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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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SAD NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Last Friday one of our Prep students Sophie Driene, passed away following her brave battle with cancer. Sophie was an inspiration to everyone she came into contact with due to her wonderful personality and beautiful smile. On behalf of the Helensvale school community I extend our condolences to Sophie's family and trust that our prayers and thoughts at this sad time give you support and comfort. Sophie, we will miss you and thank you for showing us how to be courageous when suffering with your illness. May you rest in peace.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2015 school year. Our school motto "Strive to succeed by being a Safe, Respectful Learner" continues to be our school focus and we are committed to maintaining our school's high reputation in the community. We do this by setting high expectations and we thank parents for supporting our strict uniform and behaviour standards. Over the next 195 school days we challenge parents to be involved in their child's education by participating in school activities and working with our staff and your child to ensure YOUR child has the best opportunity to reach their potential.

New Staff for 2015

We welcome the following staff who have commenced work at our school this year.

Vanessa Kibbey- Head of Curriculum

Glenda Earle - Head of Special Education Services

Boylonn Beresford - EAL/D Teacher

Virginia Dowling - String Instrumental Music Teacher

Randal Scheheerl - Percussion Teacher

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EVERY DAY COUNTS

As we start the school year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absence each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

It is expected that every child will attend school every day (except when sick) to be learning for their future.

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AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

In the interest of safety, our staff car park is closed to parents for student pick-ups. We expect parents to respect these procedures and model appropriate behaviour when collecting children from school – this involves crossing to parked cars using the marked crossing areas and NOT walking through the traffic endangering your child's life. Please help us to keep your children safe and refrain from calling your children to your car without using the crossings.

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EARLY DEPARTURES

Whilst we do not encourage early departures, we do understand that from time to time a parent may need to collect a student early due to medical/specialist appointments. An early finish for birthdays, special treats or activities that could be completed outside school time model to your child that it is ok to skip school or leave early. A reminder that all parents are to collect an 'early pass' out from the front office before collecting children from their classroom. Class teachers will need to sign this pass before you can collect your child.

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BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURE

All students are to be at school by 8:45am each day. Students who arrive before this time have two options. If you arrive before 8:15am, students are required to wait in the tuckshop undercover area. Students arriving after 8:15am can wait outside their classrooms.

As playground supervision is not provided before school, students are encouraged to arrive after 8:15am where possible and follow the school rules at all times.

Once our Day 8 enrolments are confirmed, information regarding before school activities and library opening times will be shared with the school community.

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COMMUNICATION

We are very committed to maintaining our positive and welcoming school environment. Parents are advised that classroom teachers are the first point of contact in relation to any classroom issues. Please arrange an appointment to discuss any concerns.

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CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

At the end of each year classes are formed based on the information from class teachers regarding behaviour, friendship groupings, student achievement data and parent information resulting in a class placement focused on maximising the students learning in the new class. At the start of every year we have 'comings' and 'going

that may impact on class arrangements. We are monitoring our class sizes and enrolments daily and will finalize classes after day 8.

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YOU CAN DO IT PROGRAM

We want our students to be successful learners therefore all classes underpin learning with our 'You Can Do' philosophy. A major goal of this program is to strengthen positive 'Habits of the Mind' and provide students with knowledge and skills to develop their 'Keys' for success. Information is outlined on our school website. More information will be shared in future newsletters.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



-- Benjamin
Franklin

*Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.*

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Michael Shambrook
Principal

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FROM MRS DONOVAN'S DESK

A warm welcome to all of our new and returning students and their families in Year 2 and 3. I am really looking forward to working with students in these year levels this year and wish to congratulate them on the excellent standard of uniform they have started the school year with. Our first Sector Assembly will be held next Tuesday at 2.15pm in the PAC and parents are welcome to attend. Sector Assemblies will be held each fortnight after this time. I look forward to working with you this year to ensure a successful year of learning achievement for your child. Our school believes in a strong partnership with parents and we would therefore ask for all of your contact details to be up to date so our staff can contact you. If you have any concerns regarding your child please make a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss these concerns.

If you have a student with a medical condition please ensure their medical details are up to date by contacting Administration on 5556 1333. It is important that Asthma and Anaphylaxis Action Plans are provided to Administration so that we can support your child's health needs. If your child requires medication at school please bring it to Administration to complete an 'Administering Medication at School' permission form ensuring the medication is clearly labelled with your child's name and the relevant dosage required. Please note that our staff are unable to administer medication if this process has not been followed.

We invite you to attend our Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 17th February in the PAC at 5:00pm to meet with your child's teacher for 2015.

What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen to which they are sensitive. The most common allergens to trigger substances that may cause anaphylaxis in school-aged children are peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, egg, cow's milk, sesame, insect stings, latex and certain medications.

Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response.

Symptoms and signs of anaphylaxis

The symptoms and signs of anaphylaxis, usually but not always, occur within the first 20 minutes after exposure but in some cases can be delayed up to 2 hours or more. Rapid onset and development of potentially life-threatening clinical effects are characteristic markers of anaphylaxis.

