Principal's Message

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Friday 28th August 2015

Gold Coast Show Public Holiday
School is Closed

Dear Helensvale Community,

Launching Helensvale State School’s Facebook Site

In response to feedback from our school community I am pleased to be able to launch our school Facebook page. You can find our school page at: https://www.facebook.com/HelensvaleStateSchool

We will use this as another communication strategy to provide up to date information for our school community.

Books Light Up Our World! Celebrating Book Week 2015!

Congratulations to all of our students and staff who dressed up for Book Week this year! It was fantastic to see so many students enjoying dressing as their favourite book characters. This year, the theme was ‘Books Light Up Our World’ and our teachers did a fantastic job in decorating their classroom doors for this theme. Students participated in Book Week themed activities in their classes including our Senior students buddy reading with our Junior students. This week staff from the Helensvale Library worked with our Senior students to continue exploring the importance of books lighting up our lives. It is wonderful to see this special event becoming more popular each year and we have started planning 2016 so it can continue to be bigger and better!
Class Placements 2016

In the remaining weeks of this term we will be starting to organise class placements for next year. This is a complex task completed by our teachers as they take into consideration individual learning needs, teaching styles, friendship and dynamics of students in groups. As part of our process teachers will consider friendship groupings so they can plan the new year knowing they will be teaching a student they have previously taught. If there are in that new context, changes may be necessary. Teachers will do their best to ensure that your children will be in the classes that you share this information with.

If you have any information you wish to share with us to help with class placements, please email June Northall at jnort57@eq.edu with the Subject marked - Class Placement 2016.

Although all requests are taken into consideration, placement will be finalised by our staff/administration. No changes to class placements will occur after day 8 in February 2016.

2016 Enrolment Confirmation

- Are you leaving us at the end of this year? In preparation for the upcoming 2016 school year we ask families with children in Prep to Year 5 who are leaving the school to inform us by emailing jnort57@eq.edu with your child’s name and planned school in 2016. This information is critical in the planning for class arrangements for next year. If you are leaving the school please complete the form in the office by Friday 4th September, 2015.

- Going on holidays and returning to school after the holidays? Each year we have a small number of families who return late to school. To ensure your child is counted in our enrolment on Day 8, we require these families to complete a form available from the office. It is important that we have this information before you go on holidays.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.
Active School Travel

Come along and be a part of Active School Travel, every Wednesday from 7.45am!

The Active School Travel program is The Gold Coast City Councils 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.

Many parents already park their car on Discovery Drive and walk with their child to school to be a part of this program each Wednesday. It would be great to get more families involved and to help, Active School Travel now have a Park and Stride Map. This map shows routes of varying distance where families can park their car and then walk with their child to school. Not only is this good for your health, it is helping to keep our students safe with reduced traffic congestion around our school.

Each week, students who participate receive a stamp which gets them closer to a reward. To congratulate students for their hard work, each term we have breakfasts, fruit platters, juice mornings and double stamp weeks.

It would be great to see more of our families involved in Active School Travel. Who will be our Active Class of the week? Keep your eye out for The Active Class of the Week in Homelines and on our school noticeboard.

http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au

To book your interview, please click on link below.

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At our P & C Meeting last week I suggested the introduction of a student Health Room stamp. If your child comes to the Health Room for a minor concern we will stamp their hand with a red Health Room stamp so you know they have been. This way, if you would like more information on why they were there you can contact Administration on 5556 1333. We will still make contact for any serious concerns. I would like to thank the P & C for their endorsement of this strategy and hope this will help keep parents informed of Health Room attendance.

Samantha Donovan
A/Principal

Attendance Data

Whole school attendance last week dropped to 90%. Explained absences indicate that the majority of our children have been struggling with the winter viruses going around. Prep C and Prep E have the least unexplained absences! Well done, kids!

The best cohort attendance was from Year 1 with 91.4%

Congratulations to the following classes that have hit our >95% attendance target:

- Prep C
- Prep D
- Year 1/2
- Year 2E
Year 4/5

Year 5E

Best attendance goes to Year 1/2 with 96.4%. An awesome effort, everyone!

I am sure we will see huge improvements in our data as the warmer weather kicks in.

2016 Prep News

If you have a child starting in Prep next year, please ensure you have booked a time slot for the Prep interview with me. They begin next week and run for three weeks. I am looking forward to meeting all our new students and their families.

Eisteddfod Strings - Third Place to Helensvale State School!

I had the privilege of once again listening to talented music students participating in the Strings section of the Gold Coast Eisteddfod yesterday. What a tough job it must be determining placements. A huge congratulations to Mr Laszlo Sisom and his students who took out third place. Comments from the adjudicator included “some vital and committed playing from violins here. This ensemble shows a vibrancy of tone and please sense of team.” There were special compliments to our cello player, Alisha H.

Do you have a piano sitting in your home that you no longer use or do you know anyone who has a piano they no longer use?

We are seeking the donation of a piano for the stage in our PAC and would love to hear from you if you can help us.

Dental Care – School Dental Clinics and Mobile Dental Clinics

Are your children eligible for free dental care? If your child is not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, they still receive dental care at no charge until they complete Year 10 at school. For appointments phone: 1300 300 850

Child Protection Week

Family Fun Day & Expo

When: Wednesday, 9th September 2015, 9.30am -12pm

Where: Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre

25 Leo Graham Way, Oxenford
Gold Coast Health
Building a healthier community

Oral Health Services for Children and Adolescents
FREE DENTAL CARE ALL AGE GROUPS
Is your child eligible?

