Term 4 Week 10 08-12-16

Principal's Message

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Reminder

IMPORTANT REMINDER

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE RETURN THE STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS) PARTICIPATION FORMS FOR 2017 TO THE OFFICE.

If you are unable to do so before Friday 9/12, the forms may be emailed to Tracey Smith on tsmit517@eq.edu.au

If you have any concerns regarding the above please do not hesitate in contacting Tracey.

The finance window will not be taking any payments during week 10 due to end of year financial processes but completed SRS documents can still be handed in up until the 9th of December.

Dear Helensvale Community

Only two more days of school remain! This year has flown by at a rapid pace. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Helensvale students, families and staff a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the year ahead.

Our very best wishes are extended to our graduating students in Year 6. It has been an honour working with such an enthusiastic, creative and spirited group of students. We wish each of you all the best in your future studies and invite each of you back to Helensvale to share your progress and achievements. We trust you will keep fond memories of Helensvale close to your heart.

School Dates

Please note that this Friday 9 December is the last day of school. The first day of school in 2017 is Monday 23 January. Our class teachers will all be participating in our Professional Learning Program on the three pupil free days on January 18th, 19th & 20th, while the office will be open for parent enquiries.

Bouquets
On behalf of the school community I thank the Executive of our P&C Association, Karl Wall, Leanne Watt, Sharon Wilson and Shane Moore for being supportive of our school throughout 2016. I look forward to working with the P&C on a number of projects in 2017 to improve the learning environment for our students. Have a Merry Christmas.

Report Cards

By now all parents should have received their child/children’s Semester Two Report Card. Sometimes the Academic Report Cards may enter your spam email so please check there if you have not received your report card. If you still have not received your report card, please email admin@helenstvaless.eq.edu.au.

2017 Classes

All children are no doubt very excited about meeting their cohort teachers for 2017. We have spent considerable time ensuring each child is placed in the most appropriate learning environment, to maximise each student’s learning. The actual class lists for 2017 will be available on day 1 in the tuckshop undercover area and PAC foyer. Staff in orange vests will be on hand to guide parents to the new classrooms and assist with any questions.

Finally, a huge thank you to those staff and families leaving Helensvale State School this year. Thank you for your continued support and we wish you every success in new schools/ city. Lastly, to all of our wonderful children, stay safe, refresh, recharge and see you in 2017 for another successful year of learning.

Staffing Update

To those staff leaving Helensvale this year, we wish you well in your future endeavours.

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When a teacher retires after a lifetime in education it is important to share with the community some of the highlights of their careers and the many schools in which they have influenced the lives of many children their learning journey. Both Patsy and Ros are retiring from teaching in the knowledge they have made a significant difference to their students development as future citizens of our great country. On their teaching journey they have had to return to study and be learners themselves. Both teachers acknowledge that they have witnessed many changes in schooling over the last 30+ years and are confident that the future will be equally as exciting as their time in schools. Below I have included a brief overview of each teachers work history.

Ms Ros Moore

Completed Bachelor of Arts at University of Qld whilst teaching.
Completed Post-Graduate Diploma in Special Education - Learning Difficulties in 1989
Commenced working as a learning support teacher (STLaN) in 1991.
Schools Ros taught at include three Brisbane state schools, and on the Gold Coast, Palm Beach SS, Nerang SS, Mudgeeraba Creek SS, Coolangatta SS and Helensvale SS

Ros’ Highlights:

As a STLaN (learning support teacher) the opportunity over 25 years;
to work with numerous dedicated colleagues
to support students with their reading and numeracy development
to have experienced the many, many changes as a teacher and to grow with the role of an educator through professional development
to be part of the dynamic team at Helensvale which in recent years has provided me with professional support, motivation and friendship.

Mrs Patsy Finger

Patsy studied externally after completing her Diploma at Teacher’s College to achieve her Bachelor of Educational Studies at the University of QLD – St Lucia. This was accomplished after 4 years and was undertaken while she worked full-time

Teaching career of 35 years

Patsy has taught at Collinsville SS, two Bundaberg state schools, Benowa State School and Helensvale SS

Highlights:

Highlights include teaching and interacting with children, communities and colleagues

The first students Patsy taught will now be 53 years young.
Patsy taught co-operatively for 7 years with a team of highly professional colleagues. Norville SS was one of 3 schools in QLD which was architecturally designed for open areas of learning.

