From The Leadership Team

School News

Community News

From The Leadership Team

Term 1 Week 3  13/2/2014

Principal’s Message

Target 8.45am –
be at school on time, every day

Parent Information Evening

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Parent Information Evening once again confirming the strong partnership we share between school and home. Thank you parents and thanks to our class and specialist teachers for their highly professional presentations – what a team! I also thank the P&C for sharing the great work they undertake each year to assist your children.

Enrolment Growth

Our numbers have increased in the early part of the year to be currently 1102. This increase meant the appointment of an additional teacher. The new teacher Carly Edwards is working in the year one classes...
supporting students across the curriculum. Carly will be focusing on Science and supporting the teachers with grouping for specific lessons.

**Great Results Guarantee**

Recently, the Education Minister announced this new policy which will deliver much needed resources to schools. The funding to primary schools is $130 million dollars. The focus of the policy is on early intervention in P-2 which is exactly what is needed.

We will receive approximately $235 000 extra funding for our school this year. In order to receive the money, our school must enter into an agreement with Education Queensland’s Director General regarding how the money will be spent to achieve set targets.

All state schools receiving the additional funding are to develop evidence-based programs that respond to the needs of their students and return a high yield in terms of improved student outcomes. In return schools will commit to guarantee that every student will either:

1. Achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
2. Have in place an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, to address their specific learning difficulties.

The aim of the Great Results Guarantee is to empower schools to decide how the money will be spent to deliver innovative, targeted and evidence-based programs that will meet the unique needs of our students and your community.

The Great Schools Guarantee will be discussed at next week’s P&C meeting. It is envisaged that we will be spending the money at Helensvale on such initiatives as coaching and mentoring, staff professional development, intervention staff, classroom support and resources. I will keep parents informed of the developments with the Great Results Guarantee initiatives.

**Smoking in School Grounds**

Parents are reminded that it is Government Policy that smoking is not permitted in school grounds. Out of respect for other visitors to the school I cordially ask parents who do smoke to smoke away from the entrances to the school. I thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter.
Road Safety / Parking Issues

This week the office staff received a number of complaints from parents / community members regarding parking issues around the school and the poor modelling by some parents regarding road safety. The parking issues include:

1. Parking on the yellow lines around the school
2. Parking in the turnaround in the PAC car park which limited the space available for other vehicles to safely move in this area
3. Parents crossing the road from the Prep entrance to the small car park directly opposite.
4. Cars being parked on the grasses areas around the school including footpaths, road verges and outside the designated marked parking areas

Last week Qld Police fined parents parked in the above areas and still we have issues. Police and GCCC traffic Officers will patrol the area with further fines being issued for traffic infringements.

Religious Education (RE)

Religious Education it is hoped will commence next week. Currently the coordinator of the program is ill which has delayed the RE planning meeting to plan this year’s program. The RE timetable will be finalised once this meeting is held.

In general our children receive a general non-denominational Religious Education lesson. Participation in these lessons is encouraged. Children who do not participate in religious education will be supervised in a nearby classroom.

Parents wishing to exclude their children from Religious Education classes during the year need to do so in writing each year. This is an Education Qld policy.

All students participating in general non-denominational Religion classes require activity books which vary in cost per year level.

Year 1 $5.70 –Years 2-6 $7.00 –Year 7 $11.40
They are full colour with puzzles, word games, colouring activities and song sheets in the back. Please see the uniform shop to purchase the specific book if you have not completed this task. Uniform shop hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.15am – 10.30am.

Email Address up to date?

I remind families that a current email address is required by the school office to enable effective communication with parents throughout the year. Each week our Homelines has a significant number of emails that cannot be delivered due to incorrect addresses. Please ensure that if you have changed your email address in recent times please contact the office either in person or online by emailing the admin@helensvaless.eq.edu.au. Let’s see if we can get 100 of our parents being able to receive our Homelines each week.

Reminder: If you have an issue / problem, see your child’s teacher first!

School Leaders Induction

At next week’s whole school assembly our student leaders will be presented with their badges for the 2014 school year. Students being presented include; Year 7 Leaders & Prefects – Year 6 Leaders / Prefects– Sporting House Captains – Leaders for LOTE -Library-Music.

All parents are invited to attend and celebrate with our community this significant occasion from 2.20pm in the PAC.

Quote of the Week

“It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.”

