Dear Helensvale community,

NAPLAN Testing Time

At the time of preparing this edition of Homelines the first two days of NAPLAN testing have been completed successfully. Student comments indicated that the standard of the tests was age appropriate with some questions challenging the higher achievers. Overall our year 3&5 teachers were positive about the format, questions and rigor of the questions on the test. The results will be available in early September.

Student Absences

A reminder to all families that when your child is absent from school for any time that a phone message to our absence line or an email message is to be made to the school, preferably on the first day of the absence, stating the reason for the absence and a general indication of the length of the absence. Our office staff will enter the information provided on your child’s Oneschool record.

Parent Engagement
There are many ways for parents to be involved, engaged and participate in the life of our school. Thank you to all our parents who are able to attend our school assemblies, volunteer in the classroom, Library, tuckshop and work on P&C stalls. Thank you for modelling for your children the importance of engaging in our school community.

While it is great parents do volunteer it is disappointing that on most occasions the same group of people are the volunteers. If every parent gave 1-2 hours of their time each year we would have more than enough helpers for all planned events. Can you give just 1-2 hours of your time in 2015? Our school and P&C need your help / time so the current volunteers do not burn out being at every event. Something to think about. When can you assist at a school event? Any help will always be welcome.

Camp Quality

On Friday 8th May, our students enjoyed the Camp Quality performances which provide an opportunity for them to learn about the impact of childhood cancer through the Camp Quality Puppet Show. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Kelsie and Jack for the fantastic performances and commend all students on their excellent behaviour. Teachers have been provided with additional resources for follow up learning experiences from this performance. For more information about Camp Quality please visit: www.campquality.org.au
A special thank you to Jai Hogg, Film and Television Teacher from Helensvale State High School for creating our updated school improvement image.

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with a disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with a disability in schooling on the same basis as students without a disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Mike Shambrook
School Principal

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**Thought of the Week**

"The really happy person is the one who can enjoy the scenery, even when they have to take a detour."

-- Sir James Jeans

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**From Mrs Donovan's Desk**

**HSHS Music Performance**

On Wednesday, students from Helensvale State High School performed a small concert showcasing the skills they had developed during their 3-day Band Camp. The performances provided an opportunity for our students to see the opportunities to continue their Music studies at HSHS. We would like to thank the staff from HSHS who organised this opportunity for our students. Congratulations to all students who attended and demonstrated excellent audience etiquette.
Surfside Bus Education Visit

Program: The Active School Travel program offers Bus Education funding to enable professional providers to deliver ‘Bus It Safe’ sessions at our school. Bus Education is offered to all first year AST schools only.

A bus will be brought to our school frontage. Sessions involve a general road safety theory component and a practical session on board. Students gain an appreciation of the driver’s perspective and will learn how to be a safe traveller, the dangers of blind spots and how to cross the road safely.

Classes will receive some incentive items and classroom follow-up material.

When: May 17th, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th
Session: Half an hour
Cost: Free

Classes to attend
### Strings Program

For the rest of the term Vincent Kwan will be teaching the Wednesday students and Laszlo Sirrom will be teaching the Thursday Group.

Vincent has been a member with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra as a viola player while studying at the

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**Location:** Front of the school  
**Total classes attending:** 40

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**From Ms Welch’s Desk**

Children in Cars  

There have been reports of parents leaving children in cars while dropping off or picking up students. This behaviour is extremely unsafe and I urge parents to never leave children alone in cars for any amount of time. I understand this can be difficult at times and ask that as a community we help each other, even with the simple things such as walking a friend to a car, or helping with younger children. We all want our community to feel safe and to belong.
University of Newcastle. He has participated in the Asian Youth Orchestra, the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra and the Christchurch Camerata Chamber as a violin player. He is a seasoned multiple strings teacher who is able to demonstrate a variety of styles such as: Baroque, Classical and Jazz, in addition to other contemporary styles. He is committed to developing a high standard of technical skills that would be beneficial to students.