At Benowa SS Patsy worked with 3 exceptional year 7 boys who won the "Grundy’s Team Challenge" which involved primary schools from the Gold Coast. Patsy and her team won $4000 for the school.

Patsy won the Sea FM Teacher of the Year award in 1994

Patsy has been involved with the Griffith University Internship Program since 1994. She was one of the first 12 teachers selected by the university to commence the Internship Trial. She has also mentored her two sons who have also become teachers

She has an ongoing passion for working with technology which commenced with an Electronic Learning Centre.

At Helensvale SS Patsy enjoyed her experience as a Project 600 online learning facilitator and moderator for year 6, 7 and 8 boys

Most recently she has been an U2B teacher, using iPads and BYOD

Thank You Helensvale Staff

We wish to thank our school staff for their dedication, commitment and openness to continual learning. These qualities pave the way for quality teaching & learning in every classroom catering for the individual learning needs of every child. We wish our staff a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2017.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From the ELT
Mike, Terry, Kim and Renee

Quote of the week

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so?
It came without ribbons.
It came without tags.
It came without packages, boxes or bags.
And he puzzled and puzzled 'til his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.
What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."
-Dr. Seuss

School News
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**Bunburra Jayumms Yathgalaen**

Beach Children Whisper

**DATE CLAIMER**

Start of Term 1 2017  Monday 23rd 2017

**Attendance Goal for 2016: 95% Currently 91%**

**NEWS FROM MRS GRIEVE & MRS MCCRAE**

Rebecca and I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It has been an eventful year with lots of activities throughout the school. Looking forward to seeing you all at our "WELCOME YARN-UP" at the beginning of Term 1.

**STAY SAFE AND WELL**

Vicki

**SCHOOL SHIRTS**

Child $35  
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**SIGNIFICANT DATES**

December

26-22-1975  
Avoca Beach Public Holiday Act (N.S.W.) was passed in the Parliament of Australia.

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

Burragun - boomerang  
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Swimming Carnival Results

OVERALL POINTS:
Winning House: Coolabah: 308 points
Woomera: 262
Billabong: 257
Gunyah: 194

Age Champions and runners up:
2007 Boys Winner: William F, runner up is Joshua F
2007 Girls Winner: Ella W, runner up is Zara B
2006 Boys Winner: Nathan S, runner up is Nick M
2006 Girls Winner: Carys P, runner up is Tarin P
2005 Boys Winner is a 2 way tie- Lewis S AND Cameron H
2005 Girls Winner: Millah S, runner up is a tie between Alysha M and Olie H
2004 Boys Winner: Toby V, runner up is Nathan B
2004 Girls Winner: Ava P, runner up is Mackenzie R

2017 School Leadership positions: Update
We would like to thank all the current year 5 students who have applied for various leadership positions in 2017 (eg Sports Captain.) The next stage of the process will occur early term 1 where students will prepare a speech to present to their peers and staff highlighting the reasons why they should be chosen as a school leader and what contributions they will make in their role. More information on this will be given to those students involved when we return in the new year.

Tuckshop News... Tuckshop News... Tuckshop News...

Hello Everyone,
The Tuckshop will be CLOSED tomorrow, the last day of school this term, for a thorough cleaning and pack up, as well as stocktaking. Therefore we won’t be doing any lunches on this day. You will have to organise your child’s lunches for this day as the Tuckshop is unable to do any lunches.

Thank you for supporting the Tuckshop this year. Hope you all have a safe and happy break over the holidays.
Merry Christmas everyone, and hope the year ahead in 2017, brings everything you hope for.

