Term 3 Week 9    5/9/2013

Principal’s Message

We celebrate Teacher Aide Day on the first Friday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers.

The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day.

This Friday we will hold a special morning tea to say thank you to our wonderful teacher aides on behalf of our whole school community. I sincerely thank all our teacher aides for a job well done which is captured in the poem below.

My Other Teacher

A big thank you my other teacher

The one with the endless smile and a heart of gold

Who helps my teacher to teach us all kinds of things

For helping when we skin our knees.

For reminding us to say please and thank you at the tuckshop

For checking our sums when doing Maths

You say we may one day be the treasurer. whatever that means
For reading with us and checking that we are using the sliding finger
For cheering us on when we are successful
For encouraging us when our work gets tough.

We just can't say thank you enough

Because without you we would only have one teacher,
not two like you. Anon

STOP PRESS POLICE ALERT

The car park outside the PAC is clearly signed as to where parents can park to collect their children. As advised in earlier Homelines many parents are breaking the law by parking on the areas marked with a continuous yellow line.

A continuous yellow line marked on the roadway means that a vehicle cannot be stationary or parked in that area as it is not safe or the area is required for vehicles to turn around. Yesterday QPS warned a number of drivers who were breaking the law by parking along the centre medium strip and in the turnaround area at the bottom of the car park in the map below.

A substantial fine applies for this infringement and the next visit will not be to warn drivers. Parking on the yellow line is an accident waiting to happen with cars reversing out or attempting to move around illegally parked vehicle. Given the current disregard for the parking regulations both the Police and GCCC Parking Officers will be visiting this area with a greater frequency.

Parents are advised that while parking is an issue around the school consideration should be given to staggered drop off and pick up times especially for older students.
Designated Teaching Time

A gentle reminder to all parents that a teacher’s teaching time commences at 8.50am and he/she needs to be able to start the day at that time without parents requesting time for a chat or a catch-up. Teachers at Helensvale are always keen to talk to parents, but it cannot be in designated teaching time. As a courtesy, please be aware that a lot of teachers are at school from 7.30am onward to do their preparation, marking, OneSchool entries, photocopying etc. If you wish to have a talk to your child’s teacher, please ask if you can set up an appointment time that is mutually convenient so that quality time can be given rather than a “rushed / unfocused” 5 minutes.

Facilities Upgrade

A new concrete slab has been laid in the student’s bike storage shed to provide a stable surface when the weather is wet. I thank the Student Council for funding this project as it will greatly assist the students who ride bicycles and scooters to school.

Lost Property

We have a large collection of winter clothing in our lost property boxes. Today all named items were returned to the owners however there are many items which could not be returned and are still in the lost property area. School uniforms cost $$$$ and it is highly recommended that all clothing items are clearly marked with the student’s name.

2010 NAPLAN Results

Next Friday the 2013 NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be released Australia wide. The tests conducted in May will provide a snapshot of education standards in these years right across Australia.
individual student test results will be available during the last week of term. Information about our school’s performance on these tests will be available early next term for our community.

### Staffing Update

Over the next two weeks we a number of teachers / teachers aides will be on LSL for 1 or 2 weeks. We trust they all have a safe and enjoyable time and return next term refreshed and relaxed.

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### Thank You

On Wednesday morning, three parents assisted school staff to relocate baby birds that had fallen from their nest near the PAC gate. Unfortunately, I do not know your names but on behalf of the school I sincerely thank you for modelling to our children that caring for our school’s wildlife is important.

### Thought of the Week:

"Change is a part of every life. Resisting is often as futile as it is frustrating."

*Anonymous*

Michael Shambrook

Principal

### Adopt-A-Cop Presentation
We are extremely lucky to have an adopt-a-cop in our school. Constable Ngarie Mackney will be working with our community and the children. The adopt-a-cop program helps to build a positive relationship between local police and the community. Constable Ngarie was inducted into our school at the whole school assembly this week. She will be visiting the school, chatting with children and staff and working with teachers and admin staff if situations need police support. Please make her welcome as part of our school community.