Lazslo studied at Bela Bartok Conservatory Budapest on Jazz Guitar and Violin, Brisbane Conservatory of Music on Jazz Bass (BACHELOR OF MUSIC), Griffith University Queensland Australia (GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF EDUCATION). He also is a seasoned multiple strings teacher and Performer who is able to demonstrate a variety of styles such as: Classical, Folk and Jazz, in addition to other contemporary styles.

Both teachers are committed to developing a high standard of technical skills that would be beneficial to students.

We welcome both teachers to our staff.

Incursions

There are quite a lot of notes out at the moment. Please remember to get payments in as soon as possible. On the Spelling incursion there was an error with the last date of payment which should have read May. Any concerns over payment please contact Tracey Smith on 55561333.

Prep
2,3,4th June - Spelling Strategies Spectacular $9 Payment Due 30th May,  
10th June - Brave Hearts $5 Payment Due 3rd June,  
23rd June - Shake and Stir $6 Payment due 16th June

Year 1
2,3,4th June - Spelling Strategies Spectacular $9 Payment Due 30th May,  
10th June Brave Hearts $5 Payment Due 3rd June,  

Year 2
2,3,4th June - Spelling Strategies Spectacular $9 Payment Due 30th May,  
10th June - Brave Hearts $5 Payment Due 3rd June,  

Year 3
21st May - Chinese Dance and Arts Payment Due 15th May
2,3,4th June - Spelling Strategies Spectacular $9  Payment Due 30th May

Year 4
21st May - Chinese Dance and Arts  Payment Due 15th May
Optional - ICAS English and Maths - Term 3 $8 per test  Payment due 21st May
2,3,4th June - Spelling Strategies Spectacular $4  Payment Due 30th May

Year 5
Optional - ICAS English and Maths - Term 3 $8 per test  Payment due 21st May
2,3,4th June - Spelling Strategies Spectacular $9  Payment Due 30th May
22nd June - Star lab $6  Payment due 16th June

Year 6
Optional - ICAS English and Maths - Term 3 $8 per test  Payment due 21st May

Assembly

There have been some changes to our assembly dates due to NAPLAN.
The junior (Prep and Year 1) Assemblies for the rest of the term are as follows.
1/2 G will be performing at the junior assembly on Monday 18th May 9 (Week 5).
1EF will be performing in Week 7 and
1CD will be performing in Week 9

Hope to see you there!

School News

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Student Absence Line

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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/Children's Name
- Child/children's class
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence

Focus Skill for this week
Helensvale State School
Focus Skill

“How to behave in the PAC”

School rule: Be respectful, Be safe
You can do it key: Getting Along, Resilience

At Helensvale we respect our Performing Arts Centre.

We use this for special ceremonies and assemblies.

When we enter the PAC we are silent.

We walk quietly to our class spot.

We sit in our class lines with our legs crossed and our mouths closed. Each class has 2 lines of students

We use the 5 L’s of listening.

We look at the speaker.

When the National Anthem is played we stand quietly with our hands by our sides, we are being respectful.
If you are called up for an award, you leave your row quietly and walk to the stage. Shake hands and display your award. You should be proud of your achievements.

Use the steps to get on and off the stage.

If you need to leave your spot put your hand up so the teacher can see you. When instructed move quietly to the end of the row. The teacher will then direct you to the toilet, office or wherever you need to go.

If you use the PAC toilets, remember to flush as visitors to the school may be using the toilets after you. Wash your hands and turn off the tap.

We do not bring food or drinks into the PAC.

We do not run in the PAC.
No Students are to touch the Audio Visual equipment behind the stage. The teachers will organise this for you if you need a microphone or lights for your performance.

When the classes enter the PAC - Prep to grade 2 will enter from the side doors at the far end near the Green Room.

Grades 3, 4 and 5 will enter through the main glass doors.

Grades 6 and 7 will enter from the back door.

When the class leaves the Pac you will leave through the same door you came in. Peel off from the back. Do not try to leave before the class behind you.

We are safe and respectful in our Performing Arts Centre.
In 5C, we think of ourselves as a community of learners working together to transform our brains and make visible our learning. At the end of each day, we leave the classroom with new information in our heads.

