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.

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  • disclosure is necessary to prevent self harm or the harming of an individual
  • consent has been provided to do so.

I would like to ask all members of our school community to keep these guidelines in mind as we launch our site. If at any stage you have any concerns about your child or feedback for our school please contact Administration directly.

Schools’ National Plant a Tree Day

On Friday 24th of July we were joined by the Helensvale High School horticulture students, their teacher Mr Stephen Paech, and Jenny from Bunnings in Arundel who very kindly donated plants for both the vegetable patch and the front garden, for our ‘National Schools’ Plant a Tree Day.’

We began our day with 2B class replanting our vegetable garden and 4/5F replanting the garden bed at the entrance of the school. After morning tea 6C regenerated the garden near the Year 2 classrooms and finally 3E planted up the garden behind the undercover area near the PAC.

All students participated enthusiastically and were very well instructed by the high school students and teacher. Students learnt about pruning trees, planting using water saving crystals, weeding, spacing out plants and relocating existing plants. We would like to thank the High School horticulture students for their wonderful help, Mr Paech for his instruction and kind donation of trees and Arundel Bunnings for their donation of plants. This year marked the 20th year milestone for National Tree Day so it was exciting for our students to be a part of it. I would like to thank Kelly Buckley who led this initiative with our Sustainability Committee for 2015 which included: Marie Keevers, Lisa MacLean, Kathy Ise and Rie Graham. You can read more about National Tree Day at [http://treeday.planetark.org/](http://treeday.planetark.org/)
Schools' National Plant a Tree Day

![Image of two people planting trees]
Response to Intervention

As a school we acknowledge, to individualise the learning of students we need more support in classrooms to cater for the learning needs of students. What does this mean? More simply, we need more hands on deck, in each classroom, every day. And that is exactly what we have done.

This week there is a buzz in the air as you will see teams of staff going into double teaching spaces. Each staff member will be working with students in small groups to specifically target individual needs with literacy focus of reading or writing. The squads will consist of classroom teachers, teacher aides, learning coaches and even the Deputy Principals of the school. This demonstrates to all, that as a school we believe individualising the learning for all students is everyone’s core business. By providing this additional support each member of the team can either: re-teach a concept the student has not yet grasped, consolidate a concept they are learning or extend a concept they have learnt. These teams are timetabled into each double teaching space for 3 times/week. The timetable below shows the roll out of this approach for this term:

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If you have any questions regarding this intervention model please see your child’s classroom teacher or contact Renee Austin, Deputy Principal.

School Opinion Survey

Last week we shared with you the number of families that have contributed to our School Opinion Survey for 2015. I thank those families that took the time to complete the survey. Unfortunately to date the number completed is still significantly low. Below is the percentage breakdown of the number of surveys that have been completed:-
The School Opinion Survey gives all families the opportunity to have a voice, an opinion and to be heard. So please don’t waste this opportunity to have your say. You only have the rest of this week to complete the School Opinion Survey for 2015 as the survey will close this Friday 31 July. If you haven't already done so now is the time to take a few minutes out of your day to have your say and to be heard. If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to email Renee Austin for support at: rau35@eq.edu.au

Sign Up for My Police

Coomera Police Station would like to invite all parents of our school community the opportunity to sign up for their My Police email update service. Please click on this link and enter your email address on the right hand side of the page. http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/goldcoast/

This will keep your parents up to date with important information going on in the local area, such as breaks and enters, arrests, traffic crashes, lost/stolen property to be returned to owners.

Oliver Musical A Huge Success!

Last Wednesday night I was pleased to be able to represent our school and attend Helensvale State High School’s production of Oliver which starred our former student, Henry R in the lead role of Oliver. It was wonderful to see many of our former students in the cast and crew of the production which was performed at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. This high quality production was an opportunity for the HSHS to showcase the many Performing and Visual Arts pathways available to students. All students involved in the cast shone for every minute of the production and I would like to pass on our congratulations to them for the fantastic performance!
Attendance Data

Congratulations to students in both year 6 and Prep who had the highest rate of attendance last week with 93.3%. Great work, kids! I wonder how many classes can achieve at least 95% attendance this week.

