From The Leadership Team

Principal’s Message

Show Holiday

Parents are reminded that tomorrow Friday August 30 is a public holiday for the Gold Coast Show Holiday and that Gold Coast schools will be closed. I trust you enjoy the long weekend.

Election Day 7th September

The countdown for the Federal Election has passed the half-way point and I again remind parents that the Helensvale PAC will be used for the election. I again seek parent assistance with the sausage sizzle being held on election day. Phone Leanne Watt, P&C President on 0412299211 to volunteer.

Australian Youth Choir Auditions

A member of the Australian Youth Choir team will be visiting our School shortly to listen to all students in Years 2 - 7 and to give them the opportunity to apply for entry into the Australian Youth Choir. The process only takes about 10 minutes per class and information details will be handed to those students who show an ability or talent in this area.

Gold Coast Eisteddfod News

With the completion of competition at this year’s Gold Coast Eisteddfod, the music department a Helensvale State School would like to congratulate all students for their stellar efforts! We are so proud of our students for their musical skill, their excellent presentation and for the way they conducted themselves when representing our school.
I also congratulate our students who performed in other sections of the Eisteddfod in dance, drama and individual music items who gained personal recognition for a fine effort. I would like to acknowledge these student in next week’s Homelines and ask that the details are sent to the office asap. Well done.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to help us in the tuckshop – any day, any time. It’s a busy place – the more help we have the more we can help. So just drop in and say “Hi, I’m here to lend a hand”. Call Tracey on 555733794 if you have particular skill you wish to share.

Father’s Day in Australia

This Sunday is Father’s Day a time when our community takes time to honour fathers and father figures across Australia. Being a father of two sons I appreciate the importance they place on taking time to share Father’s Day with me. Not all fathers can be with their children on Sunday and even in some cases the relationship between fathers and their children has broken down completely due to a range of reasons. My Dad demonstrated for me, in my formative years the importance of recognising Father’s Day as an important event in our family. To all our dads, grandfathers and stepdads I trust you enjoy Sunday with family and reflect on the honour it is to be a dad.

In my lifetime Father’s Day has been always celebrated in September and in preparing this article I pondered the origins of Father’s Day. A quick Google search found many references to it origin and the significance of when it is celebrated. I acknowledge Google as the source of the information below which I trust you find interesting and informative on how Father’s Day is celebrated around the world.

Most Australians observe Father’s Day on the first Sunday of September. It is a day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures. Father figures may include stepfathers, fathers-in-law, guardians (e.g. foster parents), and family friends.

There are some suggestions that the idea of Father’s Day may originate in pagan sun worship. Some branches of paganism see the sun as the father of the universe. Father’s Day in some countries is on the third Sunday of June, which is close to the June solstice.

The idea of a special day to honour fathers and celebrate fatherhood was introduced from the United States. A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the American Mother's Day celebrations and planned a day to honour fathers early in the 20th century. The first Father’s Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910. Father’s Day has become increasingly popular throughout North America and other parts of the world over the years.

The date when Father’s Day is celebrated varies from country to country. It is celebrated in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States on the third Sunday of June. It is also observed in countries such as Argentina,
Canada, France, Greece, India, Ireland, Mexico, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, and Venezuela. In Australia and New Zealand Father’s Day is on the first Sunday in September. In Thailand it is celebrated on December 5, which is the birthday of the country’s king. Brazilian dads are honoured on the second Sunday of August.

On Father’s Day many people make a special effort for their fathers or father figures. Some people visit their fathers, while others give cards, flowers or other gifts, such as clothing or sporting equipment, or luxury food items. Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday, so different families have different traditions. These can range from a simple phone call or greetings card to large parties honouring all father figures in an extended family.

Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and even other male relatives.

Father's Day in India is a relatively new concept but it is celebrated in similar ways as in the United Kingdom or the United States, although on a smaller scale. There is a greater awareness of Father’s Day events in metropolitan cities and bigger towns due to the greater exposure of people to the western cultures in these areas. In Mexico Father’s Day is referred to as “Día del Padre”, where many families get together, prepare meals and distribute gifts to fathers or father figures. In South Africa, many social and cultural societies host Father’s Day celebrations to stress the important role of fathers in nurturing children and building stronger society.

My Dad

When I was just a tiny kid,
Do you remember when,
The time you kissed my bruises,
Or cleaned my soiled chin?

You scrambled for the balls I hit,
(Short-winded more than not),

Yet, every time we'd play a game,
You praised the "outs" I caught.

