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Term 3 Week 3  25/7/2013

Principal’s Message

School Opinion Survey (SOS)

All families who were randomly selected to complete the 2013 School Opinion Surveys (SOS) have now received their copy of the survey form to be completed. The selected parents also have the opportunity to complete the survey on line. If you are unable to complete the form please return it to the school so it can be forwarded on to another family to be completed. This week our students in Years 5 and 6 (60 from each year level) commenced completing the Student Survey on line. I thank Mrs Helen Hartley, who has been A/DP for managing this year’s School Opinion Surveys. The SOS data will be available in November.

Junior Sports Day

In spite of a heavy rain shower at 8am the Junior Sports day last Thursday was successfully completed, much to the relief of parents, staff and P&C members. The students participated in a range of athletic events which were enthusiastically embraced by students. I thank all the parents who attend and provided encouragement to our future Olympians. Photos below show a sample of the parents in attendance and the famous march past.
International Visitors arriving Monday

Our twenty five visitors from Japan will arrive for their one week homestay next Monday. This visit aims to enhance the students’ skills with the English language by being immersed in an Australian school and home environment where only English is spoken. During the one week homestay the students will gain valuable skills in the technical aspects of our language and use their newly acquired skills in everyday conversation and instructions.

Our homestay families are excited about welcoming our Japanese friends into their homes and are eager to provide an insight into the Australian way of life. Our LOTE teacher Mr Powell is looking forward to conversing in Japanese with our visitors.

Before School Procedures

At Helensvale we have established a procedure for all children to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. This is a legal issue. If a child is at school before 8.15am, he/she is to wait in a specific area, under the tuckshop undercover area. After 8.15am he/she can move off to class or the area near their classroom. Many parents in the early years choose to walk their child to the classroom area, but can I remind all parents, please do not take...
your child into the room unless a teacher is present. Generally teachers are in their classroom around 8.30 if they are not attending a meeting. Most classes have a sign indicating if the teacher is at a meeting. We appreciate your total co-operation in this matter.

Uniform Expectation

Now that the cold weather has arrived with added bite, it is timely to remind parents/carers and children that Helensvale State School is a “uniform school”. Parents are reminded that the full winter uniform is available from the Uniform Shop.

Our students wear the school uniform for good reasons, the most important of which is student safety. Students can be easily identified while on the school grounds and staff can also identify non students who should not be present. Additionally, the uniform gives children a sense of belonging to a community which is very proud of its history and reputation. A uniform reduces the financial burden on families over time as they do not have to pay for the latest fashion in children’s clothing from month to month. To maintain and enhance the very positive image and reputation of our school in the Helensvale community, it is important that students wear the correct uniform with pride.

For parents who wish to purchase winter items, the Uniform Shop is open from 8.15am to 10.30am on Monday / Wednesday /Friday. We ask families who have uniform items that they no longer require to donate or place them on consignment at the Uniform Shop, thus enabling the Uniform Shop to have a larger selection of second hand items on offer.

Reminder re faded HATS

Parents are reminded that if their child has a faded green side on the school /sports combination hat they should wash the hat and return it to the uniform for a free replacement as soon as possible.

Playground Equipment Update

Currently the Year 1&2 playground is being installed near the PAC. The playground is a combination of refurbished components from the former playground located in the Prep sand pit area and new components to extend the scope of the playground. The photos below show progress on the project which will be completed in approx. 2 weeks. The equipment will include a shade cover and coloured rubber soft fall. The excitement on the student’s faces as they watch the workmen build the new playground is clearly evident and I am sure they cannot wait to give the equipment a good workout.
Student Resource Scheme (SRS)

Next week a review of the current SRS will commence to determine the viability of continuing the scheme in 2014. Surveys will be conducted to obtain feedback from parents, students, teachers and office staff. The review should be completed by mid-August.

Quote of the week

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on.” Robert Frost

Michael Shambrook
Principal

READING STAMINA

Reading is the umbrella to learning

Building reading stamina supports students to read for an extended period of time, trains muscle memory and supports an increased attention span.

Every class at Helensvale State School from Prep to Year 7 will be involved in our reading stamina program this term. Several classes have already started their programs with great success. Reading practice makes us better readers, it also assists our concentration especially when we are sitting tests.
Reading stamina involves teaching our students to concentrate on their reading book for a nominated period of time. Classes may start with a goal of as little as 3min and then work week by week to build this concentration up to longer periods of time. Reading stamina time means that students do not talk to each other or move from their desks. The goal is to read!