A big shout out to Prep E for having the least number of unexplained absences last week. This is a really easy goal to achieve – you just need to let the school know the reason for the absence. Please get all those unexplained absences explained and make a difference to your Semester 2 report card, your class data and our school data.

Don’t forget that classes start promptly at 8:50am and even 10 – 15 minutes late each day means that the student misses about an hour each week or roughly 10 hours in a school term.

2016 Prep Enrolments

Eligibility

To be eligible for Prep, children must be five years of age by 30 June in the year they intend to commence Prep. Early entry to Prep is only available if a child meets certain criteria (such as having previously been enrolled in an equivalent program interstate or overseas, or if the child will turn five years between 1 and 31 July and is considered by the Principal as being ready for education). Parents have the flexibility to delay their child's entry to Prep by one year if they are concerned their child is not ready for Prep.


Parent Information Session

If your child is eligible for Prep 2016, we invite you to attend a Parent Information session in the PAC on Thursday August 13 at 9:15am. This session will be presented again at 4:00pm. Please share this information if you know others in the community who expect to join our Helensvale family. Enrolment packs and interview booking sheets will be available at these sessions.

Prep enrolment interviews

Interviews for those children in catchment or who already have siblings attending our school will commence on September 2. If attending an interview, please ensure all enrolment forms are completed and submitted with the child’s original birth certificate prior to the interview.

For those wishing to have their child attend Helensvale, but their principal place of residence is not in catchment, interviews will take place in early Term 4 and names will be placed on a waiting list for a possible placement in 2016.

In catchment


I am so looking forward to meeting all our new Preppies and their families!

Twilight Tunes

Don’t forget to join us at 3:45pm in the PAC on Thursday August 30 to enjoy the wonderful music created by our strings students.

School News

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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. BPoint is now the preferred method for payment. An advantage of this is you will receive a receipt through BPoint 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:

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2016 school calendar
Queensland state schools

DECEMBER 2015

JANUARY 2016

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER 2017

There are 194 school days in 2016. Semester 1 2017 commences for teachers on January 19 and for students on January 23.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days for teachers are January 21-23, April 6-8, and October 17. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE
November 18 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 25 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on December 2.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2015) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Queensland Government
Invitation

Helensvale State School
Cordially invites you to attend
Our NAIDOC School Assembly
National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee

Date: 14th August 9:15am
RSVP: 7th August

Location: Performing Arts Centre
8 Lindfield Rd, Helensvale.

YMCA Helensvale OSHC
Phone 07 56659216
Mobile: 0438166533
Important Notices from your Coordinator:

30th July 2015

What has been happening here at YMCA Helensvale the children have been very busy creating some amazing artwork, we have visited the Middle East and created Henna Hands. Henna is an ancient form of art which has been practised in the Middle East, India, and parts of Africa. Henna is a symbol of good luck and health!!!

We have explored outer space with our alien UFO’s and our own rocket ship! We had fun investigating and enquiring about the order of the planets and a number of interesting space facts. The best part was when we blew into the straws - which cause air to push the rocket ships - and made them fly really high and all the way to the Moon!

Earlier this year children participated in a gardening experience engaging in multiple tasks within the garden planting, mulching and weeding. To children’s delight this week at Helensvale, our children discovered that their chat potatoes were ready to be dug up.
We have a number of vacancies this term please call in or phone if you require care for an Enrolment pack!

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.
deadly futures
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community event 2015
Come check us out

Thursday
8 October
10am - 3pm
Brisbane City
Town Hall

Welcome to Country, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance PLUS other entertainment
Meet employers and job service agencies who can help with skills and training
Check out the jobs board
Over 50 exhibitors providing jobs and training opportunities
Heaps of prizes and giveaways on the day
Yarning Circle: listen to, share stories and experiences with our Elders
Participate in traditional song and dance

your future is our future.

