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**Term 4 Week 3 23/10/2014**

## Principal's Message



***Hit the Target,  
Be at school by 8.45am***

Dear Parents and Helensvale Community,

### **Student Sporting Success**

The OZ-Tag Nationals were held in Coffs Harbour over the weekend. Tehaavi T-M played in the Southern Storm team representing the Gold Coast. The Southern Storm played over the three days making it right through to the finals on Sunday. In the final, the Sydney Stingrays, a team that had been training for five months and made up of mainly NSW players won an exciting game. The performance of the Southern Storm team was highly praised by the coach of the Sydney Stingrays, Matt Geyer former professional rugby league player. Congratulation to Tehaavi and her team on a great performance.



### **Year 7 Camp Next Week**

Next week our Year 7 students will be travelling to Maroon Dam for this year's camp. The Maroon camp site provides many opportunities for students to develop their confidence in a wide range of physical environments including water activities in the dam, hiking to a camp site some kilometres from the camp and team building activities. I wish our students a safe and enjoyable camp and thank our teachers for putting their home lives on hold for the week to attend.

### **PAT Testing**

During the next 3 weeks students in Years 1- 7 will be completing online testing in mathematics and reading. This is the first time our school has conducted these tests online which provides online scoring and comprehensive data sets for each student's performance.

### **Great Results Guarantee**

The State Government has announced the next round of Great Results Guarantee Funding for 2015. It is anticipated that Helensvale State School will receive almost \$300 000 in Federal Funds for 2015. This is very exciting news and is an increase on the schools allocation from 2014. The way in which these funds are planned to be expended must be approved by the P&C each year.

### **Student Late Arrivals / Early Departure**

If your child arrives after 8.45am they need a late slip from the office. Similarly, if you need to collect your child prior to 3pm, you will need to obtain an early departure slip from the office before you collect your child. This is an important process and indicates to the class teacher that the person collecting a child is authorised. Thank you for your assistance in following this protocol.

### **Prep 2015**

The school is presently conducting interviews for Prep in 2015. A reminder to all parents that if your child is eligible to attend prep in 2015, could you please contact the school for an enrolment pack and an interview time. If you already have students at Helensvale State School and you have a child that is eligible to attend Prep in 2015, you still need to enrol your child and organise an enrolment interview.

### **Leaving Helensvale before Jan 2015**

The school has commenced negotiations with Education Queensland for our 2015 staffing. To ensure the school is providing accurate information, could any families that are leaving our school and will not be returning to

Helensvale in 2015, could you please let the school know as soon as possible by contacting the office. Also any students who are returning but will not be at school at the start of Term 1, need to let the office staff know.

### Thought for the Week

Optimist – One who finds an opportunity in every difficulty.

Pessimist – One who finds difficulty in every opportunity.

Michael Shambrook

Principal

## Teach our children to be safe on the road – cross at the crossings



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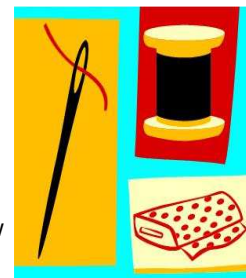
### Super Sewing Students - 4A

Since last term the students in 4A have been busy sewers. Their design brief is to make a bag out of jeans for a specific purpose and then evaluate the bag.

The students have all had to learn how to thread and knot a needle, they have learnt how to sew a basic blanket stitch, some have learnt how to sew on a button and they have all had to add straps so that their bags can be carried.

Many of the students are now adding decorations to their bags and this allows the students to demonstrate their individual style.

Watch out for these bags around town soon!



## News from 6A

### Year 6 Camp at Tallebudgera

Riddled with excitement, in the last week of term 3, the year 6's set off on the final camp of their primary school life, at Tallebudgera Beach School. The camp was jam-packed and full of enjoyable activities including canoeing, tobogganing, body boarding, tandem biking, circus arts, beach activities and night games. At times it was hard to keep up with the hectic timetable. By the time the last afternoon rolled around, students' and teachers' weary eyes started to show and we all welcomed a bit of relaxing time.



I believe this camp was a great learning experience for all of our students.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing them working together as a team, using their



problem solving skills, taking on leadership roles, building confidence, taking risks and having fun! The children exhibited an exemplary standard of behavior throughout the week and I was very proud of them. It was a wonderful week and a pleasure to spend this precious time with them.