It seems like only yesterday,
You wiped away my tears,
And late at night I called your name,
To chase away my fears.

Though time has changed your handsome grip,
Your hair is snowy white,
Your gait’s a little slower now,
Thick glasses help your sight.

Oh, do I thirst for years gone by,
To be that growing lad,
Re-living all of the memories,
Of growing with my dad.

Author Unknown

Smoking at School Entrances

I ask parents who are smokers and need to smoke prior to collecting their children to smoke some distance away from the school entrances. I have received a number of complaints from parents regarding this topic and I trust all parents can respect the rights of each group to access the school to collect children.

Family Record Cards

Over the last three weeks family record cards have been slowly returned to school. It is important that these records are checked and returned ASAP. Often the details regarding the current address, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc. held at the school change over time and with the pressures of modern living, families neglect to advise us of the new details. I ask all parents to immediately check and return any outstanding record to school.

Father’s Day Stall

I would like to thank Leanne Watt and the P&C team for another well run and successful Father’s Day stall and to all the Dads -- have a great day on Sunday.

Term 3 Parent / Teacher Interviews

As per Education Queensland policy, all parents are offered a parent/teacher interview at the end of Term 1 and Term 3 with a formal report card disseminated at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Notices regarding the interview times and days were sent home last week. I again encourage all parents to plan a time to meet with your child's teacher to look at how he/she is progressing socially, academically and emotionally.

We encourage our students to be an integral part of this process as they are the focal point of the meeting and often add insightful perspectives to the discussion. Please take the opportunity to catch up with your child and his/her teacher over the next two weeks -- it's a fantastic chance to "keep your finger on the pulse"!

Michael Shambrook

Principal

Quote of the Week
“Many people realise their hearts’ desire late in life. Continue learning, never stop striving and keep your curiosity sharp, and you will never become too old to appreciate life.”

Anonymous

School News

The finance window will be closed on Thursday 29/08/2013.

It will reopen on Tuesday 03/09/2013.

Remember internet banking is always available

24 hours a day 7 days a week.

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 tsmitt517@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:

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2013 school calendar now available

The 2013 school calendar can be downloaded at


In 2013 the Labour Day public holiday will move to Monday 7 October and the Queen’s Birthday holiday will be returned to Monday 10 June.

School News Calendar

Fri 30th Aug \hspace{1cm} GOLD COAST SHOW DAY

Tue 3rd Sept \hspace{1cm} Interview Night (Parent/Teacher)

Sat 7th Sept \hspace{1cm} P & C Stall - Election Day PAC

Thu 12th Sept \hspace{1cm} Showcase PAC

Mon 16th Sept-Fri 20th Sept \hspace{1cm} Year 6 Camp-Tallebudgera Beach School Year 6 Last Payment 22nd Aug
Be Safe – Cross at the pedestrian crossings

Wipe Out Waste

The Gold Coast City Council runs a primary school education programme for all grades levels from Prep to year 7.

The Programme is called “Wipe Out Waste” and is a fun way for students to learn about how they can help the environment through waste minimisation.

Lessons are based on waste related themes and practical steps in order to reduce waste and run parallel to Helensvale Environmental Programme.

Dates for the Wipe Out Waste activities are from Monday 9th September to Tuesday 17th September with each class given a 45 minute lesson.

The session is conducted within the classroom and is a free service offered to students.

Any queries please contact Karen Pyne (6B)

GRADUATION 2013

DATE CLAIMER

Monday December 9th 6pm

HSS Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Library News

Last week some students were lucky enough to have a visit from the Librarians from the new public library. They were visiting the school for Book Week to promote the new library and read the shortlisted books to the Year One students.

The prize winners for each section were:

Early Childhood – The terrible suitcase by Emma Allen and Freya Blackwood

Picture Book – The Coat by Julie Hunt and Ron Brooks
Younger readers – Children of the King by Sonia Harnett

All shortlisted books are now available for borrowing from our library.

The Helensvale Public library would also like to promote two competitions.

Firstly a colouring competition for 7yrs and Under. Year One students were given an entry form at school. If anyone needs extra forms they are available at the Public Library.

Secondly, a creative writing competition for 11 years and under. Mrs Houten has entry forms at the school library.

**Overdue Library Books**

Parents please check with your children that they have returned their library books. Invoices have been issued to all books that are overdue from June and before.