Tracy Wall
Tuckshop Convenor

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

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- Elegant Beauty - $20 Gift Voucher
- Kiwi Fish & Chips - Family Dinner Voucher (up to $20)
- Tax Invest Accounting - 1 x free tax return (Value up to $150)
- Helensvale Pool Centre - Slip & Slide plus free pool service (Value at $90)
- Club Helensvale - $100 Gift Voucher
- Helensvale Bakery - $10 Gift Voucher
- Rojo Express - $30 Gift Voucher

Runner-Up Hampers
- Christmas goodies PLUS
- Elegant Beauty - $10 Gift Voucher
- Tax Invest Accounting - $25 Coles Myer Voucher
- Kiwi Fish & Chips - Family Dinner Voucher (up to $20)
- Helensvale Bakery - $10 Gift Voucher
- Rojo Express - $10 Voucher
- Club Helensvale - $50 Gift Voucher

CHRISTMAS PARTY
- Saturday 17th December (10am - 1pm)
- Helensvale Convenience Centre
- 112 Discovery Drive, Helensvale
- Scan QR code or search Helensvale Christmas Party on Facebook to follow the event

All proceeds going to Helensvale State School's P&C Association

over $1000 worth of products and services up for grabs!

Tickets are available now from most stores in our shopping complex!
Carers Gifting Carers

NO COST: School Uniforms and Local Sporting Uniforms – Northern Gold Coast for families who are affected by disability

A gifting project facilitated by FSGA through Coomera Family Central, but run by parent/carer volunteers. Carers are supporting other carers by passing on school uniforms and local sporting uniforms which are in good condition. This wonderful project came from a conversation between several carers, talking about the high cost of school uniforms versus the often limited income and extra costs incurred by families who have a family member who has additional needs. These carers decided that they would like to pass on to other families who have a child with a disability (for any or all of their children), and that Coomera Family Central could provide the connection to a larger amount of families.

All items are checked, small needs completed, washed in laundry powder that is suitable for sensitive skin and ironed - ready for gifting.

Would you like to be a part of this project?
Would you like to donate or receive uniforms and perhaps talk to friends about donating uniforms?
The guidelines are that we are accepting items in good condition (apologies to ‘would my child wear it on the first day of school?’)

FROM
Schools in the Northern Gold Coast Region (Helensvale and Gaven through to Ormeau) and local sporting groups

Enquiries: 5519 4129 / 55029797 or email
familyresourcing@fsg.org.au
We are located at 3 Jowett St Coomera
Hi everyone! It's Johnny from Discovery Park Tennis Centre. Try your kids at tennis these holidays with our amazing Tennis Camp! We have new times now which is the same as school hours (9am - 3pm), so drop them off and do the xmas shopping and know your kids are having a great time and being active!

Reminder of the Holiday Tennis Camps available during the Christmas break.

Monday 12th December, Tuesday 13th December and Wednesday 14th December

Monday 16th January, Tuesday 17th January and Wednesday 18th January 2017

All 3 days are from 9am – 3pm

$120 for the 3 days or $45 per day if you can only attend 1 or 2

If you haven’t already contact Johnny to book please do so – 0416 011 378

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Helpful Phone Numbers

Electricity Loss of Power 13 62 62
Poisons Information Line (24 hours) 131 126
Coomera Police Station 5519 5555

24 Hour Support Services
Alcohol & Drug Information Service 1800 177 833
Dads in Distress 1300 053 437
Domestic Violence 1800 811 811
Family Drug Support 1300 368 186
Kids Help Line 1800 551 600
Mum’s Line Australia 1300 789 978
Beyond Blue 1300 242 636
Lifeline Crisis Line: 13 11 14
Alcoholics Anonymous 5591 2062

After Hours Doctors & Pharmacy
National Home Doctor Service 13 7425
(previously MedicalCall)
Pacific Pines Apex 5573 7722 (Midnight)
Ormeau Aerial 5519 9200 (9pm)
Hinterland Medical Centre 5578 2193 (9pm)

Parenting & Child Support Services
Breastfeeding Helpline 1800 686 269
Child Abuse Prevention Service 1800 689 009
Kidsafe Queensland (Child safety indoors and out. Hire of safety equipment and car capsules) 3854 1829
Pregnancy Helpline 1300 139 133

Child Health Services
Child and Youth Health [website]
Practical health information for parents, carers and young people.
Community Child Health
Gold Coast 5617 9183
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