Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Fete Countdown 8.7.6.5.4.3.2.1

When you receive this Homelines the 30th Anniversary Fete will be just over a week away. The tremendous effort being put in day and night by the P&C members, especially Leanne Watt and Lisa Rae in planning and organising the big day is to be acknowledged and applauded. At this time the best way to applaud their commitment is by volunteering to give as little as one hour of your time to assist on the day. The success of this fete will be assured when we all band together as a team, support the fete effort through donations for the various stalls, volunteering on the day and bringing along as many people you can to attend what promises to be a great day.

Mums and dads we need your support!
Fathers' Day this Sunday

On Sunday, Father's Day is celebrated across Australia. Recently I became a grandfather for the first time and when I discussed with my son that this Sunday was going to be his first Father’s Day as a Dad he was deeply touched. As his premature son, born at 30 weeks, was making good progress in RBH it hit home to him that the importance of the day is not just about the gifts or special lunches with family but the important role a father plays in a child’s life. In no way does this father recognition lessen the important role of mothers or other carers in a child's life.

In the last decade family life has changed significantly where it is common place that father's now work all across the country on a fly, fly out basis changing the family dynamic. As the role of the father has changed, so has the role of mothers to make up for the vacuum left by a father working away. When father’s return it is important that the routines and family structures are supported and they provide quality time to their family.

Children’s behaviours, attitudes and values are heavily influenced in the family unit and when fathers are absent from this unit, through choice, divorce or work, we must remember that we have to put our children first. It is great being a Dad on Father’s day but I believe it is what father’s do on the other 364 days of the year that is most important.

P&C Thank you for Father’s Day Stall

A gift for Father’s Day, that costs a little or a lot, is special to the child who gives it with love to their father. I thank the P&C Association for again conducting the Father’s Day to provide a service for our children to recognise the love they have for their father, with the money provided by mum, on dad’s special day.

LOTE & Instrumental Music Changes for 2015

The Department of Education and Training (DETE) has announced that from the start of the 2015 school year LOTE will be introduced to year 5 students. This follows a recent announcement that Year 4 students will be able to audition to play a musical instrument which previously commenced in Year 5. These changes are a direct result of the Flying Start Initiative which has all year 7 students commencing high school in 2015. We are positive that these changes will enhance our curriculum offering to students.

Quotes of the Week

“When a father gives to his son, both laugh: when a son gives to his father both cry.”

William Shakespeare

“My father used to say that it’s never too late to do anything you wanted to do. And he said,”you never know what you can accomplish until you try”.
Michael Jordan

“It’s hard growing up without a father, but it’s easy when you have a fantastic mother who plays both roles.”

Unknown.

Michael Shambrook

Principal

News from the Deputies

From Mrs Donovan’s Desk

As part of our commitment to meeting the individual needs of students, our teachers have been developing Individual Learning Plans for students who:

- Have a verified disability or
- Are accessing a different year level curriculum to the year level they are enrolled in or
- Received below a C in English and Mathematics last semester on their report card

The aim of these Individual Learning plans is to create goals for each student that support improved learning and document the support strategies and resources being used to support the achievement of these goals. These plans also document the staff working with the student to help them achieve these goals by the end of the semester. In the next fortnight teachers will be making contact with you if your child requires an Individual Learning Plan to discuss this plan with you and seek your feedback on the goals being set for this semester. I would like to acknowledge the many parents who have already met with their child’s teacher to do this. If you have any questions please see your child’s teacher, Sector Deputy (Ms Welch and Mrs Ona) or myself.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Next week our teachers will be facilitating Parent Teacher Meetings as an opportunity to provide feedback on your child’s current progress. All meetings will be held in your child’s classroom. If you are unable to make this appointment please contact Administration on 5556 1333 to let us know.
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings will be held on Tuesday 9 September.

