As this is the last newsletter for this term, I take the opportunity to thank all of our parents and staff for making the first six months of the year such a success for our school. Today all schools are data driven to maximise learning now that the focus is on a school's performance at a national level. It is important that all class time is treated as a finite resource, which needs to be valued and used effectively for the benefit of every child in the
school. A measure of this focus will be the issuing of report cards today and I trust parents will take this opportunity to review their child’s academic and social development with a view to acknowledging their child’s successes and making plans to address areas in need of a greater focus or improved application. The success of the many educational activities held by classes, year levels and the whole school throughout the semester have only been possible with parent support and the efforts of our committed staff. Thank you Helensvale community.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

For more about the School Watch Program contact Education Queensland’s School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

**Wildlife with our school grounds**

![Image of wildlife]

**A Flying Start for Queensland Children**

In 2011 the State Government announced that Year 7 will become part of high school in Queensland by 2015. The introduction of Prep in 2007 and raising the Year 1 entry age by six months the following year in 2008, means that by 2015 our Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of schooling and more than half of these
students will turn 13 during the year. This is the right time for them to start high school. These students are looking for new learning challenges by this time.

The decision to move Year 7, and introduce Junior Secondary in state schools to support the transition of Years 7, 8 and 9, was made after extensive consultation during forums with parents and school communities around the state. Junior Secondary is being trialled this year in a number of high schools across Queensland.

This important reform is of great benefit to students because it means they will have the same learning opportunities as their interstate counterparts once the Australian Curriculum is introduced. High school is a good environment for this age group in terms of their social, emotional and academic development.

At Helensvale SS our staff has attended information sessions regarding Junior Secondary and the career options regarding teaching year 7 in the high school setting.

To put this change in perspective for parents our current Year 5 and 6 students will be leaving our school at the end of next year. Yes, our 2014 Year 6 & 7 students will graduate from our school at the end of next year. Given that the last year of primary schooling is a special time I will be contacting parents in these year levels shortly to discuss the implications of having two year levels leaving the school at the same time in 2014. Issues such as leadership opportunities, camps and graduation ceremonies will be discussed with parents.

From 2015 all year 7 students will be at high school with year 6 being the final year of primary school.

More information will be shared early next term.

For more information please visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart

Hats, Hats, and more Hats

This year the success of the school uniform changes has resulted in an interesting challenge. The dual colour bucket hats have faded significantly on the green side. The manufacturer has accepted responsibility for the dye issue and is replacing all dual hats affected. Unfortunately the swap rate has been very slow and in an attempt to remove all the green faded hats from our school I ask all families who have not made the free swap to do so at the start of next term. In the first week back please bring your washed dual colour hat to the uniform shop and swap for a new one.
Thought of the Week:

Fulfilment is deciding what you want out of life, and working towards it. Fulfilment is not merely the reaching of a specific destination.

Anonymous

Michael Shambrook
Principal

“C for CELEBRATE”

Interpreting reports cards for parents can often be difficult and cause concerns.

The letter ‘C’ often finds parents and students worrying about their child’s academic ability.

All children reach different standards at different times and in different learning areas.

A “C” on your child’s report card tells you as a parent that they are on track and that they can apply the range of skills and knowledge expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

So if your child has a report card with “C” against subject areas Celebrate their achievements with them!

CYBERSMART OUTREACH PROGRAM – INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS

On Monday 8 July 2013 – the first day back in Term 3 the school will be having a visit from CYBERSMART OUTREACH PROGRAM who will be presenting an INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION to students in Year 3 to Year 7, Staff and parents. Please note the day in your calendars.

Session 1: Student presentation (years 3-5) @ 12.00pm

Session 2: Student presentation (years 6 & 7) @ 2.00pm

Session 3: Staff presentation @ 3.15pm

Session 4: Parent presentation @ 6.30pm
SCHOOL SPORTS SHIELD

Many thanks to Richard the store manager of Woolworths at Helensvale for donating the shield for our in school sports competition starting next term.

TWILIGHT TUNES

Many thanks to the P&C for organising our afternoon tea last Wednesday. The Instrumental children then performed in the PAC and were supported by many family members. Thank you also to our music teachers for the wonderful work and time they put into performing for our afternoon concert. This week we have 10 children representing Helensvale State School at the District Music Camp at Tallebudgera.

From Prep, Years 1 and 2

Holiday Time

It is holiday time and all our students need to be encouraged to keep reading over the break. If you have a child who is a reluctant reader do take the time to encourage them to read as much as possible. Remember that reading is not confined to a book.

You can....

Read the back of the cereal box at breakfast time.

Read and decipher street signs and advertising.

Read the back of the music CD case and then read the words to a favourite song.