Meredith Houten (teacher-librarian)

**Visit from Helensvale Hawks Cricket Club**

Masters players from the Helensvale Hawks Cricket Club visited the school recently to teach students in prep cricket skills. The students have been working hard on their throwing and catching throughout this term with Mr Clegg. Our Visitors were very impressed with the student's skills and enthusiasm.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Students that are participating have until Friday September the 6th to complete their reading and hand in the list of titles to their teacher.

No late entries will be accepted as the cut off date is State wide.

Thanks for your participation

Ros Moore & Meredith Houten
SPORTING SUCCESS

At the recent South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival we had a number of successful students qualify for the State Athletics trials.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a place in their respective events:

**Tehaavi M** 1st place Mult-event (similar to a pentathlon where students gets points over 4 events in the 800m, 100m, Long Jump and Shot Put).

- 2nd Place Discus
- 3rd Place Shot Put

**Aaron H** 1st Place Long Jump

**Isabella H** 3rd Place Discus

**Tahnega M** 3rd Place Discus

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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HELP NEEDED URGENTLY!  HELP NEEDED URGENTLY!  HELP NEEDED URGENTLY!

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We are now needing helpers to come in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday’s. If you can come in on any of these days for the whole day, just an hour (from 9:00am) to help process the baskets, or over the break times (11:00am-11:30am & 1.00pm-1:45pm) that would help a lot.

You would be helping to process the tuckshop bags, restocking items, loading orders into the bags for break times, serving on windows during breaks and washing up. We do supply your lunch for the day and you get to meet other parents in our school community. If you are new to the school it is a great way to meet others and you are close if your child needs you. It also eases you back into the workforce and can be used as a stepping stone to work. It is rewarding work and you are helping the school community. If you can help, please come and see me!

Unfortunately if we don’t get some help on these days soon, we may have to close the windows at the lunch breaks. We really don’t want to do this, especially now the warmer weather is approaching, and the kids are wanting icy poles and cold drinks to rehydrate during play time. It is too hard to prepare orders for lunches and serve the windows with only two people to do all this. Something has to give and unfortunately we will have to close the windows during break times. So please consider coming and helping: especially if you use this service regularly.
WEEKLY ROSTER

MONDAY
Wynietta

TUESDAY
Merle

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
Wendy

FRIDAY
Merle

Tracy Wall

Tuckshop Convenor

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

Community News

**AB Paterson Public Speaking Competition**

The AB Paterson College Public Speaking Competition is open to all students in Years 4 to 12.

The Year 4 students are not in a competition, but receive valuable experience in public speaking.

There are set topics for each year level. The student chooses one topic to speak about.

Please note the closing date for entries is **Thursday 19th September 2013**.

The dates of the competition for 2013 are:

| Year 4 (non competitive) | Thursday 10th October | 4.30pm |

Parents wishing to enter should go to [www.abpat.qld.edu.au](http://www.abpat.qld.edu.au) and select the Public Speaking section from the menu to download the relevant year level entry form. This needs to be completed and handed in to the office at AB Paterson College (open 8am to 4pm Mon to Fri) before Thursday 19th September 2013. The entry fee is $6.00 per student and payable to AB Paterson College. Should you wish further information please contact AB Paterson College on 55 947 947 or Karen Pyne at Helensvale State School.

COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Please return completed enrolment forms to the school Administration office by Thursday the 29th of August to give your child the best chance to gain their choice of elective subjects for the 2014 school year.

Enrolment enquiries are still being accepted with enrolment packs available from the Administration office between 8.00am and 4.00pm daily.

For further information please contact the school on 5552 3888.

2013 / 14 Cricket Sign On Days

All Age Groups

10am – 3pm Sunday 25th August

10am-3pm Saturday 31st August
National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc

Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don't know how or just can't over commit?

Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can't always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources.

If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you.

Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

OZ TAG

Students have thoroughly enjoyed clinics recently conducted by Queensland Oztag. Oztag is a non contact sport in a friendly team environment where the children are encouraged and praised for their efforts. Oztag referees are trained to get all players involved and also coach players as they referee. The Juniors Season starts Wed 11 September with sign on nights Wed 28 Aug & Wed 04 Sep. The Junior Competition runs for 10 weeks with games between 4 & 6pm and won’t run through school holidays. Home grounds are at the Dodgers Fields off Brisbane Road in Labrador. The cost is $80 per junior player. Teams can be submitted or you can register individually (or as a group) and be placed in a team. 10 players are recommended per team and girls and boys can play. Compulsory Oztag shorts are $25. For further information please visit www.labradoroztag.com, email labrador@oztag.com or call Angie on 0466 990 244.
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Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at

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