Term 3 Week 1  11/7/2013

Principal’s Message

Welcome to Term 3

I trust all our families had a restful and relaxing holiday. Students certainly seem keen to be back with their classmates and teachers and ready for the work ahead of them. Some of our Term 3 activities include: Sports Days, District Sports, Gold Coast Eisteddfod, Father’s Day Stall, Year 6 Camp, and Year 3 Star Lab. So let the learning begin!

New families

This week we welcomed a number of new families to our school. Children have arrived from Russia, China and Canada and other Qld school from have settled in well to their new school environment following the warm welcome from students and staff.

Sports Days Update

Further to the Homelines Newsflash on Monday our sport days schedule have been revised with the Junior sports day now being held on Thursday. Both days are subject to the weather.

Senior Sports Day will be held on Tuesday July 16th July

Junior Sports Day will be held on Thursday July 18th July

Semester 1 Reporting of A-E
In line with Government policy, a list of the A-E Achievement Levels from Semester 1 Reporting for each year level will be available on our website from next week.

**Whole School Assembly Dates**

Assembly Dates for this term are being held on the **odd** weeks. The dates will be as follows:

- **Week 1:** Wednesday 10\(^{th}\) July
- **Week 3:** Wednesday 24\(^{th}\) July
- **Week 5:** Wednesday 7\(^{th}\) August  **NAIDOC Assembly**
- **Week 7:** Wednesday 21\(^{st}\) August
- **Week 9:** Wednesday 4\(^{th}\) September
- **Week 11:** Wednesday 18\(^{th}\) September

**NAIDOC Week:** This week NAIDOC Week is being celebrated across Australia. Our school will be acknowledging NAIDOC on a special assembly in Week 5. NAIDOC is not just a significant time for our indigenous people; it is a time for all Australians to reflect on the challenges faced by the original custodians of our land to gain recognition and the rights enjoyed by non-indigenous Australians.

The 1963 Yirrkala Bark Petitions set the stage for future cultural, legal and constitutional recognition and rights for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Below is a brief overview of the background to this fight for recognition in 1963.

Today indigenous members of our school joined me to host our new Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders flags kindly donated to our school by Federal Member for Fadden Mr Stuart Roberts.

The NAIDOC theme for 2013 is **“We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963”**. This year’s theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament.

In August 1963, the Yolngu people of Yirrkala in northeast Arnhem Land sent two bark petitions – framed by traditional ochre paintings of clan designs – to the Australian House of Representatives.
The petitions protested the Commonwealth’s granting of mining rights on land excised from Arnhem Land reserve and sought the recognition by the Australian Parliament of the Yolngu peoples’ traditional rights and ownership of their lands.

Asserting title to Yolngu country under Yolngu law, the petitions were the first traditional documents recognised by the Commonwealth Parliament and helped to shape the nation’s acknowledgment of Aboriginal people and their land rights. We value the foresight, strength and determination of the Yolngu people whose Bark Petitions set into motion a long process of legislative and constitutional reforms for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

While appealing for the recognition of Yolngu rights to land, the Bark Petitions were a catalyst in advancing changes to the Constitution in the 1967 referendum, the statutory acknowledgment of Aboriginal land rights by the Commonwealth in 1976, and the overturning of the obstacle of the concept of terra nullius by the High Court in the Mabo Case in 1992 that recognised the traditional rights of the Meriam people to their islands in the eastern Torres Strait.

Today, we look to a future that better understands and celebrates the unique connection that Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander’s share to country, as we continue to build an Australia that reflects the achievements and furthers the aspirations of our people.

Further information is available at http://www.naidoc.org.au/

Great teachers = Great results

As covered in the media in recent times, the Great teachers = Great results, is an initiative by the Newman Government to improve education outcomes across Queensland. The information below has been made available to parents from The Minister for Education - The honourable JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP Minister for Education, Training and Employment.

Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better.

It will:

- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live.
There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.

Find out more about the plan: [www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers](http://www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers)
With the start of a new financial year it’s time to start thinking about whether your family is eligible for an Education Tax Refund. The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children.