School Dental Clinics and Mobile Dental Clinics
All students in Prep through to Year 10
If your child is not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, they still receive dental care at no charge until they complete Year 10 at school.
Aged 2 - 17 years:
- Bulk-billed to Medicare if eligible for Child Dental Benefits Schedule.
Aged 0-3 years:
- Dependents of adults who hold a current concession card, Health Care Card or Pension Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs.

For appointments phone:
1300 300 850

Community Dental Clinics
Students who have completed Year 10 at school:
- Dependents of adults who hold a current concession card, Health Care Card or Pension Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs OR who have their own concession card.

For enquiries in your area phone:
1300 300 850

How do I know if my child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
Contact Medicare on 130 650 or look online at myGov.
If you think your child might be eligible for COBS and have not been notified by Medicare: contact Centrelink or Medicare to check accuracy of your information.

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News from 2C

English Procedures

A few weeks ago 2C students participated in a pancake making exercise. After a command writing lesson, students shook, added, flipped, spread and ate their way through to some very delicious pancakes. Everyone enjoyed the tasting component, but could also appreciate how important clear concise instructions are when following a procedure. Some photos of this process have been included for you to peruse.
History Burleigh Mountain Excursion

On Friday, Aug. 14, 2C students climbed Burleigh Mountain. Throughout this journey there were many stops when important, significant and historical information was shared by our fantastic guide, Pete. Since returning to school 2C students have written about what they have learned. Please enjoy the photos below of this great Year 2 adventure!
Burleigh Heads Excursion

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PE News

District Athletics

Last week a team of 28 Students represented Helensvale State School at the annual District Athletics carnival. Students have to meet qualifying standards to attend this event, so it was an honour to each student who represented our school.

Many students achieved personal best results, and competed to their best of their ability and should be proud of their efforts. The following students qualified to compete at the South Coast Regional Athletics in September.

Broadwater District Students to compete at the South Coast Regional Trials:

Lochlan C, 200m
Joseph F, 800m
Tehhavi M, Discus
Bryson M, Shot Put
Madison M, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Put
Aurora M, Discus
Charlie P, Discus
Hannah S, Shot Put, Discus
Michael Cacciola
HPE Teacher

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 date for entries is Friday 4th September 2015.

The dates of the competition for 2015 are:

Year 4 (non-competitive) Thursday 10th September
Year 5 -6 Competition Heats Tuesday 13th October
Year 5 - 6 Competition Finals Wednesday 21st October

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 Friday 4th September. 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.

Uniform Shop News

Shop Hours

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed this Friday 28th August and next Friday 4th September! However, the shop will be open on Thursday 27th August and Thursday 3rd September 8.15-10.30a.m.

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Flexischool Orders

Just to let you know....

When you place a Flexischools order, you do not have to come into the Uniform Shop to collect your item/s. I will deliver all orders to your child, as soon as possible. This may mean delivery will not be until the next trading day, ie, if your order comes through after 10:30am on Monday or on Tuesday, delivery would be on Wednesday.

Of course you are more than welcome to come into the shop, I just thought it may save you the trip when not necessary.

You can always phone me on 55735210 before 9, or 55733794 after 9am, if you have any questions or concerns.
Kind Regards
Chris Jupe
Uniform Shop Convenor

New Payment Method

A new payment method is now available to pay for invoices from the school. Some families may now be receiving invoices for excursions etc and have not received them in the past. This is due to the new payment method being offered. BPPoint is now the preferred method for payment. An advantage of this is you will receive a receipt through BPPoint as soon as payment is made. Please ensure you use the correct CRN and invoice number when making payment. When invoices are received by email you will also receive a permission note the same day with information about the excursion/activity.

Leonie Foster

Student Absence Line
Email: absence@helensvaless.eq.edu.au
Phone: 55561370

Don't forget we have a convenient absence line- email & phone, for parents/carers to access 24/7. Parents can leave a message in relation to student absence for the class teacher by this email or phone line. Please phone or email with the following information:

- Child/Childrens Name
- Child/childrens class
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence

Community News

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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.
The state-funded free healthy lifestyle program for families – PEACH™ Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health program is once again coming to the Gold Coast in term 4.

Get your family active and eating well

Families on the Gold Coast can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program

When: Term 4, Tuesdays 4.30-6pm (weekly)

Where: Coomera Springs State School

Cost: FREE
The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Sylvia Vincenc
Marketing and Communications Officer | (Tues, Wed and Thurs)

Centre for Children’s Health Research, Level 6, 62 Graham Street, South Brisbane, 4101

PEACH™ Program | www.peachqld.com.au

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One Night In Paris
Saturday 5th September 2015
Helensvale Primary School Auditorium
Adults $15 Children $8
Doors open 6pm Concert starts 6:30pm
To book your seat
Email Samantha on ttddance@yahoo.com.au

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Transformed Dance Academy

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Taking This Public Knigh Illusions
SEPTEMBER 04, 2015
7PM - 8:30PM
Doors open 6:30PM

David Knight
Kylie Knight

Amplify
Living loud for the loud

23 Discovery Dr. Helensvale
All Ages / Family Event

Donations welcome Entry: Free
Soft drink & coffee available

For more details go to
Rsvp Aaron
0404101574
SIGN -ON NOW
LABRADOR JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL
SUMMER SEASON STARTS: FRIDAY OCTOBER 2nd 2015

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
COME JOIN THE FUN....

LABRADOR JUNIOR TOUCH
SIGN-ON: FRIDAY 18th September 2015 5pm-7pm
Or Online via www.labradorjuniortouch.com
COST: $90 Per Player
VENUE: Cos Zantiotis Playing Fields, Jacobs Drive Labrador
WHEN: RD 1: 2nd Oct - GRAND FINAL: 18th Dec 2015

TINY TOUCH STARS (4-6yrs)
Boys/Girls Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U14
U16 & U18 Mixed

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS WELCOME