Understanding geometry is an important mathematical skill so we are learning about the properties of shapes including how to use compasses and protractors. We read each day and one of our reading activities is a listening post. Paul Jennings is one of our favourite authors and we all enjoy Emily Rodda too. Grammar is a vital part of being a good reader and writer. We use our colourful grammar hats to learn about nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, articles, conjunctions, prepositions, pronouns and interjections. The cute bunny ears teach us about plurals and the crown reminds us that we use Standard Australian English.

As a learning community, we treat each other with respect and use manners to get along with each other. We also perform random acts of kindness written on sticks and drawn from our pink tin. This helps to remind us to take good care of each other in order to build a community where everyone feels like they belong.
Currently in 5D we are learning a range of information about all the different countries in the world. The
students have chosen a particular country they want to research and will pretend they are a Flight Centre
representative and present their findings to the rest of the class. This will be in either a PowerPoint format or
a poster in an attempt to persuade them that their country is the best place to visit! It is great to see their
engagement in the subject area and the interest and passion evolving.

Student Sporting Success

Congratulations to Brodie M on his selection in the Broadwater District Touch Footy Team. We wish him all
the best when he competes at the South Coast Regional Trials in June.
Important Notices from your Coordinator:

13 May 2015

Term 2 is well under way, with our children having a wonderful time during Vacation Care. The first week in Vacation Care we underwent 2 full days of Assessment and Rating through all 7 quality areas in the National Quality Framework we are proud to announce we finally have our rating and assessment results: Exceeding. I would like to thank all families and staff which supported us through this process.

Team members are busy planning our wonderful June/July Vacation Care. Our incursion on Wednesday 1st July is Professor Jellybeans and the excursion on Wednesday 8th July is to Timezone. Holiday Club booking forms will be out shortly.

We are in the process of re-licensing and will be providing care for 135 children per session. The re-licensing process is in the final stages and should be finalised shortly.

Each morning the children of YMCA are enjoying a Healthy Breakfast before engaging in hands on activities; also a large group of children are enjoying Touch football on the oval each morning. Activities in the afternoon have been exciting with Mother’s day and a visit from a local koala which has extended onto many spectacular craft activities and displays.
May is National Family Reading Month!

Scholastic have a competition on at the moment to celebrate this, details are below. The competition closes May 15, 2015.

Snap a picture of yourself and family members (pets too!) in front of your favourite bookshelf and you could win a $100 Book Club Voucher! There are 10 vouchers to be won.

How to Enter:

- Simply tell us in no more than 25 words what makes your bookshelf look so good.
- Email your answer and shelfie picture to competitions@scholastic.com.au with subject line ‘Share a Shelfie Competition’. Include your first name, surname, age, school name and state.

T&Cs are available here.

ICAS English and Maths Competition
This year children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in the ICAS – English and Maths tests, formerly known as University of New South Wales English and Maths Tests.

Participation is completely voluntary. The benefits of participation include:–

- Evidence for students' portfolios to support applications for Excellence Programs for High School
- Individual reports, information about individual progress over time
- An Award Certificate
- Cost to participate will be $8.00 per subject. Entry fees need to be paid by 21 May 2015.

The English test will take place on 28 July and the Maths test will be on 11 August.

Interested students will be given a letter with payment details during this week. If you would like your child to participate, please ensure that the permission slip is signed and payment is made by 21 May 2015.

Jane Rheeder
Learning Coach

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.
SENSORY SCREENING
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS


SUN 15 FEB  SUN 15 MAR  SUN 26 APR  SUN 24 MAY  SUN 28 JUN

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

EVENT CINEMAS  bcc CINEMAS
**** LOST ****10.6ft Pale Pink, Black and Red Stand Up Paddle Board.
My treasured Stand Up Paddle Board, “Pinkie” was lost last Monday Apr 27 on Monterey Keys Drive. She has been seen as we have received reports via social media however she has not yet been returned to her rightful owner. Reports indicate that someone has picked up Pinkie and has left her on the side of the road on Monterey Keys Drive. If anyone knows anything, or has Pinkie PLEASE call Susi Bostock 0478 405 652