Symptoms and signs of anaphylaxis (a severe allergic reaction) may include one or more of the following:

- difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- difficult/noisy breathing
- swelling of the tongue
- swelling or tightness in the throat, difficulty in swallowing
- confusion
- pale and floppy (young children)
- shortness of breath, repetitive coughing and/or wheezing
- chest tightness
- faint, rapid pulse, low blood pressure (may also have cool sweaty skin)
- loss of consciousness and/or collapse

Symptoms and signs of a mild to moderate allergic reaction may include one or more of the following

- tingling of the mouth
- hives, welts or body redness
- flushing and/or swelling of the face, lips, eyes
- vomiting, abdominal pain (except in insect sting allergy where vomiting and/or abdominal pain indicate an anaphylactic reaction.)

Over the next two weeks, teachers will discuss anaphylaxis with students to raise awareness of this life threatening condition and discuss what students can do in an emergency. Please also discuss this with your child at home. Teachers with students who suffer with anaphylaxis will send a letter home this week alerting parents to this information. If you have any questions or concerns please see your classroom teacher.

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In 2015 we have a team of staff who will be supporting our school improvement endeavours. It is my pleasure welcome these staff to their roles and introduce them to you.

Learning Coaches - Sarah Reed , Rachel Gooch , Ros Moore and Jane Rheeder

Our Learning Coaches will provide intervention for students requiring additional support in collaboration with their classroom teacher. They will also support teachers in implementing curriculum initiatives to support our priorities of Spelling and Writing whilst continuing to maintain our focus on Reading and Number.

LIFT – Ros Skerman

Ros Skerman will continue to facilitate our LIFT Reading program in 2015. LIFT provides explicit reading instruction to support the improvement of student reading achievement.

Head of Curriculum – Vanessa Kibbey

Vanessa will provide curriculum leadership in 2015 for our teaching teams as we continue to use the Australian Curriculum as our framework.

Head of Special Education Services – Glenda Earle

Glenda will provide leadership for our Students with Disabilities program in 2015. Working alongside our teaching team of Narelle Smithers, Shane Wilson and Rhys Horne; Glenda will coordinate services for students identified with additional needs.

Student Support Coordinator – Jeff Van Doornum and Alison Martin

Jeff and Alison will support our students in the continued implementation of our School Wide Positive Behavior Support program. In addition to this, they will provide *Health* and *You Can Do It* learning opportunities as part of our teachers' non-contact time during 2015.

Arts Coordinator – Jodie Parker

Jodie will be providing explicit Arts learning experiences as part of our teachers' non-contact time during 2015. This program will provide explicit learning opportunities in each strand of The Arts Curriculum.

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FROM MS WELCH'S DESK

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great holiday. It was wonderful to see all the students in their uniforms ready to learn! This year I will be working with the Prep and Year 1 students. All students received a letter home on Tuesday welcoming them to their classes and some information about class routines. There will be a full parent information evening on Tuesday 17th February, starting in the PAC (Performing Arts Centre – Hall) at 5 pm.

Next Monday 3rd February will be our first sector assembly in the PAC at 2:25pm. All parents, carers and frier are welcome.

I am looking forward to the year and working with our wonderful community!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Administration will be open from 8.15am to 3.45pm from Wednesday 21/01/2015.

The payment window will be open from 8.15am to 1pm from Wednesday 21/01/2015 to Friday 30/01/2015.

The payment window will return to normal operating hours of 8am to 9.15am Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays commencing week 2. 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/Childrens Name	• Child/childrens class
• Date of absence	• Reason for absence

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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 interest in advertising your business.

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HELENSVALE NETBALL CLUB 2015 SIGN ON DAY

Early Sign on Day Bonus

Saturday 29th November 2014

9am-11pm

Fees \$200 (includes team photos)

Fees to be paid in full for Early Bird

Sign on Day

Saturday 31st January 2015

10am – 2pm

Fees \$220 (includes team photos)

Netball Courts, Viney Park, Yaun St, Coomera

\$100 non-refundable deposit required



Seasons runs from March till September

Training is held on Friday or Wednesday afternoons & commences prior to season start



NOVA Competition for girls turning 6 years up to 10years

Saturday Competition for girls up to 18years

Open Competition for ladies over 16years

NEW MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT ON 0432 604 277

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Phoenix Netball Club Sign on Day

When: 7th February 2015
 Where: Runaway Bay Sports Centre Netball Courts
 Time: 9am to 12pm
 Ages: from 5years up (even mums can join a team!)
 Contact for more information: Amanda 0400 455 422

Thank you!
Amanda Cunington
President
Phoenix Netball Club

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GOLDCOAST.



Harry Potter Book Night

We promise you a night of wizarding fun and the chance to discover and share the magical world of Harry Potter.

Enjoy spellbinding games, tasty treats and awesome prizes.

Ages 7 - 14 year olds

**Dress code:
Wizarding robes, Harry Potter dress,
or your best Muggle attire.**

**Thursday
5 February
5pm - 6.30pm
Helensvale
Branch Library
Auditorium**

**Book online at
[http://bit.ly/
GCLibrariesEvents](http://bit.ly/GCLibrariesEvents)
or phone 5581 1625**

