Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Easter Message

As this is the last Newsletter this term, I wish all our families a safe and relaxing Easter break. Many of our families will attend Church Services over the Easter weekend which will complement the Religious Education lessons held at this time of the year. Easter is also a time for families to get together with family and friends to reconnect and enjoy each other’s company. I trust all families will make the most of this time and if travelling on our roads, travel safely at all times. Happy Easter to you and your family.

Staffing Changes

Farewell Miss Burgoyne –Our year 1E teacher is leaving our school this week to pursue other career opportunities. Megan has been on contract at our school for 12 months and is well respected by students, parents and school staff. We wish Megan a rewarding future. Ms Burgoyne is being replaced by Ms Watt (Thur / Fri) who has been on LSL this term and Chloe Sullivan (Mon/Tue/Wed).
This year our school’s organisation has been fine tuned in response to documented staff support for additional curriculum planning time in year cohorts. To enable this to occur we have introduced a number of initiatives to support our teaching and teacher–aide staff achieve this goal.

Firstly we have increased our non-contact areas from three to six, HPE, Music and LOTE (previously Yrs. 6-7 only) with the addition of LOTE to Year 2, the introduction of Arts specialist lessons Prep-Year 6, and the inclusion of formal Health lessons with two specialist teaching staff, which provides each teacher with an additional hour of time for planning, assessment and targeting individual student learning needs. In the ten hours this term staff have has the opportunity to work in Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) which is a well-researched method of aligning the work of teams ensuring consistency in practice across the school. In our recent Whole school Review the effectiveness of the PLTs was recognised and recommended to continue into the future. Staff professional learning this year to date has also included anaphylaxis training, Words Their W spelling program, Speech Language processes, iMaths, Mathletics, Data Frameworks, One School Planning the new Australian Standards for Teachers, Curriculum areas regarding assessment, unit planning, moderat Individual Support Plans (ISPs) and Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs) and Teacher aides undertaking the Support a Talker program. In total with our pupil free days, PLTs and year level meetings our staff have had over 19 hrs. of professional learning this term. I need to acknowledge that most of our teachers undertake additional learning in their own time far exceeding the stereotypical view that teachers work 9am-3pm. I congratulate our staff on their commitment to maximizing their learning to ensure ALL children at our school can learn.
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Tuesday pm/evening many parents took the opportunity to meet with their child’s teachers to discuss the progress made this term. Following this updated information students, parents and teacher can review each child’s learning goals to address any areas of concern. I thank our teachers for rearranging their busy home lives to spend quality time with parents during the parent–teacher meeting week.

Thought of the Week

Learn as much as you can while you are young, since life becomes too busy later.

~Dana Stewart Scott

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Congratulations to Holly and Bradley from 3E who led our assembly this week! Thank you also to 2D and 2E their presentation of Bat Vowel! It was great to see students demonstrating their knowledge of vowels and hearing students in the audience join in!
I would like to acknowledge Saffyre Best for her organisation of our Jacob’s Well excursion for our Year 3 students this week. I am positive all students have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and been sharing stories with you from the day.
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students in Years 2 and 3 a safe and restful Easter Vacation and look forward to seeing you refreshed for an exciting Term Two!

Regards,

Samantha Donovan
Deputy Principal

Easter Concert
Many thanks for all the parents who came to watch the Easter Concert. It was a fun morning.

Staff
I would like to thank all the staff who work with our children for the amazing term we have just had. A big thank you to Megan Burgoyne who has been working with 1E who will not be returning next term. A big welcome back to Tracey Watt and a Helensvale welcome from our community to Chloe Sullivan both of whom will be the new teachers on 1E.

Fun run
The fun run went ahead today in the PAC. I hope everyone enjoyed the event.

Cross country
Cross Country has been postponed until next term. Please watch out for the new date early next term.

Holidays
Have a safe and happy holiday. Remember to keep reading and writing throughout the two weeks and counting.

Easter eggs is a great maths activity.

