your child something to flip about with our Christmas Holiday Workshop!

When: December 23™

Where: 1st Helensburgh Scout Hall Times:

Tots Class (3-5 years): 9am-10am Kindergarten- Year 2: 10:30am-12:30pm Year 3 and above: 1:00pm-3:00pm

To secure your spot please call Brielle on 0481 462 479 or email acrotots@outlook.com

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

Chloe 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 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

We would like to Acknowledge the Wodi Wodi people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land on which our school stands upon. 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.





# 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**

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**

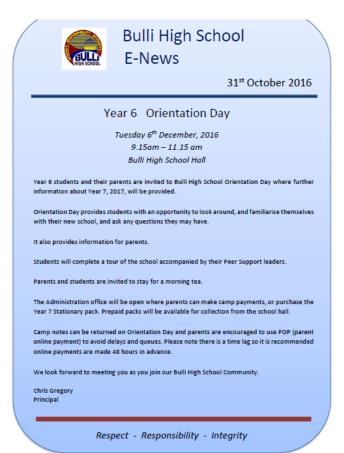
We are proud of our team of native speaking teachers. They are all fully trained and supplied with the latest language teaching resources.

# **The Benefits**

Child's name

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:
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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.



Class



E-Mail Address

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Lions Club Wishing Tree

The Wishing Tree will be up and adorned this week in The Tradies' foyer, so please come along and place your Christmas offering under it to make a difference to someone else's Christmas. Gifts for teens are often overlooked and would be greatly appreciated. This year we would also like to collect non-perishable food items, new kitchenware and manchester, and wrapping paper. Please shop locally and leave your unwrapped gift under the Lions Wishing Tree. Gifts are donated to the Wollongong and Warilla women's refuges, as well as for distribution by Hope Church. Thanks to The Tradies for their support, and to you for your generosity. Have a safe and Happy Christmas, from your local Lions Club

# Christmas Twilight Market@Sunrise Nursery - Thurs 8 Dec

Car pool and come along to Sunrise Nursery on Thursday 8 Dec from 4.30 to 8.30 pm for some great gift ideas - handmade jewellery, fashion, homewares, festive wooden reindeer and much more. Dine deliciously on an Otford Public School curry or an RFS bbq, or nip into The Lime Leaf Cafe for a tasty meal, and finish with a gelato from Big Sister Horsie or yummy icecream from Ken's Cones. Relax to live music, and just enjoy the Twilight Market experience! All stall fees go to charities, because Christmas is the season to give and share!



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, 8 November 2016

Tuesday, 22 November 2016 Tuesday, 6 December 2016

Bookings essential
Please call 02 8882 7850

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