Ask your student if they have started their reading stamina in their class!

Sheryle Croft
Deputy Principal

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From Prep, Years 1 and 2

PREP INFORMATION SESSION

Parents and Guardians who are interested in sending their children to Helensvale State School in 2014 for Prep are invited to attend our information session on the 1st of August from 9.00-11.00am in the PAC.

Please let any families that you know who have 2014 Preps aware of this information session.

Tours of Helensvale State School will also be conducted each Friday morning from 9.30am for prospective families who are not able to attend our information session.

TEACHER APPOINTMENTS PRIOR TO 8.45am

Do you need to see your child’s teacher?

Please make an appointment with your classroom teacher if you would like to see them. Teachers do have professional duties before and after school. They assist with a variety of school based committees as well as having conferences with parents, specialist teachers and administration. By making an official appointment you are ensuring that your classroom teacher will be there to discuss your issues with them and will be able to give you their uninterrupted attention.

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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 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**


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**
Mon 29th July
Kokuren Junior Study tour from Japan arrives

Wed 7th Aug
NAIDOC Assembly 2pm
Whole School PAC

Sun 18th Aug
MLTAQ Japanese Speech Competition at Griffith University

Mon 16th Sept- Fri 20th Sept
Year 6 Camp- Tallebudgera Beach School Year 6 Last Payment 22nd Aug
Invitation

Helensvale State School
Cordially invites you to attend
Our NAIDOC Assembly
National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee

Date: 7th August 2pm
Location: Performing Arts Centre
8 Lindfield Rd, Helensvale
2013 Helensvale State School Sports Carnivals

Having already had 2 attempts at holding our annual sports day carnivals, I was nervous about the third attempt having heard weather forecasters predict rain. On the day of the first sports carnival I awoke at 3.19am, popped my head out the window and checked on the sky- I saw we were in for a clear day! The Senior Sports Day turned out to be a wonderful day weather-wise. We had a little scare on the morning of the Junior Carnival with a heavy shower of rain minutes before starting, but a delayed start and then ready to roll by 9:30am and there was no turning back! Students were running as fast as they could run, jumping like they never jumped before, throwing outstanding throws and striving to succeed! Each and every student should be proud of their achievements and their personal best results, regardless of where they placed in an event. The level of sportsmanship and fair play was evident at all times as students encouraged their team mates and cheered on their sporting house. I would like to not only thank all the students for their wonderful achievements, but to all the staff and volunteers who made the days a success, and to all the parents who were able to attend and support the children in their sporting endeavours.


These students will receive their note this week and are asked to please return the signed permission form to the office ASAP.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

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Important Notices for the Coordinator: YMCA Helensvale OSHC

Term 3: How fast has the year gone, this term we will be focusing on promoting children’s physical activity whilst providing a safe environment for the children encouraging and promoting our Active After Schools, Tuesday Martial Arts, and Thursday AFL. This is a 7 week program which we provide to develop skills and techniques for the children to have a go. Our providers are coached in their expertise and encouraging physical fitness, emotions and social relationships, are integral to children’s wellbeing and self-confidence.

We would like to welcome Margaret Mills to our team her background in teaching will be a valuable addition to our Service.

WORM FARM

In Vacation Care we set up our worm farm. The children were very excited, our farm is easy to operate and fun for all ages. It is compact, hygienic and has no unpleasant smells, we purchased 500 worms from Bunnings, from this the children learnt the worms menu, how to care for their worms, their conditions, and how important composting worms will help the environment.

Thanks Michael Cacciola
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Hockey Qld Coaching Camp

September School Holidays

The Coaching camp is for boys and girls aged 10, 11 & 12 and will be run by qualified Hockey Qld Staff, based around learning new skills and having fun.

Where: Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre
When: 24, 25 and 26 September 2013 (Tues & Wed Live In)

Clinic includes: 4 x 1hr 30 mins Hockey session. 4 x 1hr 30 mins recreational activities, Mini Olympics

2 camp shirts, posters, hat, water bottle

Cost: $250 (includes all meals and accommodation)

Contact: Daryl Francey 3399 6577 Mob: 0424 012466

Download registration form: www.hockeyqld.com.au

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