Terry Welch
Deputy Principal

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**Active School Travel Launch Term 2**

The Active School Travel program is City of Gold Coast's travel behaviour change program that aims to reduce traffic congestion around schools. The program promotes walking, cycling, riding a scooter, skating, public transport and carpooling as active, safe and healthy ways to commute to and from school. Data analysis on 2014 schools involved in the City’s Active School Travel Program over one year saw the reduction of 215,000 car trips and 80 tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

Participating schools work with a dedicated Active School Travel Officer who provides guidance, support, resources and rewards.

**Key Active School Travel initiatives and incentives may include:**

- incentive items and awards
- promotional materials
- funding available for a healthy school breakfast every term for active travellers
- a dedicated Active School Travel Officer assisting your school to make travel changes
- school assistance funding providing teacher release time to work on the program
- infrastructure improvements where necessary e.g., bicycle cage, footpath improvements
- an Active School Travel Plan
- the *Park and Stride* initiative or *Walking School Bus*
- a range of safe travel education programs including *Zero the Hero Walking Safely Show*, bicycle and scooter workshops and *Bus it Safe* demonstrations
- school visits from our active travel ambassadors
- opportunity to participate in a school mural art project towards the end of the program

**Benefits for children who actively travel include:**
increased physical activity
children arrive at school alert and ready to learn
improved concentration, sleep and relaxation
improved cardiovascular fitness (heart and lungs)
improved posture, flexibility and balance
increased road safety skills
improved self-esteem, confidence, independence
opportunities to make friends and enhance social skills
more time together with family and friends

Community benefits include:
increased physical activity
reduced traffic congestion
safer school drop-off and pick-up zones
improved air quality
a more social community

On Wednesday 22rd April, Helensvale State School will be launching the Active School Travel Programme. We encourage all the school community to get behind Active School Travel by: Riding a Bike, Walking, riding scooter, car pooling, skating or catching public transport.

On arrival to school each Wednesday, those students who have travelled to school by the above means will need to report to the PAC. These students will be given an Active Travel Passport which will be stamped. When you have received five stamps you will receive an Active Travel prize.

NAPLAN

IN 2015, NAPLAN test will be held on 12 -14 May for Years 3, 5, 7 9

Preparation for NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.
NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on that day.

ACARA does not recommend the use of commercial products, such as booklets and practice tests, to help your child prepare for NAPLAN tests. None of the commercial products currently on the market are endorsed by ACARA. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

**Participation in NAPLAN**

All students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests, and schools should not exert influence on parents to withdraw their child from the tests. NAPLAN tests give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information allows for additional intervention if necessary to ensure your child progresses at a rate where they can fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum.

NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements, assessments run by your child's classroom teacher throughout the year.

Adjustments can be provided for students with disability to enable them to access the tests on an equivalent basis as students without disability, and should be discussed with your child's school prior to the tests. ACARA has developed example scenarios to provide greater understanding of the appropriate adjustments for students with disability. Some students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the tests.

Some students who have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the tests may also be eligible for exemption. Exemptions should be discussed with your child's school.

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. It is recommended that withdrawal be considered in consultation with your child's school. States and territories have different ways of managing student withdrawals, but formal notification must be received by the school principal prior to testing.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week.

### NAPLAN 2015 tests timetable

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## ANZAC Assembly

On the 25th of April, 2015 we mark the (100 Years of ANZAC) 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. This solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand soldiers who served, fought and died at Gallipoli in 1915, as well as other soldiers who served for their country. Held each year on the 25th of April the public holiday marks the date armies of Australia and New Zealand entered the battle of the First World War at Gallipoli, Turkey.

At our whole school assembly in Term 2, Wednesday 23rd April we will be holding our ANZAC assembly service at 2:20pm.
Every year our school participates in the Coomera ANZAC Service. We invite our school community to join in the ANZAC march at Reserve Road, Upper Coomera. All students who attend are required to be in their formal uniform.