Teachers will be available from 3.15pm – 3.45pm to meet with parents and discuss your child's progress. Alternatively, teachers will be available at various times from Monday 8 September to Friday 12 September.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

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From Mrs Ona’s Desk

Free Dress Day

Friday 12th September 2014

Gold Coin Donation

Helensvale State High School Year 10 Work Experience

This week we welcomed 14 students from Helensvale High School. As part of the year 10 Futures program this year the students were required to do a Career Development of their choice.

Work experience is a valuable tool of career development which allows the students to sample real work experiences, in their areas of interest.
The opportunity enables them to experience and learn about an industry they may wish to work in once they have finished school.

The students were highly motivated and eager to experience the world of a teacher. We wish all the students the best for whatever career they choose.

Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition.

The prize is a complete makeover of our school's main staffroom. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Even if we don't take out top prize we have the chance to win a $10,000 as part of the People’s Choice award.

Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 18 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.
Prep C and Prep D

Prep C and Prep D, like many classes this week, have been busy preparing for Father's Day this Sunday. Both classes have made a gift, painted a portrait of Dad and made a card. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our fathers the very best this Sunday and every day.

Footprints

“Walk a little slower Daddy,” said a child so small.

I'm following in your footsteps and I don’t want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,

Sometimes they’re hard to see,

So walk a little slower, Daddy,

For you are leading me.

Some day when I am all grown up,

You’re what I want to be,
Then I will have a little child,

Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,

And know that I was true,

So walk a little slower,

Daddy

For I must follow you.

Author Unknown

Over the past few weeks Year 1 B/C has been writing descriptions about Pirates. We have discovered new words and their meanings, we have made treasure maps and we have even created our very own WANTED POSTERS. We had an exciting time on our Pirate Dress up day. We got to play pirate games, dig for pirate treasure and experience many other wonderful Pirate adventures.
Teach our children to be safe on the road – cross at the crossings

From Years 4, 5, 6 and 7

AB Paterson Public Speaking Competition

The AB Paterson College Public Speaking Competition is open to all students in Years 4 to 12. The Year 4 students are not in a competition, but receive valuable experience in public speaking. There are set topics for each year level. The student chooses one topic to speak about.

Please note the closing dates for entries are: Year 4 Friday 5th September 2014 Year 5 to 12 Friday 12th September 2014

The dates of the competition for 2014 are:

Year 4 (non competitive) Monday 15th September Various times

Year 5 - 7 Competition Heats Tuesday 14th October Various times

Year 5 - 7 Competition Finals Wednesday 22nd October Various times

Parents wishing to enter should go to www.abpat.qld.edu.au and select the Public Speaking section from the menu to download the relevant year level entry form. This needs to be completed and handed in to the office at AB Paterson College (open 8am to 4pm Mon to Fri) before the above closing dates. The entry fee is $6.00 per student and payable to AB Paterson College. Should you wish further information please contact AB Paterson College on 55 947 947 or Karen Pyne at Helensvale State School.
Dear Parents/Carers,
Due to the increase in our community accessing online banking to pay school activities our Finance Window will open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 9.30am. If Parents/Carers would like any information on how to access online banking please email Tracey Smith on tsmit517@eq.edu.au or phone on 55561333.

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:

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School News Calendar

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**Wipe Out Waste**

The Gold Coast City Council runs a primary school education programme for all grades levels from Prep to year 7.

The Programme is called ‘Wipe Out Waste’ and is a fun way for students to learn about how they can help the environment through waste minimisation.

Lessons are based on waste related themes and practical steps in order to reduce waste and run parallel to Helensvale Environmental Programme.

Dates the Wipe Out Waste activities are from Monday 8th September to Tuesday 16th September with each class given a 30 or 45 minute lesson, depending on year level.

The session is conducted within a classroom and is a free service offered to students.

Any queries please contact Karen Pyne (6C)

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**Week 8 - Focus Skill**

![Helensvale State School Logo](image_url)
Focus Skill

"Appropriate play at break time"

School rule: Be respectful, Be safe
You can do it key: Getting Along, Resilience

At Helensvale we always try to play safely and be respectful to others.