Albert Einstein

Michael Shambrook

Principal
P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 7.00PM
(STAFF ROOM)

Agenda:

Welcome
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Matters arising from the Minutes
Correspondence
Matters arising from the Correspondence
Principal’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
Subcommittee Reports
General Business
New Memberships

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

School News

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 or phone on 55561333.
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

Wed 19th Feb  Whole School Assembly-Leader Induction  2:20pm  PAC
Wed 19th Feb  P & C Annual General Meeting  7:00pm  Staffroom

Student Leaders Update

Lack Of Litter

During the start of this year I have noticed the lack of litter [rubbish] around the school compared to what it looked like last year.

To keep this up I encourage all parents to send a litter-less lunch with their children. During lunch break I hope all students will remind each other what to do with their litter if they have any. And if you see any litter lying around you pick it up and put it in the bin.
Keeping our school tidy is not just making us look good as a school but we are also keeping the community tidy as well. It also makes the school look good to all new students who would like to attend our school. Keeping it tidy also shows that we care for the environment and not just treat it like a rubbish dump.

The whole school community must put their rubbish in the bin instead of throwing it in a bush or leaving it on the ground. It only takes two extra seconds of your time to put it in the bin. You have no idea how much help you are doing to the environment.

Patrick D
Year 6 School Leader

**Student Sporting Success**

Jazzy M who is a year 7 student at our school turning 13 this year has to compete with her peers of the same age in sporting competition, so Jazzy attended the High School Swimming Carnival earlier this week. Jazzy won all four of her events in each stroke and will now compete at the High School District Swimming Carnival. Well Done Jazzy.

Michael Cacciola

**SPORTING CALENDAR**

Below is a sporting calendar for the 2014 year. It show's our school's 3 major sports carnivals (Cross Country/Fun Run for prep-year 7, the School Athletics/Sports days split over 2 days for the lower grades and upper grades, and the Swimming Carnival for the year 4-7 students) The other dates listed on this calendar are for the representative sports. All representative team sports are Under 12 teams meaning students must turn 12 or below this year, unless otherwise stated (netball and rugby league have under 11 AND under 12 teams). For swimming, cross country and athletics students turning 10, 11 and 12 will compete in their own age group.
Students who display a high standard of skill in a sport (ie are gifted in that sport and have years experience at club level) will be given the details of the district trials closer to the trial date. Our school is only permitted to send limited numbers to each trial so some sports may require pre selection here at school before students are sent to district trials. Again, students will be given this information in the lead up to the trial date.

This calendar is simply an overview for parents to pencil these dates into their diary and please be aware that DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

If you have any further questions please contact Mr Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher 5556 1333 or mcacc1@eq.edu.au

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- State Under 11 Netball TBA
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**KM Club**
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning on our oval, all students (and parents) are invited and come along to our Kilometre Club. It's free, fun and a way to get fit. It will be on from week 2 until week 8 this term.

What: KM club: a running club to promote physical activity and fitness

Where: School Oval

When: 8.25 warm up for 8.30 start. Every TUESDAY and THURSDAY in TERM 1

Who: All students are welcome (and parents)

Thanks Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to Rayne, Merle, Wynetta, Kelly, Dianne, Lisa, Jodie, Zoe and Cathy, the wonderful ladies who have come in to help at tuckshop these last few weeks. It has been lovely to meet you all. I know it feels a little overwhelming when you first start; but you all did very well for your first try and it does get easier, I promise. Glad to see we haven’t scared you off. If you are thinking of volunteering in the tuckshop, please come and see me and let me know what day you can come in.

This year we have a NEW menu. Due to a few price increases in stock there have been a few changes to prices. If you don’t have one of the new menus please come and get one from the tuckshop or get the kids to pick one up and bring it home. You can also access the menu on the school website under community and then tuckshop. If you have saved the menu to your favourites before, you will have to delete it first and then save it again: otherwise the old menu prices will keep coming up. If you use an old menu’s prices from now on we will have to change the order to accommodate the money difference.

When you are doing orders for Tuckshop, please make sure you have your child’s name, class and teacher’s name, as well as whether it is a morning tea or a big lunch order. If you are ordering both lunches you will need a separate bag for each lunch order. If no particular lunch is written on a bag we will do the order for big lunch.

When including your money for tuckshop in the bag, please check your coins for the correct Australian currency. Unfortunately we cannot accept any foreign coins (even NZ ones) as the bank won’t accept them from us. They know when we have included them before as they apparently weigh differently. If we do get a foreign coin: we will have to adjust your child’s order to something which amounts to the amount left and the coin will be taped to the bag to take home again.

If your child is having tuckshop and there is change to be given we write how much change is in the bag and it is taped in the corner so it doesn’t fall out. Please make your child aware of this so the bag isn’t thrown away before they get the change.
Sometimes you may order things which we will put a tag in the bag and your child will come to the tuckshop with both the bag and the tag, and we will exchange it for that item. Due to spillage, melting or if an item needs extras added: a tag will be put in for the child to come and get these items. Please explain this to your child so the tag isn’t just thrown out.