Peter Peace | peace@deadlyfutures.com.au | 07 3899 8153 | 0415 973 243

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Exhibitor Registration

Registrations are now open for employers, employment and training providers and job seeker support services aiming to meet potential jobseekers.

Your exhibition site will provide exposure for your organisation and promote opportunities to meet motivated jobseekers and network with other employers and service providers.

- Showcase your service
- Promote your programs
- Expand your network
- Promote your jobs

Exhibition site details
- Site dimensions: 2,000mm x 1,000mm
- Exhibitors requiring a larger site can request a double or triple size site
- Supplied: 1 x trestle table (1,800mm long) plus 2 x chairs
- Sites are constructed with carpet-covered display walls suitable for displaying posters
- The allocation of sites is dependant upon the exhibitors requirements for a powered site
- Note: only a limited number of powered sites are available.
- Special requests for site allocation may be made (for co-location or otherwise)

Site registration details

- Company name:
- Contact person:
- Company address:
- Phone:
- Fax:
- Email:
- Number of staff attending
- Number of sites required
- Special site requirements

* For more details, please refer to Exhibition site details as listed on the left.

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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 3 weeks, Friday OR Saturday mornings 9:30am to noon Starting On Friday 7 OR Saturday 8 August 2015

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
Suitcase Rummage presents

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST
CRAFTERNOON DELIGHT!

As part of the City of Gold Coast’s Active & Healthy Lifestyle initiative, FREE ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS FOR ALL!
We love to recycle, upcycle and share our crafty skills.
Come learn some Art & Craft techniques with the Suitcase Rummage team.

Justins Park, The Esplanade
BURLEIGH HEADS
11AM - 2PM

www.suitcaserummage.com.au

Helensvale Little Athletics
Does your child love running, jumping and throwing? Have you considered joining an athletics club for the summer sport? **HELENSVALE LITTLE ATHLETICS** is gearing up for a new season to start on Friday 4 September at Helensvale High School oval. Come on down and enjoy the best sport in the world!

**What is Little Athletics?**

Little Athletics is a uniquely Australian sport for children 5-16 years, as well as tiny tots for 3 and 4 year olds; it is based upon the sport of athletics (track & field) and the events are specially modified to suit the age and abilities of children. A wide range of running, jumping, throwing and walking events is conducted.

**Little Athletics is the Foundation for all Sports.** It offers young people activities and skills that will stand them in good stead for their sporting future. The motto of Little Athletics is “Family, Fun and Fitness”. This highlights that we are a community activity involving the whole family on a weekly basis.

We have a new committee for the 2015/2016 season who are eager to ensure that Helensvale Little Athletics becomes the best club around. New for this season are the timing gates plus online registration: Your Friday nights will never be the same again! Not sure if this is the sport for your child? Come and have a two week trial on the 4th and 11th September for only $20 per athlete.

For more details, see our website [www.helensvalelittleathletics.org.au](http://www.helensvalelittleathletics.org.au) or check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Helensvale-Little-Athletics](http://www.facebook.com/Helensvale-Little-Athletics).

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**PEACH Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health program**

Get your family active and eating well
Local families can sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a new group to commence on the Gold Coast at in term 3, 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.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered 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 | (Mon to Wed)

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

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

TINY TOUCH STARS (4-6yrs)
Boys/Girls Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U14
U16 & U18 Mixed
TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS WELCOME
Bringing Up Great Kids With ASD

PARENTING COURSE

A tailor-made course for families who have children with autism

Weekly on Tuesdays
4/8/2015 to 8/9/2015
(Term 4 2015 - Tues or Wed depending on interest)
Time: 9.30am to 12 noon

Coomera Family Central, 3 Jowett St
Coomera
No cost - limited places available
Bookings / Enquiries:
55194129 or 55029797
or familyresourcing@fsg.org.au

The 6 week Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Course was developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation.

Additional content has been added to meet the specific parenting needs of families with children with ASD (Autism).

A practical and inspiring approach that assists parents to review and enhance:

- Effective communication with children
- Respectful interactions
- Development of children's positive self-identity
- More in-depth understanding of how ASD affects the child
- Effective strategies for parenting children with ASD

Southport Carrara Netball Association Nomination form for their Club Carnival

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in for this great fun carnival day.

Divisions fill up quickly so please complete and return your nomination form asap.
NOMINATION FORM
NETTA/JUNIOR/SENIOR CLUB CARNIVAL
SUNDAY 23rd August 2015

Divisions: Netta 8/9/10 yrs Juniors & Seniors 11/12/13/14/15/16/17 Open Age & Mixed

Games Commence: 8.00am sharp
(Draws will be available from the Club Rooms after 7.30am or via our website)

Venue: 166 Benowa Road Ashmore 4214

Umpires: Each team must supply a correctly attired badged Umpire
(Umpires may not umpire their own team and may be required when their team is playing)

Awards: Winners and Runners-up awards will be presented ($90 per team)
Disputes: Will be dealt with by SCNA Executive Committee

FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

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NOMINATION: $90 per Team (including GST) Payment must accompany this form
Nomination fee non-refundable if teams withdraw after closing date (14th August)

NAME OF CONTACT: ___________________ PH NO: ___________________

EMAIL: ___________________________

NO. OF TEAMS: ________ @ $90 PER TEAM = ___________________

SIGNED: __________________ DATE: __________

CLOSING DATE: Saturday 14th August 2015

Payments may be made by direct deposit to
SCNA Bendigo Bank
BSB 633-108 Acc No 1428-06850
Reference: Team name

GOLD COAST TOUCH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
PO BOX 5290 GOLD COAST MAIL CENTRE 9726
PHONE/FAX (07) 5532 1419   EMAIL: gctouch@bigpond.com

JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION
(BOYS & GIRLS)
OWEN PARK, QUEEN STREET, SOUTHPORT
TEAM NOMINATIONS ONLY
(NO REPRESENTATIVE TYPE TEAMS)

NOMINATION FEES

8's AND UNDER & 10's AND UNDER     $740-00 PER TEAM
5 A-SIDE (HALF FIELDS)
12’s AND UNDER & 14’s AND UNDER     $840-00 PER TEAM
6 A-SIDE

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENT OF FEES IN CASH WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED DUE TO THE
NUMBER OF ARMED ROBBERIES ON THE GOLD COAST – OPTIONS ARE CHEQUE, EFTPOS OR DIRECT CREDIT (BSB 064 445 ACCOUNT NUMBER 00901141 - NO INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS IF USING THIS SYSTEM PLUS TEAM NAME MUST BE INPUT).

WORKING WITH CHILDREN BLUECARDS – IF YOU DON’T HAVE A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18 INVOLVED IN THE SPORT YOU AND OR YOUR COACH AND MANAGER NEED TO EITHER PRODUCE YOUR BLUECARD WITH PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OR SEE US TO APPLY FOR A BLUECARD.

TEACHERS AND POLICE OFFICERS NEED TO EITHER PRODUCE A BLUECARD EXEMPTION OR SEE US TO APPLY FOR SAME.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS ANYBODY PERMITTED TO BE INVOLVED WITH YOUR TEAM AS A CONTACT, COACH OR MANAGER WITHOUT THE ABOVE REQUIREMENT.

ALL PLAYERS TO BE IN UNIFORM NUMBERED SHIRTS AND SAME COLOURED SHORTS.

MINIMUM AGE - MUST BE ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOL.

AGE REQUIREMENT – MUST BE OF THAT AGE WHEN THE COMPETITION COMMENCES eg. IF COMPETITION COMMENCES 1 AUGUST AND THE PLAYER TURNS 13 ON 2 AUGUST THE PLAYER IS STILL ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE 12’s AND UNDER DIVISION.

COMPETITION COMMENCES SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2015
GRAND FINALS SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2015
TEAM NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2015

DRAW WILL BE POSTED TO OUR WEB SITE BY

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

NO GAMES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS