Dear Parents & Carers,

Fun Run & Cross Country

When this edition of Homelines is electronically delivered to you on the last day of this term, our cross-country and fun run will have been successfully completed, weather permitting. Yes we only have 14 days to be fit and ready for a great day of running and having fun. Thank you to all our families who have been obtaining sponsorship / donations from extended family members, friends, work colleagues and neighbours.

I encourage our students who are yet to start their sponsorship/donation collecting to get on to this challenge ASAP. The P&C has a great Fun Run organised and it would be pleasing to lead into the Easter break in the knowledge the Fun Run was funtastic event.

P&C AGM

Last night the AGM of the P&C Association was held with the election of Office bearers for 2015-16 the major agenda item. Congratulations to Lisa Rae, continuing as President, Karl Wall, continuing as Vice-President, Carol Wilson in the position of Secretary and Julie Toope continuing as Treasurer until the next meeting when the position will be filled. Congratulations to the elected executive and know that our community will fully support you in the work planned for 2015.

The P&C also awarded a life membership to Leanne Watt who has finished at the school after 10 years of involvement with the P&C.

**Japanese Study Tour Visit next week**

Our second Study tour group from Japan for 2015 arrives on Monday for a five day visit. The group is travelling as the Kokuren group which is made up of students from various parts of Japan. The program for our students includes English lessons each day, participation in school and class activities and various excursions, including Sea World. Ms Ise, class teacher 4/5, is coordinating the visit and is appreciative of the support from school staff and students who have volunteered to be buddies during the visit.

**Working Bee Date Claimer**

The first parent / community working bee for 2015 is being planned for Sunday 29\textsuperscript{th} March from 2.00-4.00 pm. For this working bee parents in Prep & Year 3 only are invited to assist with painting of teaching blocks, garden maintenance / beautification and other small jobs which need a helping hand. Looking forward to joining you on this date.

Currently we need the assistance of a plasterer (small indoor job) and the use of a bob cat for approx. 10 minutes to move some concrete into a skip. Please call the office on 55561333 if you can help.

**Full School Review Executive Summary**

Following the school review in February the school has been supplied with the completed report. Below is the Executive Summary Report for your information.
Quote of the Week

Ones' work may be finished someday, but one's education, never.

-- Alexandre Dumas

From Mrs Donovan's Desk

In the last week of this term we will be holding Parent Teacher Meetings. Please see the information below for booking a meeting with your child’s teacher.
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held from 3.15pm – 6.45pm on Tuesday 31st March. Teachers will also be available at various times during the last week of school. You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST: Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter C6TPM as the school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, or on their phones, please contact Administration on 5556 1333 to arrange a booking time. Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5556 1333.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.

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Harmony Day

Harmony day is this Saturday. To celebrate teachers will be doing activities in the classroom next week and we will be having a Harmony Day morning tea in the PAC for parents. This will be on Wednesday 25th at 8:45. We will use this time to make some Harmony hands, have a coffee, tea and take some time to be grateful for all the wonderful things we are a part of.

Prep and Year 1 Easter Concert

The Prep and Year 1 student will be performing on Wednesday 1st April at 9 am in the PAC. Each double teaching area will perform one song and we will be celebrating the amazing term. All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to come along.

Ready Reader

Many thanks to Vanessa Kibbey our HOC (Head of Curriculum) for working with our parents around reading. We hope to do a night session early next term.

School News

Published by The Administration Department

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

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:
In our Science lessons this term, we have been learning about combining different materials. We have investigated mixing materials together and have suggested why different parts of everyday objects such as toys and clothes are made from different materials. Last week, we explored our environment to investigate combining natural materials. It was certainly a challenge to use only natural materials to make an object. As the pictures show, we were able to manage this task successfully.