**ROTARY CLUB OF COOMERA VALLEY, UPPER COOMERA**

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<td>Service at ANZAC War Memorial Cenotaph - Oxenford-Tamborine Road, Upper Coomera</td>
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<td>Community BBQ at Siganto Park, all welcome.</td>
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Dear Parents/Carers,

The payment window operating hours are 8am to 9.15am Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Remember you are able to make payments via internet banking at any time – this is our preferred payment option.

Thank you,
Leonie Foster
Business Services Manager

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**Student Absence Line**

55561370

Don’t forget we have a convenient absence line for parents/carers to access 24/7. Parents can leave a message in relation to student absence for the class teacher on this line. Please phone and leave the following information:

- Child/Children’s Name
- Child/children’s class
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence

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**Student Success**

Congratulations to Ella P and Riley H on their selection in the Broadwater District Hockey Team. We wish them all the best when they compete at the South Coast Regional trials next term.

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**EASTER FAMILY FUN RUN**
A MASSIVE THANK YOU to those that helped raised funds for the Fun Run. You have done an amazing job even though only around 350 students returned their forms. All prizes will be delivered at the start of Term 2.

On behalf of the HSS P&C we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Safe Easter break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Community News

Published by The Administration Department

Advertising in our Newsletter

Advertising Space is now available within our newsletter
Please phone Michelle on 0409992479 or send an email to michelle.m@austnews.com.au if you are interested in advertising your business.
Helensvale State School
School Crossing Supervisor Vacancy

- Casual rates at $27.50 per hour – 3 days/week
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Application package available from the school
Closing date: 2/4/2015
Enquiries: Cecily Morris 5585 1872

All staff are required to undergo a medical, and working with children blue card check which will be provided by Department of Transport and Main Roads

Queensland Government
SAVE THE DATE!!!!  SAVE THE DATE!!!!

ATTENTION LADIES!!!!

It's on again!!

Helensvale Calisthenics Dance Academy is having another Ladies Night!!

April Friday 17th, 7pm, at Helensvale Primary School Hall

Tickets $5 and include a glass of bubbles

Gather your girlfriends together for a night of browsing stalls including

Fashion, Homewares, Jewellery, Pampering and Many More!!!

Stall price is $25 plus donation of a gift or service of the same value to use as prizes on the night.

Please let your friends and family know and email Mandy Cooper at
jammcoop@froggy.com.au if you wish to secure a stall

Keep Calm its Ladies Night
HELENSVALE HORNETS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB IS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS IN THE UNDER 8 AND UNDER 9 AGE GROUPS. THIS IS PLAYERS BORN IN EITHER 2007 OR 2006 TO JOIN OUR FAMILY ORIENTATED CLUB. EVEN IF YOU ARE NEW TO LEAGUE, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN TO A TEAM, MAKE FRIENDS AND PARTICIPATE.

WE ARE LOCATED AT DALLEY PARK, MONTEREY KEYS AND THESE AGE GROUPS TRAIN ON A TUESDAY AND THURSDAY – 4:30PM TO 5:30PM

PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB EITHER BY EMAIL ON registrar@helensvalehornets.com.au
or on 0412 299 211.
LABRADOR TIGERS JAFC

We are seeking players of ALL AGES to come down and play in season 2015!

Trainings on Tuesday and Thursday nights with a friendly club atmosphere.

For more information and registration details, please contact Bob Rayner on 0419 779 255 or at labjunafc@hotmail.com
Mindfulness Course for Parents

If you are a parent of a child with a psychological, behavioral or developmental difficulty this course if for you!

'Mindfulness' refers to the practice of being attentive to the present moment in a focused, non-judgmental and open-minded manner. Mindfulness has been used therapeutically as a coping tool to better manage symptoms associated with all types of emotional distress including anxiety depression and stress.

This 5 weeks course will use practical mindfulness based exercises to help you develop new coping skills for dealing with the stress associated with being a parent.