We also have online ordering via Flexi-schools. You can order for up to two weeks in advance or do a running order for one day every week, or just order when you want. You have to get on the Flexi-schools website and set up an account. Then you can order when you need to. You can also order uniforms via Flexi-schools.

Also if you are the parent of an anaphylaxis child, we will be sending home a note and asking you to highlight what items your child can have: to update our files. Please send this menu back to the tuckshop ASAP.

Tracy Wall
Tuckshop Convenor

**P & C News**

**STUDENT BANKING**

A big thank you to our friends from the Commonwealth Bank who attended Helensvale for our student banking account opening morning. Great to see so many students participating. Remember that Student banking is every Tuesday. Thank you to Hedy, Lee and Kelly for all their efforts in doing the Student banking here at Helensvale. Don’t forget, if you have spare time on a Tuesday morning, drop in and see them in the Teachers’ Lounge of the Administration building.

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

The Helensvale P&C want to remind everyone about our Facebook page. Just search “Helensvale State School Parents & Citizens Association” or go to [www.facebook.com/HelensvaleStateSchoolPandC](http://www.facebook.com/HelensvaleStateSchoolPandC) and “LIKE” us. We use this tool to increase communication within our school community. We’ll be posting links to the school newsletter, reminders about P&C meetings, school events and general updates about what’s happening at school. And you can write any comments or send us messages.

The Helensvale State School 30th Anniversary Facebook page which is dedicated to giving information about the fete in 2014 is now being constantly updated with information on the fete.
FUN RUN

Sponsorship forms are going out this week to enable students to collect sponsors for this event. The highest fund raising student will receive an IPod shuffle 2GB and the highest fund raising class will receive a surprise party. Students who raise $10 or more will be able to choose a prize from the ones shown on the form. There is also a draw for only Helensvale students who raise $10 or more to win a 2day Family (2A + 2C) holiday at Seaworld Nara Resort valued at $600. On the day of the FUN RUN, we will be giving all students an icy-pole for their efforts. Any parents who would like to help out on the day, we need people to cut and distribute the icy-poles and act as marshalls for the event.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As part of our constitution, we must hold an Annual General Meeting and for 2014, ours will be held on Wednesday, 19th March at 7pm in the Teachers’ Lounge of the Administration Building.

P & C MEETINGS

Our P & C holds its monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, 19th February and it is held in the Teachers’ Lounge of the Administration Building. We hope to see a lot of new faces at the meeting.

HELENSVALE STATE SCHOOL 30TH ANNIVERSARY FETE

This year, our school will celebrate 30 years and there will be a fun filled Fete to commemorate it on Saturday, 13th September. We are hoping to contact as many people who were students or teachers in 1984, so please pass this information on to anyone you know that may have attended that year.

All classes will be having stalls or activities at the Fete and so we ask our parents to support us in this endeavour. Notes are being issued to Classes so that they can choose the stall they would like to run. Once that is all sorted, information will go home to parents. If you are interested in helping with the Fete, please email your contact information to pandc@helensvaless.eq.edu.au and we will contact you. We are going to need lots of people helping on this day for it to be a success so please support the event.

Looking forward to your active participation in our P&C Association.

Leanne Watt

P & C President

Bookclub

Just a reminder that any Bookclub orders are due in this Friday 14 February.
This is a great way to purchase books at good value prices, while helping the school. Every order we place earns Rewards for the school which we use to purchase books and resources. Just to give you an idea, last year we earned over $3000 in rewards.

If you would like to place an order, please complete the Order Form on the back of the brochure, place in an envelope (along with your payment details) and place in the Bookclub box in the Library.

Please ensure that your child's NAME and CLASS are written on the Order Form.

The preferred payment method is via Credit Card - please follow the steps listed on the Order Form and make sure you record your Receipt Number on the order form for tracking (and keep a copy of it for your reference)

Payments may also be made by Cash (please note that no change can be given) or by Cheque (made payable to Scholastic), but please note that orders with these payment types are not as easily tracked.

The orders take about 2 weeks and will be delivered to your child's class.

If you have any questions, please contact us hssbookclub@gmail.com

Carole & Anna
Bookclub

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

Community News
If you are looking to try a new sport this year and want to support your local sporting teams, bring your family down to the Division 2 Sports Sampler Day to find out more about the different sports on offer in your area.

There will be sporting demonstrations including giveaways and activities from the Gold Coast SUNS, face painting, dunking machine and a rock wall. Come and enjoy the free sausage sizzle or try some healthy choices.