**Miss Reynolds**

### A few of 6A's favourite activities:

On the second last day of our amazing camp experience, my group had their body boarding and surf awareness activity. After putting on our wetsuits, we were divided into two groups. I did surf awareness first and learnt a lot of useful skills that I'm sure I will use the next time I go to the beach. We were taught things like dolphin diving and had fun running races in and out of the water. Then it was our turn at body boarding. We all caught heaps of great waves and we even learnt how to move from side to side, how to go faster and slower, and a few tricks like kneeling on the board whilst catching a wave.

#### **Katie L**

My favourite activity was tobogganing. I really enjoyed it as it is a fast and thrilling ride. At some points, it felt as if you were flying as you glide over the top of the ocean. As I looked to my right, my friend Kara looked like superwoman. Jayme, Kara and I all laughed. It was an experience I will never forget.

#### **Caitlyn C**

We did heaps of activities, but my favourite would have to be tobogganing. I liked it because you could feel the wind in your hair and the water splashing on your face. It was incredibly refreshing and extremely enjoyable.

**Jayne J**

At camp there were many fun activities to do, but one of my favourite activities was the circus arts. It was really easy, fun and I learnt many exciting new tricks.

**Samith A**




# What's happening in Year 7???



## The ARTS




**VISUAL ARTS - Human Face Masks**

Semester 2 has seen our Grade 7 students experimenting with a variety of artistic mediums. First they experimented with paper mache, where they were provided with the opportunity to create human facemasks. Students were able to create a face and make it unique by building up areas of their faces i.e. cheekbones, eyebrows, noses and chins, and by using a range of accessories such as earrings, hair, eyelashes, paints and materials. The final products looked fabulous!







**VISUAL ARTS - Charcoal Anime Art**

After the students completed their paper mache masterpieces, they then had fun free-hand drawing anime characters using charcoal. Students were shown tutorials and were provided with step-by-step instructions on how to produce an anime drawing. The majority of students did not realise they were capable of such amazing artwork, just by following a simple process.










**MEDIA - Clay Animation Short Film Productions**

Currently, the year 7 students are working on producing clay animation short films. This is proving to be an extremely fun, interesting and engaging project. They are required to work in groups of 2-3, whereby they are utilising iPads and a stop motion app to create a 30sec - 1 min long road safety advertisement. The students were to create a storyboard, outlining their story, they then needed to create their Claymation characters and the scene setter/background. The students will begin shooting their films this week.



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## School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the increase in our community accessing online banking to pay school activities our Finance Window will open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 9.30am. If Parents/Carers would like any information on how to access online banking please email Tracey Smith on [tsmit517@eq.edu.au](mailto:tsmit517@eq.edu.au) or phone on 55561333.

# 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    |

## School News Calendar

Mon 27th October-Fri 31st October	Year 7 Camp	Maroon Outdoor	
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		Education Centre	
Thur 30th October	Japanese Excursion- Year 6 11:30 6E    1:00 6B		\$22.00 Payment closes 23/10/14
Fri 31st October	Japanese Excursion- Year 6 11:30 6A    1:00 6C		
Fr 31st October	<b>Day for Daniel</b>		
Mon 3rd Nov- Fri 21st Nov	School Swimming Years 1-5		\$58.00 Payments still being accepted

### Week 3 - Focus Skill





## Helensvale State School

### Focus Skill

### *"Wonderful Walking"*

*School rule: Be safe*

*You can do it key: Getting along*

#### Walking....

*At Helensvale SS we have many concrete paths. It is essential that we WALK on these concrete paths to make sure we are all safe.*



#### What does this mean?

*This means that we must walk AT ALL TIMES when we are on a concrete path.....*

*\*before school when we arrive and when we move to our class areas*

*\*during school hours when we move around the school*

*\*at break times*

*\*when leaving the eating area to go and play*

*\*after school when we are leaving to go home*

*\*doing messages for my teacher*

**WHENEVER YOU ARE ON CONCRETE - BE A WONDERFUL WALKER!!**



*We can NOT avoid the concrete paths and run alongside of them!*



*Why do we walk?*

*We walk to protect ourselves from falling and injuring ourselves. Concrete is HARD!*

*We walk to avoid colliding with others.*

*We walk to show respect and care for others.*



*Wonderful walking looks like.....*



**PE News**

**Swimming Timetable 2014**

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

Commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Swimming Time				
9.00-9.30	1a	5d	2d	3a
9.30-10.00	1b	1c	3b	4e
10.00-10.30	5e	2g	1e	5b
10.30-11.00	1d	4b	4a	2a
11.00-11.30				
11.30-12.00	3f	4c	2f	3c
12.00-12.30	2c	3d	2b	5c
12.30-1.00	5a	2e	3e	4d

Listed above are the swimming times for the Year 1-5 Students. Parents are cordially invited to attend lessons. If you have any further questions about the swimming program please contact Mr Michael Cacciola, HPE Teacher.