Cost $100

Contact Details
For further information, or to secure a place in the course, please contact
Griffith University Gold Coast Campus
Psychology Clinic on
1800 188 295
Or E-mail
psychclinic-gc@griffith.edu.au
griffith.edu.au/health/clinics/psychologyclinic

Starting Dates 2015

First Course:
5 consecutive Tuesday mornings
9.30am – 11.30am
17th February – 17th March

Second Course:
5 consecutive Monday afternoons
10.30pm – 12.30pm
2nd March – 30th March

Third Course:
5 consecutive Monday afternoons
5.00pm – 7.00pm
2nd March – 30th March

Fourth Course:
5 consecutive Monday mornings
9.30am – 11.30am
20th April – 18th May
Thinking of enrolling at Helensvale State High School in 2016?

Why not book into one of our school tours with our Executive Principal, Mr Blackshaw where you can:

- Visits classrooms
- Meet our staff and students
- Explore our outstanding facilities

To book your tour phone 07 55738555 today.

**Parent Information Evening** 4th May 2015 at 6pm in the Student Activity Centre:

Academic EXCITE, Sports, The Arts, and general information.
Are you interested in

Excellence

Art Excellence Workshops

Tuesday 21 & 28 April 2015

from 3.30 - 4.30pm

Art Block, Helensvale State High School

Please sign in through our administration office.
All children are to be collected promptly after the conclusion of the workshop.

For more information and to secure your place please contact:

Michelle Phelan
Academy Director - Arts
mphel3@eq.edu.au / 5573 8555

Please note workshop numbers will be limited
to 50 students per workshop.

Website: helensvalehs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Excellenceprograms
Are you interested in

Drama e★cellence

Drama Excellence Workshop

22 April 2015

from 3 - 4pm

Art Block at Helensvale State School

All children are to be collected promptly after the conclusion of the workshop.

For more information and to secure your place
please contact:
Michelle Phelan, Academy Director - Arts
mphe13@eq.edu.au or 5573 8555

Website: helensvaleshs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Excellenceprograms
Soccer X Pty Ltd In Association with Swindon Town FC Development Programmes

Beginning in March, Soccer X will be running a number of professional coaching programmes for boys & girls aged 5 - 12 years old. Each 20 week programme is designed to meet the needs of that particular age group with different learning objectives to be achieved throughout the season.

Programmes Include:
U6-7’s Training & Matches
U8-12’s Development Training
U8-12s Girls Academy

For more information on the Development Programmes & Holiday Clinics please visit WWW.SOCCKER-X.COM.
To arrange a FREE trial please contact Justyn on 0451 162346.

Regards
Justyn McKay | Director | Soccer X Pty Limited | FA Level 2 Coach (UK)
2/4 Bacardi Court | Mermaid Waters | Gold Coast | QLD | 4218 | Australia
SENSORY SCREENING
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Big Hero 6
Penguins Of
Madagascar
Home
(In Cinemas: 19 Mar)
Tinkerbell:
Legend Of
The Neverbeast
(In Cinemas: 2 Apr)
Minions
(In Cinemas: 18 Jun)

SUN 15 FEB  SUN 15 MAR  SUN 26 APR  SUN 24 MAY  SUN 28 JUN

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs
• Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors.
• Sensory Movie Day run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
• Tickets are $8 each (Except Ipswich $6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free
• Companion I.D. Cards are accepted

Sensory Movie Day is running at the following Locations:
Morayfield, Maroochydore, Mackay, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Ipswich,
Toowoomba, Lismore, Tuggerah and Cronulla
Any questions email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

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OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

★ Expense subsidies available on application
★ ARTIE Academy Tutor Uniform
★ Professional Development and Cultural Awareness training

This program is an initiative of and proudly supported by

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful experience of having an international ‘big brother’ or ‘big sister’ by hosting one of our exceptional, carefully-screened international students for a 3, 5 or 10 month program. We have students aged 15-18 arriving from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia in July 2015 seeking welcoming families all over Australia, in both rural and urban communities. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Capture the spirit of family and friendship - visit us on Facebook or at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international student.

Thank you and kind regards,

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE