Dear Helensvale Community,

Racing the Vale

I would like to thank the many staff, parents and students who joined us for Helensvale’s Racing the Vale event on Friday afternoon. Participants completed a 5km run and had an opportunity to experience each of the sports Helensvale has to offer.

Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum Workshops

This week our teachers had the opportunity to work with Dr Janelle Wills, the Director of Marzano Institute Australia on creating our Mathematics Guaranteed and Viable curriculum. Exploring the Australian Curriculum and creating a P-6 Mathematics Curriculum Map will support our teachers.
in focusing on Numeracy in 2016. Janelle will be returning to work with us later in the month to finalise this curriculum map.

Parking Reminder

Last week I received many parent complaints regarding parking in our bottom car park near the Performing Arts Centre. Can I please ask all parents to be mindful of our road and car park rules. Following these rules will help to ensure all of our children get home safely each day. Please DO NOT park across the yellow lines or up on the gutters. I have shared these parent complaints with GCCC and Coomera Police station.

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 - the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

The previous start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.

For a full list of the 2016 term dates and holidays in Queensland, visit the calendar page on the Education website.

Queensland term dates - 2016

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Celebrating our Tuckshop Volunteers!

This Friday 6th November we will be celebrating our Tuckshop Volunteers led by our Tuckshop Convenor, Tracy Wall. On behalf of our school community, I would like to acknowledge and thank Tracy and the entire team of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide morning tea and lunch every day for our students. I hope all members of our school will take time to thank our Tuckshop Team on Friday and celebrate the wonderful role they play in the lives of our children.
Queensland school communities acknowledge tuckshop workers

The thousands of volunteer tuckshop workers in Queensland schools are true heroes, so on the first Friday in November each year they get a little bit put on the truck during Tuckshop Day.

Governments are quick to recognise the taxpayers’ contributions but overlook the unsung heroes of schools. Tuckshop Day is the day to acknowledge our school tuckshop and say thanks to those workers for their hardwork.

Thanking our volunteers

On this day in Honour of every school and every student, our schools acknowledge and thank their tuckshop controllers and volunteers for the invaluable role they play in daily school life. Tuckshop Day 2015 will be held on Friday, November 6. Tuckshop workers could be recognised on school assembly, as a special morning tea or as an official photocall. A special tuckshop certificate is available on the Tuckshop Day webpage at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/tuckshop/ index.html. The website also has ideas, tips and activities to recognise and promote your school tuckshop.

Become a school volunteer

Students, parents, and other community groups should have a tuckshop. Schools and community groups can work together to create a tuckshop that is fun for everyone. A tuckshop volunteer is someone who helps to run the tuckshop.

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Sunshine Books Online Subscription

We are pleased to announce that our school has signed up for a yearly subscription for Sunshine Online. This is an interactive website (and can be downloaded as an app for iPads) to use in classrooms and at home. The website offers over 560 levelled e-books and 1000 interactive activities and games that focus on phonics, comprehension, fluency, spelling and writing.

The website is:


Username: helensvale
Password: helensvale

Parents are encouraged to access this resource at home to support reading.

Samantha Donovan
A/Principal
School Disco

When: Wednesday 18th November 2015
Time: Prep to Year 2 – 5pm to 6pm
Year 3 to Year 5 – 6:30pm to 8pm
Where: Performing Arts Centre
Theme: Free Dress
Cost: $5

Additional Information
- Tickets will be sold during the week of the disco at the PAC. Times are 8:30am to 8:45am. Tickets will also be sold on the night of the disco.
- Students will be able to purchase food and drinks at the disco.
- Food and Drinks are not permitted in the PAC
- Parents are welcome to attend the disco with their child.
- Siblings who do not attend Helensvale State School will be the responsibility of their career and must be supervised at all times.
- Prams to be kept at the back of the PAC near the stairs so as not to interfere with students dance space on the floor.

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School Calendar

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Year One Splashes Into Swimming!

On Monday we had our first swimming lesson. There was a lot of excitement and splashing! For some of us it was also our first ride on a bus.

We have been learning about procedure writing in class so before our first lesson we wrote a procedure on how to get to swimming safely and learnt a song called “Bus Safety”.

We are looking forward to more swimming lessons as we keep cool and learn to swim!
# Swimming Timetable for Years 1-5 2015

**Mon/Wed/Fri of Week 5 / 6 / 7**

Commencing Monday 2nd November

| Swim Times   | 3G | 3F | 4E | 1E | 1F | 4D | 2B | 2C | 5C | 1A | 1B | 4B | 2D | 2E | 3C | 1C | 1D | 5A | 1/2G | 2A | 5E | 3A | 3B |
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Helensvale State School Years 1 – 5 Swimming Program

This week the Year 1-5 students commenced the swimming program. Students will benefit from nine lessons over three weeks to improve their swimming ability, water awareness and stroke development. All students were very excited to get to the pool on day 1, and with the mercury hitting 30 degrees this week it made things more enjoyable. I would like to remind all parents to ensure that your child is sunsmart at the pool wearing sunscreen on the face and a rashie/sunshirt while in the water.

Students seen enjoying their first swimming lesson of the program.

Sporting Schools Hockey

It was great to see our enthusiastic Prep-Yr 3 students enjoying the Sporting Schools Hockey program that launches this week. Students that enrolled in this program will receive 4 free lessons from accredited hockey coaches to boost their skills, awareness and enjoyment for sport through hockey related skills.

P & C News

National Tuckshop Day

Friday the 6th November is National Tuckshop Day. Please join us in giving a massive THANK YOU to our wonderful Tuckshop Team led by the amazing Tracy Wall, Liz, Merle and Ondrea and all of our wonderful volunteers we thank you for the amazing job you do everyday.

Spelliathon

A big thank you to the approx 300 students who returned their forms and took part in this year’s Spell-a-thon. Also thank you to the teachers and students who took part in last week’s spell off at our full school assembly it was a lot of fun with the STUDENTs coming out the winners....

Carols Extravaganza
We are excited to be organising this special event for our school. It will be taking place on Thursday 3rd December from 4.30pm – 7.00pm. Our school band and choirs will be performing along with special guests. Food vans and Glow products also for sale. Not to mention a very special 9ft Christmas Tree kindly donated by Wilkinson Orthodontics that is to be decorated by our students. We look forward to seeing you all come and celebrate with us.

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
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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After school program

The Runaway Bay Youth Centre includes a multipurpose youth space which is adjacent to the Runaway Bay skate park.

The Runaway Bay Youth program is run during the school term, during the following times:
- Wednesday 2pm-6pm
- Thursday 3pm-7pm
- Saturday 1pm-4pm

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- Organised youth activities for young people aged between 12 – 17 years
- Computers with internet access and Microsoft Office suite
- Sports equipment including basketball, pool and tennis tables
- Preparation for learner driver test
- Help with resume writing and homework help
- All activities are FREE!

Runaway Bay Youth is located at 306 Day Drive, Runaway Bay. Activities are designed for people 12-17 years. For information, phone 0408 734 061 or email runawaybayyouth@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

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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

Kind regards,

Kamila Davidson

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