On the oval this looks like...........

Playing soccer
Playing touch football
Throwing and catching the ball
Running races
Sitting quietly in the shade house

On the multi-purpose courts this looks like.......
Netball
Cricket
Handball

On the adventure playground this looks like.......  
Waiting my turn
Not pushing other people
Using the equipment in the right way

In the library this looks like...............  
Sitting and reading a book quietly
Waiting my turn
Using a bookmark
Congratulations to the following students on their selection in the South Coast Regional Athletics Team to compete at the State Titles in early Term 4. To be chosen in the regional team, the students had to place first,
second or third in their age group AND meet the state qualifying standards. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish the following students all the best at the State athletics:

**Clarice P** 12yrs Girls Discus

**Charlie P** 11yrs Boys Discus and 11yrs Boys Multi-event (which is a combination event similar where points are tallied across 4 events: 100m, 800m, shot put and long jump)

**Isabella H** 11yrs Girls Discus and Shot Put

**Xavier M** 11yrs Boys 100m, 200m and 800m

Well Done!

Also, huge congratulations to Jenna D on her selection in the QLD State Softball Team. This is a wonderful achievement to represent the State. Jenna will compete at the National trials next term and we wish her all the best.

Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher

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**Teach our children to be safe on the road – cross at the crossings**

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Community News
Bond Sony Foundation Children’s Holiday Camp

Applications for your child to attend the 2014 Camp are now open!

We invite parents of children with any disability aged between 5 and 13 to apply to join us on the 2014 Bond Sony Foundation Children’s Holiday Camp! Complete the application form, available on our website at www.bondchildrensholidaycamp.org and send it to Zoe Kaesehagen by email to bchc@bond.edu.au or by post to BUSA Office, Bond University, Qld 4229. Applications close 31 October 2014.

We can’t wait to welcome a brand new group of children to the BCHC family this year! Please email bchc@bond.edu.au if you have any queries.
New Season Commences 11th and 12th September
Are your teams looking to maintain their fitness and skill over the off season?
U/12, U/14 & U/16 Thursdays. U/8 & U/10 Fridays

SIGN ON DAY THURS 4TH & FRI 5TH SEPTEMBER 4PM—6PM
Or
Sign Up online
www.indoorsport.com.au

Now that the outdoor season is over are your girls looking to continue playing? Does your team want to continue to play in a relaxed, fun environment?

Cost:
Team Fee—$35 per week
($5 per child)

Where:
Gold Coast Indoor Sport
9 Dominions Rd, Ashmore

When:
U/12, U/14, U/16
Thursday afternoons
U/8 (modified ring)
U/10 Friday Afternoon
Game times 4:00pm, 4:30pm and 5:00pm

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Words Out

Children's creative writing competition

Terms & conditions

The Words Out Children's Creative Writing Competition is being run by Gold Coast Libraries.

- Entry is open to all Gold Coast residents, whose age range from within any of the following age categories:
  - 11 years old and under
  - 12 to 17 years old
- Entries must be submitted by 10th October 2014.
- Entries may be sent to: Mailbox E13, Gold Coast Library, 220 Marine Parade, Surfers Paradise.
- Entries must be the original work of the participant.
- Entries must be typed, not hand-written.
- Entries must include the name, age, and contact details for the entrant.
- Entries remain the intellectual property of entrants.
- Entrants are asked to write a story/short story based on the Gold Coast Libraries' address.
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- Entries cannot be returned or exchanged for cash.
- Entries may be used by the Gold Coast Libraries in any subsequent projection according to the conditions of this Information Privacy Act 1998.
- Entries must be submitted to Gold Coast Libraries by 10th October 2014.
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SURFERS PARADISE NIPPERS
Taking new members NOW

Sunday 24/8
Sunday 31/8
Sunday 14/9

Meeting at Nerang Pool (Martin St) at 7am then back to the surf club by 9.00am for surf swim at 9.30am.

Find us on Facebook: Surfers Paradise Nippers

For more information contact:
admin@surfersparadise.sc.com.au
5531 5966

FREE parking available!
Surfing the Spectrum!

A four week well-being program for Parents and Carers of children with Autism / Aspergers

Caring for a child with ASD brings both joys & challenges. Carers Queensland is offering the opportunity for parents & carers to participate in a free 4 week well-being program that is designed to support you in your caring role. Facilitated by Sam Vidler, Counsellor.

The Program

The program will include topics such as:

- Acknowledging your own expertise
- Juggling multiple roles: carer, therapist, advocate!
- Boundaries and communication
- Mindfulness

Participants have the option of follow-up individual counselling sessions.

Registration

To register your attendance or find out more, please contact Samantha: 3723 5001 or svidler@carersqld.asn.au
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

A three-session program for parents and carers
to help manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old
is being held at Studio Village Community Centre
at 87 Village Way, Studio Village
on Wednesday Evening or Saturday Morning
5pm to 7:30pm or 9:30am to noon
Starting On or Starting On
30 JULY 2014 or 6 SEPTEMBER 2014

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration Fee:
The course costs $15.00
Register for this course contacting Nikki Condon at Studio Village Community Centre on 07 5529 8253

What people are saying:
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

Who’s running it:
The trainer for this course is Nikki Condon who completed the Parentshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching on 10 May 2010. Studio Village Family Support Worker, Nikki has worked with families, children, young people including teen mums, and the community since the 1990’s with a special interest in building parents confidence to raise happy children.

For more information contact Nikki
phone: 5529 8253  email: family@studiovillage.com.au

Village Family Support Program is funded by the Department of Communities

• An end to the arguing and yelling!  • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner.  www.parentshop.com.au

Helensvale State School

*Triple P (Positive Parenting program)* can help improve children’s development and behaviour, as well reduce stress for parents. *Stepping Stones Triple P* is an intensive course which covers a range of strategies which can help with parenting children with a disability. The course will be run over 5 group sessions and three individual phone-calls.

**Session Dates and Times**

11th September: 10:00 to 12:30

18th September: 10:00 to 12:30

9th October: 10:00 to 12:30

16th October: 10:00 to 12:00

23rd October: 10:00 to 12:00

3 X individual phone-calls

20th Nov: 10:00 to 12:00

**Cost:** Assist by answering questionnaires


Enquiries Karyn Healy on 0457 523 266 or *kheal12@eq.edu.au*
In October, Soccer X will be running an 8 week Summer Soccer league at Carrarra Soccer Fields for U6’s – U11’s. For more information and online registrations please visit WWW.SOCCER-X.COM. If you have any questions please call Justyn on 0451 162346.

Kind Regards

Justyn McKay

Soccer X Pty Ltd Director

m: 0451 162346

e: soccerX.au@gmail.com

w: www.soccer-x.com
Precious Children, Priceless Smiles

Best Oral Health Care Starts at Age Zero Project
Gold Coast Oral Health Service, Gold Coast Health

This is an opportunity for all eligible* children aged 0-3yrs to be seen by the specialist paediatric dentist and receive dental care from a specialized dental team at the Gold Coast Oral Health Service.

We would like to invite children aged 0-3yrs old to participate in this community oral health initiative that aims to prevent the onset of dental caries and treat early caries lesions to stop progression.

Treatments and/or services provided will include:
- Dental examination and risk assessment of the children
- Customized oral health education
- Customized age-appropriate in-office preventive treatment
- Customized age-appropriate take-home oral health products
- Baby’s oral health record and resource handbook
- Comprehensive treatment if indicated

*To be eligible, parent/guardian has to be a concession/pension card holder.

For Enquiry or To Make An Appointment, Please Contact 1300 300 850
or Email GCOHS_pricelesssmiles@health.qld.gov.au.

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8/09/2014