#### **What students bring on swimming days**

Students are reminded to bring with them **togs/swimwear, towel and rashie/sunshirt** that are **clearly named**. Swimming caps (preferred ) and goggles (optional ) must also be clearly named. Classes swimming in the morning may be instructed by their class teacher to wear their swimmers under their uniform ( a reminder that full uniform must be worn on the outside ). Please check with your class teacher.

#### **The importance of the Helensvale Swimming Program**

Swimming is not just a "learn to swim program" for the younger students, but teaches water confidence and stroke development to advance already competent swimmers. In every area of the curriculum teachers differentiate to ensure learning is relevant to every student and the learning activities are pitched at a level which

challenges the students. Swimming is just another area of the curriculum where we want to give every student the opportunity to improve and extend their learning. Many students can swim, and with some advice, coaching and expert knowledge students can become faster, stronger more confident swimmers.

As we live on the Gold Coast, Queensland, we have access to a range of water sports and swimming situations including beaches and pools.



Swimming is an integral part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum and the opportunity to access an accredited swimming program is important. A swimming program also raises awareness of the benefits and enjoyment that swimming provides and encourages students to continue with swimming as a recreational activity. Swimming offers another form of physical fitness to build healthy bodies and address social concerns about childhood obesity.

The timing of our swimming program being at the end of the year is to minimise the impact of learning at other busy times of the year and to revise those important swimming and water safety skills for our summer months.

### **STATE ATHLETICS RESULTS**

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements at the State Athletics trials held on Tues/ Wed 14th/15th October 2014. These students should be very proud of their results and to know that they are in the top few athletes across the entire state!

CHARLIE P: 3rd Discus, 19th Multi-event

XAVIER M: 2nd 800m

ISABELLA H: 9th Shot Put, 16th Discus

CLARICE P: 19th Discus

Charlie will now represent Queensland at the National Athletics Competition later this Term in Tasmania. On behalf of Helensvale State School we wish Charlie all the best.

It is with great honour that we announce Helensvale's fourth State Representative this year! We are proud to provide these representative pathways for our gifted and talented athletes and sportspeople across all areas of Sport. What a proud achievement for the individuals, as well as their families and the whole school community. Congratulations!

Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher

## **P & C News**

**PORTRAITS - 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that these need to be booked and paid for online at [www.borderstudios.com.au](http://www.borderstudios.com.au) or phone Kate on 0410 101 669 to arrange your time. **\$25** for a beautiful 10"x13" Canvas is an amazing price with **packages from \$179** , what beautiful Christmas gifts for your loved ones. They will all be returned within 2 weeks so plenty of time to post.....



## CALENDARS

All families received an order for these wonderful HSS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendars but only about 15 families have ordered. **ALL MONIES RAISED FROM THE SALE OF THESE CALENDARS IS GOING TOWARDS THE UPGRADE OF OUR TUCKSHOP.** So please get behind this extremely important project and purchase your calendar today.

**Casual Position** - A casual position is available in our tuckshop for one day a week on a Tuesday from 8.30am -2.45pm. Please pick up an application form and job description from the tuckshop. Applications close Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

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## Community News

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### **Cartoon Art Club**

Due to popular demand, cartoon art club on Thursday afternoons will be on right up to the 4<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday week 9).

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### Session Dates and Times

11th September: 10:00 to 12:30

18th September: 10:00 to 12:30

9th October: 10:00 to 12:30

16th October: 10:00 to 12:00

23rd October: 10:00 to 12:00

3 X individual phone-calls

20th Nov: 10:00 to 12:00

**Cost:** Assist by answering questionnaires



If you are interested please register at

<http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net/au-en/get-help/find-a-stepping-stones-session/> or phone to register 3365 6499.

Enquiries Karyn Healy on 0457 523 266 or [kheal12@eq.edu.au](mailto:kheal12@eq.edu.au)



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### **Regards**

**David Hinds** Shihan

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## NETBALL SCHOOL

## HOLIDAY CLINIC

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

Helensvale Netball Club will be holding their annual holiday coaching clinic to be run by NGCNA qualified coaches for all players aged 5-10years.

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So come along with your sporty netball buddies and get ready to learn a whole lot more about netball.

*Any players registered at any NGCNA club welcome to attend. New players welcome.*

**DATE: SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

**TIME: 8:30AM – 12:00PM**

**WHERE: NETBALL COURTS, VINEY PARK,  
YAUN ST, COOMERA**

**WHO: 5-10YEAR OLDS**

**COST: \$25**

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