Read a recipe (and have fun cooking together.)

Read the instructions for completing a game or building something.

Play ‘I spy” if you are travelling in the car. (Great to help with letter/sound knowledge.)
There are opportunities for children to be encouraged to read in everyday life and with just a little bit of support you are helping them to build their skills over the holiday period.

**PLAY PALS**

Play Pals is a lunch time program which is run at 11:05 till 11:35 each day. Students are selected by their classroom teacher to attend, or they can be referred through our Personalised Needs Team. This is not a punitive program in fact our students want to be part of it and they love attending. The aims of the program are:

- For students to build positive relationships with other students in the school community.
- For the students involved to gain personal success through positive experiences at “playtime.”
- For the students to gain social skills through explicit teaching in sharing, safe behaviour, taking turns and joining in games.
- To provide a place away from the playground for students who need time out. (Some students love coming in just to draw quietly)

Have a wonderful break

Sheryle Croft

Deputy Principal

**From Years 5, 6 and 7**

**7D’s LITERARY MEMOIRS**

As part of our English unit the Year 7’s have been learning about memoirs. A memoir is a written or oral text about an everyday experience of an ordinary person. When authors write memoirs, they carefully choose the words they use to express a character’s feelings. The author wants the reader to feel something when they read the story.

7D recalled some of our favourite memories and wrote about their thoughts and feelings from that time. Below are some of 7D’s memoirs.
Hospital Horror

As they called my name to get my leg shaved before the operation, my heart started pounding a million miles an hour. I had wrecked the cartilage in my left knee from playing too much sport. The nerves kicked in and I started shaking violently. As I changed into my surgery gown, hat and slippers I turned a deathly shade of white. I climbed into the wheelchair when suddenly all of the voices started fading away and I felt a churning pain in my stomach. I heard my mum say “Are you alright?” I responded with a no, then tried to stand up to walk away from the packed waiting room but just fell down. Shortly they pushed me into the silent, scary surgery room. They gave me a gas mask to put on and I was out! When I awoke I was without any pain and surprisingly still had two legs!

By Zachary

Fearless

It's a cold, wet winter's day and we're at Yr 7 camp. We walk up to the activity and the hard gravel crunches under our feet. We're at the High ropes. I strap on the harness, my heart thumping from fear. I am first on the ropes. The buckle goes clink as the instructor clips me on. I'm ready to go. I look at friends. I think of heaven and if there is one. I climb up the ladder and go up the pole. I finish climbing the pole but fear still grips my heart. I wobble on the high ropes looking at the fearful face of Connor. There and back again. After the high ropes I climb on the shaking pole of the Flying Fox. I jump; letting fear swallow me.

By Iulia

Scoring the Goal

It was a wonderful day. The sun was out and it was hot. I had scored many goals before but not on the Gold Coast. I had just moved here. The whistle went and the game started. There were perfect opportunities in front of the goal and I had a tremendous amount of shots. All of a sudden, one of our players got smashed! He was carried off the field bawling his eyes out. I got called to take the free kick. It was a fair distance away from the goal. I ran up to the ball and kicked with a wicked curl. It skimmed one of their players and went in the back of the net. I had done it! I scored my first goal on the Gold Coast! I jumped up and down full of excitement.

By Kalin
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

The 2013 school calendar can be downloaded at www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

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

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Sporting Success and QLD State Representative

Congratulations to Hayley G and Connor O on their recent efforts representing our South Coast Region at the State Hockey titles.

Connor O'Shea was selected to represent Queensland at the National titles later in the year.

Representing your state is one of the highest honours in sport so we hope Connor can cherish this moment and hope he enjoys his experience competing with the best hockey players in our Nation. Well done, Connor!

Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher

School Sports Day

A reminder that next term we will be holding our annual school sports days - Senior carnival on Tuesday 9th July and Junior Carnival on Wednesday 10th July. Students are encouraged to dress in house colours. It is also a day
where sports shoes / running shoes (no spikes or football boots) are permitted (ie they do not have to be black in colour on this day). Parents are cordially invited to attend on both days (and bring your running shoes to join in on the fun in the sprint race/relays!)

* Programs for the carnival days are detailed below. Although every effort will be made to adhere to these times, sometimes changes may need to occur.

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| Ball Games (MPC Courts) | Activity Rotations (Main Oval) |

1.05pm – 1.40pm

| Lunch on Oval | Lunch on Oval |

1.40pm – 1.50pm

| Classroom Roll Call | Classroom Roll Call |

1.50pm – 2.45pm

| Activity Rotations (Main Oval) | Ball Games (MPC Courts) |

2.45pm – 3.00pm

| Presentations /Clean up areas | Presentations /Clean up areas |

**Student Vs Teacher Sports Game**

After a successful term 1 Student Vs Teacher sporting game of Bowling, we are excited to announce the term 2 instalment is about to happen: Touch football, to be held during the second lunch break of the Senior Sports Day. Students participating in this game from Year 7 will be informed of their selection this week: Good luck teachers and students!

**HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED**

**FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS**

Helensvale Primary School will host a study tour for Japanese students from July 29th to August 6th. We are looking for families to billet the students for this period. The students will be from 10-13 years old.

Host families will be subsidised by $70 /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, please leave your contact details at the school office and we will arrange for someone to get in touch with you and discuss the program.
Thank you

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

The Sport’s Days have been postponed due to the wet weather and the grounds being too wet to compete on. Therefore the date of the Sport’s Days will be the first week back on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th of July.

We will be doing tuckshop for those students competing, a little different than normal. The Tuesday 9th July is the Senior sector sport’s day. Tuckshop will be done in House baskets again this year. We will have a basket for each year level from 5-7. That is Billabong, Coolibah, Gunyah and Woomera.

The Junior sector sport’s day is Wednesday 10th July. All classes will be having morning tea on the oval in their houses so we will be doing a house basket for each year level from Prep-4. Prep-2 will have big lunch back in their classrooms and 3 and 4’s will be down on the oval.

For these two days if your child is having tuckshop could you please also write their house (Billabong RED, Coolibah YELLOW, Gunyah BLUE, Woomera PURPLE) on the bag. This will also help when separating the baskets. We are also having a stall near the oval with donuts, drinks, chips, lollies, sandwiches and rolls: and will also be doing a sausage sizzle. All these things can be purchased straight from the stall with no bag needed.

The tuckshop will be running as normal for those classes who aren’t doing their sport’s day on that particular day.

We will need volunteers to help man our stall near the ovals on the two sport’s days, which are coming up in June. If you can help serve at the stall, over the two lunch breaks that would be great. During the events you are free to go and watch your child/ren participating in the events. It is a fun couple of days watching the kids participate in all sorts of events. Come and see me and put your name down on the roster for the break times, if you are able to help.

These are huge days to organise and manage so if you can help set up, serve over the break times, restock after the breaks or help pack up at the end of the day: your help would be appreciated. If you could help out on the day please come and let me know so we can organise a roster to make the day run smoothly.
With the holidays starting at the end of this week, remember if you do a running order on flexischools (an order that you a certain day every week); You will have to go back into flexischools and set this up again after the holidays. Flexischools wipes these orders on the last day of school so they are not being ordered and money taken from your account, over the holidays, when we are not here. So if you want these orders to continue, please remember to set it up again when school comes back. I will remind those who use flexischools about this before and after all the holidays.

Hope everyone has a great holiday and if you are travelling on the roads over the break, PLEASE be patient, take breaks while driving and enjoy your break. See you all after the holidays!

Happy holidays,

Tracy Wall

Tuckshop Convenor

**P & C News**

**NEXT P & C MEETING**

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24th July at the usual time of 7pm. We hope to see you all there

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Have you returned your unpurchased book?

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

This program has now closed and we need for everyone to return their stickers so they can be counted and sent off. Please hand in your stickers by either putting them in the box in the school office or the one located outside the tuckshop.

**COOK BOOKS**

Order forms have gone out, so please remember to fill them out and return as soon as possible to get your Cook Book ordered. We had some 140 recipes so it is going to be a great book. We hope everyone supports this fund raiser by purchasing a cookbook, the price is $18. Due to the large amount of art work we received for the front cover competition, we chose an additional number of pictures to be displayed throughout the book. This will be a great opportunity to see your child’s artwork and recipes in a book that will be a great gift

With the last day of this term approaching, we wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday.

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

P & C President

Community News

School Holiday Fun!
at the Animal Welfare League Qld!
BOOK NOW for the NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!
HURRY!! ONE DAY ONLY - TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2013 - SO BOOK EARLY!!

Animal Antics
School Holiday Activities Program

All New Activities for ages 6 - 10

More info?
Email education@awqlqld.com.au
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SAT 22 JUNE 13

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Pro-One Tennis - Multi Sports Holiday Camp

The Pro-One holiday program brings a unique holiday experience to children who wish to play sports while having fun. Kids aged 5-16 years old will enjoy a day full of activities such as tennis, soccer, football, netball, group activities…as well as swimming at the Sports Super Centre indoor pool!

It is also the perfect way for children to participate in new activities, meet new friends and enjoy their passion for sport.

Camp dates: Camp run during school holidays, Monday to Friday, full day 9am to 3pm, half day 9am to 12pm or 12pm to 3pm. Morning tea & lunch are provided.

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