Terry Welch
Deputy Principal

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

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 6th Sept  Teacher Aide Day
Thur 12th Sept  Showcase-PAC  Arrival 5pm for a 6pm start
Mon 16th Sept-Fri 20th Sept  Year 6 Camp-Tallebudgera Beach School Year 6 Last Payment 22nd Aug
Tues 8th October  1st day of Term 4
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.

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)

Showcase 2013

Just a reminder that Showcase is on next Thursday night (September 12)! Students performing are to be at school by 5pm with the concert starting at 6pm. The night should conclude around 7.30pm. There will be a
sausage sizzle available from 5pm that students will be able to access before they play. Entry is free and we would love to have everyone there to support our fine musicians and celebrate their successes this year!

**Girls AFL Diversity Cup Day at Metricon**

On Thursday 29th August our Girls AFL players were invited to attend the Diversity Cup at Metricon Stadium: a day that celebrates the diversity in sport. Students started the day by watching the Gold Coast Suns team training, followed by a tour of the stadium. Our students were given informative talks on the busy schedule of a professional athlete. Examples of their strict diet (too much beans and broccoli for my liking) and busy training regime (hours of sport, weights, sport and more sport) gave students a good insight into the life of a Suns player. The most intriguing fact was the Ice baths that players take after hard training sessions to reduce the lactic acid fatigue of the muscle (the concept of hoping into water filled literally in ice is a little daunting.)

Students were then joined by Suns Superstar players Jarrod Harbrow, Karmichel Hunt and Joel Wilkinson. Students had the thrill of playing alongside these superstars in small sided games of AFL. The girls then got to participate in a rotation of fun and skilful activities in the AFL playground. All of the girls had a thoroughly enjoyable day.
Gold Coast Eisteddfod Stars

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts at the recent GC Eisteddfod-

Ella G achieved Very Highly Commended for Piano Solo

Amelia G achieved Third Place for Piano Solo

Well done girls!

P & C News

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Notes have gone out to chase up any students who have not returned either unsold chocolates or money. Could you please make sure these are returned as soon as possible so we can pay the supplier.

Cookbooks

Our cookbooks have been printed and those who have ordered them, have been issued with their book. Cookbooks will be on display in the Uniform Shop and at the Tuckshop. They are $18 each and can be purchased from either place.

P & C Meeting

The next meeting of the P & C will be held on Wednesday, 18th September at 7pm in the Teachers’ Lounge of the Administration building. It would be wonderful to see more parents attend these meetings as it is a great opportunity to find out what is happening around the school.
2014 – 30 year Celebration of Helensvale

Next year, we will celebrate 30 years here at Helensvale. We are hoping to organize a Fete and will be discussing this at upcoming P & C meetings. We will organize to have a working party meeting in the near future. If you have any ideas, either come to our meetings or send something via email – pandc@helensvaless.eq.edu.au

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON ELECTION DAY

The P & C is conducting a sausage sizzle on the day of the Federal election. Saturday, 7th September from 8am till 2pm. We are looking for helpers so just let me know on 0412 299 211 if you have any spare time and could help out. Let your neighbours and friends know and help support this fund raiser by purchasing from the stall. There will be the sausage sizzle, cold drinks and water and even some chocolates. There will also be a cake stall operating on the day. What a great opportunity to stay and have a chat after placing your vote.

SHOWCASE – THURSDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER

The P & C will have a canteen operating from 5pm till 6pm on this day. There will be a sausage sizzle, coffee van and cakes available so we invite you to arrive a little earlier and have a chat with other parents and friends that are part of the music department here at Helensvale.

Leanne Watt

P&C President

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Community News
Bring out the best in your child with performing arts education!

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NIYPAA will be visiting Helensvale State School soon on

**Wednesday, 11 September 2013 at 9:00am**

**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

- **Year 5 - 7** Competition Heats  
  Tuesday 15th October  
  Various times

- **Year 5 - 7** Competition Finals  
  Tuesday 22nd October  
  Various times

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.

**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](http://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](http://www.labradoroztag.com), email labrador@oztag.com or call Angie on 0466 990 244.
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