Free Tennis Racquets for Prep Students

As part of the National Partnership our school has with Tennis Australia and Hot Shots Tennis, Prep students who registered their details earlier this term received a free Tennis Racquet and T-Shirt for them to keep. We would like to thank Hot Shots Tennis and look forward to seeing the students playing and being active with their new racquets.
Two weeks and counting until our Easter Family Fun Run. We have lots of students already signed up for online fundraising, this gives family and friends from all over the world the opportunity to sponsor their loved ones, so if you haven’t yet started your fundraising journey now is the time to start……… Reminder that all
sponsorship forms and money need to be returned to the Tuckshop before 30th March.

We would love to hear from any parents that would like to volunteer on the day please from preparing the ice blocks to helping with the races etc, please email pandc@helensvaless.eq.edu.au

Volunteers

A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that have come along and helped out in the Tuckshop and with School Banking, your help and support is very much appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Keep your eyes peeled this year for a few new events on the P&C Agenda..... we have a Book Fair and Book Week parade, a Spell a thon and are supporting Mrs Parker and Mrs Melrose with this years much anticipated School Play.....

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News from the Arts Room

We would like to extend a second invitation to the wider school community to volunteer time to help with the musical. We need painters to help with props, sewers to help sew Peacock costumes, craft buffs handy with a glue gun to make the Peacock tails and general helpers to supervise students on the dress rehearsal day and on the two performance nights. We are just gathering names so far and thank you to Mrs Scrimgeour and the & C members who have already volunteered!

The main character speaking and singing parts and the minor speaking parts have been finalised. Mrs Melrose and Mrs Parker would like to thank all of the very talented students who auditioned over the last two weeks. Please do not be discouraged as there are many chorus parts available and we encourage ALL age groups to try out this Thursday morning tea in the library and Thursday big lunch in the arts room. Please have a think about which chorus you would like to join. We are looking for the following choruses; Lion, Elephant, Monke, Giraffe and Peacock.

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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.

Arts Centre - Swing on This

A few weeks ago one of our students Harmi D auditioned for a show at the Gold Coast Arts Centre and was lucky enough to be one of four boys selected to appear in the show. The show is called Swing or This and has some of his dancing idols in it like Matt Lee. This will be his first paid gig as a dancer and he is very excited.

Below are the details of the show in case anyone would like to come and see!

Charm personified in a cocktail of swing.

Some of Australia’s leading stage talents – Michael Falzon (We Will Rock You, Rock of Ages), Luke Kennedy (The Voice, The Ten Tenors), Matt Lee (So You Think You Can Dance, Mary Poppins) and Ben Mingay (Wonderland, An Officer and a Gentleman) deliver a modern, audacious take on some of the all-time swing classics along with ‘well-swung’ interpretations of rock and pop songs that have defined the last four decades.

Featuring an 18-piece big band, your toes will be tapping to the sophisticated sounds of the fifties through to nineteen eighties through to nineties and noughties.

DATE    Wed 25 Mar 2015 - 7.30 pm

VENUE    The Arts Theatre

DURATION 2 hours including a 20 minute interval

COST

SEASON PACKAGE-
5+ shows $54.40, 10+ shows $51.20, 15+ shows $48.00

SINGLE TICKETS -
Adult $64.00, Concession $55.00, Group 6+ $49.00,
Student / Child (U15yrs)
$35.00
Friends of the Arts Centre Price - $55.00

The Arts Centre Gold Coast in association with Good Egg Creative and Asia Theatricals present **Swing on This**
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.
Mindfulness Course for Parents

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

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

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

Soccer X
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.SOCCERX.COM.

To arrange a FREE trial please contact Justyn on 0451 162346.

Regards
Justyn

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

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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

BUY TICKETS NOW AT THE BOX OFFICE
The Pyjama Foundation

THE LONG ROAD

REGISTER • FUNDRAISE • WALK

They’ve been down the long road already, take the long road for them.

Sunday 29 March

Hollindale Park, Seaworld Drive, Main Beach, Gold Coast
Sign in from 6.30am for a 7.00am start

For more information call Stephanie - 0422 663 200
or email stephanie@thepyjamafoundation.com

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