Date: Saturday 15 February 2014
Time: 9am – 1pm
Venue: Helensvale Library and Cultural Centre
Corner Lindfield Road and
Sir John Overall Drive, Helensvale

CITY OF GOLD COAST
“Soccer X Pty Ltd is pleased to inform you about our Girls Academy which will be starting during March 2014 at Broadbeach State School. We will be holding a FREE taster session on Sunday March 2nd at Broadbeach State School, 9.00-10.30am. All girls aged 6-11 years old are encouraged to come along to see what the academy is all about. For more information on the Girls Academy please visit [WWW.SOCcer-X.COM](http://www.soccer-x.com) or call Justyn on 0451 162346.”

Kind Regards

Justyn McKay

Soccer X Pty Ltd Director

m: 0451 162346

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w: [WWW.SOCcer-X.COM](http://www.soccer-x.com)

HELENsvALE HORNETS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

DALLEY DRIVE

MONTEREY KEYS
SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2014 SEASON

WE CATER FOR 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS IN OUR BUZZ BUZZ COMPETITION

AND ENTER TEAMS FROM 6 YEARS THROUGH TO 17 YEARS

CONTACT WAYNE ON 0439 713 719

OR EMAIL registrar@helensvalehornets.com.au
GOLD COAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

SIGN ON!

PIZZEY PARK, NEAR SWIMMING POOL.

9AM - 12PM

15TH & 22ND FEBRUARY

BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED

SENIOR WOMEN AND MIXED JUNIORS

CONTACT:

EMAIL: GCSoftball@gmail.com
PH: PETER MOORE (REGISTRAR) 0402748625

LIKE GOLDCOAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK!
We are running another “Come & try” day to be held on February 22nd from 1-3pm @ Ashmore BMX Club, Currumburra rd, ashmore.

Angelo Lauro
Ashmore BMX Club- President
BMX South Qld- President
Club P: (07)5597 1737 M: 0410 536 697
Po Box 4002, Ashmore Plaza, Ashmore, Qld, 4214
Location: Currumburra Rd, Ashmore
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NOMINATION FORM

YHES HOUSE CHARITY CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 16th March 2014

Divisions: Netta 8 yrs, 9 yrs, 10 yrs,
Juniors 11 yrs, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs, 17 yrs,
Opens, Mixed

Games Commence: 8.30am sharp
Umpires: Yes please, supply your own
 Scorers: Each team will require a scorer
 Draw: Will be available from the Club Rooms at 8am
Awards: One trophy per team for Winners and Runners Up

Closing Date for Nominations: Monday 10th March 2014

******* FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY *******

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NOMINATION: $60 per team (including GST) Payment must be made with nomination
Payments can be made by direct deposit to:
SCNA
Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633-108
Acc No: 1428-06850

Name of Contact Person: ___________________________ Ph No. ___________________________
Email of Contact Person: ___________________________

SIGNED ___________________________ DATE ___________________________
Southport Yacht Club presents
FREE DISCOVER SAILING DAY!
Sunday 30th March

9AM - 1PM
SYC Hollywell Sailing Squadron
1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell
Breakfast and coffees available at our Waterfront Cafe
WE WELCOME ALL AGES!
For further information please contact the Sailing Office on:
07 5537 7030 or kelly@southportyachtclub.com.au

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED
FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS
Helensvale Primary School will be welcoming students from the Kokuren Study Tour from 23-31st March. Students are between the ages of 10-13.

The programme provides both the visiting students and the hosting families with a wonderful opportunity to share experiences and cultures and to develop life-long friendships.

Host families will be subsidised by $70 a night for 2 students. You will be required to supply 3 meals a day, transport to and from school and a warm, friendly, home.

If you are interested in hosting a student or you would like any additional information, please contact Naomi or Judy on the following number

The Japanese Advisory Service

(07) 5592 0575

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**Coomera Hockey Club**

Hockey season is fast approaching and at Coomera Hockey we are always ready to welcome more players to our club. As a school in our local catchment area we hope that Coomera Hockey Club can assist you in promoting exercise and a healthy lifestyle amongst your students...Encourage them to come along to meet us and make lots of new friends.....

Therefore, we ask that you please advertise to students in your schools that there is a sign on Saturday February 15th at Gold Coast Hockey, Cnr Musgrave Ave and Hockey Lane, Labrador from 10am – 12pm. Look for the COOMERA HOCKEY CLUB sign.

We look forward to welcoming lots of new members this season.....If you have any questions please contact Mr.Tony Basile - tony@coomerahockey.com

Kind regards,

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