If you are eligible, you can get back up to $410.00 for each primary student and up to $820.00 for each secondary student.

Refunds can be claimed on a range of school items including computer equipment and textbooks. From 1 July this year, the Education Tax Refund will be extended to include schools uniforms.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim. To check your eligibility and the full list of what can be claimed visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au) or phone 13 28 61.

**Thought of the Week:**

*Everyone’s travels through life, ends the same way, so you might as well enjoy the journey.*

Anonymous

**Fingers crossed for fine weather for sports days.**

Michael Shambrook

Principal

**Cyber Smart Sessions**

We welcomed back the students to term 3 with an important presentation on how to be Cyber Smart. So many of our students regularly access the Internet or use other online technologies like mobile phones. Unfortunately, along with the benefits of these types of communications there are also risks involved with being online. The Cyber Smart Safety Awareness Presentations highlighted some of the potential risks and taught the students how to recognise and deal with any issues.

Many thanks to the parents who came along to the Cyber Safety Information session on Monday night. Parents have an important role in helping their children navigate their time online safely. If you could not attend on Monday night and would like more information please visit [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

Helen Hartley

Acting Deputy Principal
From Prep, Years 1 and 2

LET’S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A ‘GREAT SCHOOL’ AN EVEN BETTER SCHOOL

One of the reasons that we are ‘a great school,’ is that we have a great staff, great parents, great students and great outcomes.
These outcomes revolve around ‘Quality Teaching and Learning’ which is based on High Expectations, High Standards and a vision of academic success for all students.

In short, quality learning and success occurs at our school for “EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY”

Please be assured that all staff are united behind this purpose but we cannot do it without your support.

So what are some of the things you as a parent can do?

- Ensure your child attends EVERY DAY.

Absence should only occur for illness, medical appointments etc. (Lessons build on previous learning.)

- Ensure your child arrives on time – 8.45am so they are ready to commence work at 9.00am.

(15 minutes late every day is 1 and a quarter hours of quality learning missed in a week.)

- Ensure your child is presented and ready for learning - has had breakfast, has had enough sleep the previous night, has done homework and has all the necessary books, pencils, glue etc.

When school and home work together we can gain the very best outcomes for your child.

Sheryle Croft
Deputy Principal

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.

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**

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**Helensvale State School AFL**

On Wednesday 19th June our school entered 3 girls’ teams and 1 boys’ team into the Gold Coast Suns Cup. Every player performed to the best of their ability and did themselves proud and were great ambassadors for Helensvale State School. Team photos of the teams are below:
Mr Powell with the Helensvale 2 Girls Team

Mrs Brannolte with the Helensvale 3 Girls Team
Mr Cacciola with the Helensvale 1 Girls Team

Helensvale Boys Team
HELENSVALE GIRLS 1 TEAM OVERALL CHAMPIONS!!

Our Helensvale 1 Girls Teams played exceptional footy, growing in confidence as the day went on. Their skills and team work were exceptional and this enabled the girls to win their division and then go onto to play in the Grand Final - which they won 46 points to 14! These girls will now go onto compete against the overall winner from the Darling Downs region and the Brisbane South Region. We wish them all the best!

A huge thank you goes to all the parents for their support - especially Mr Paul Zeinart who was the coach of the boy’s team. I would also like to thanks Mr Powell and Mrs Brannolte for their coaching. Most importantly thank you to all the wonderful superstars who played outstandingly all day long: the players! Well Done to all teams!

Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher

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**

Thank you to Sonya, our Monday volunteer, who has now got permanent work out in the workforce. Thank you for all your help over the last six months, Sonya and all the best in your new adventure.

If anyone has some spare time to help out on a Monday please come and see me. This is quite a busy day as we get all our orders in for the week and prep everything for the start of the week.

The Sport’s Days have been postponed due to the wet weather and the grounds being too wet to compete on. Therefore the NEW date of the Sport’s Days will be the next week on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th of July.

We will be doing tuckshop for those students competing, a little different than normal. The Tuesday 16th 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 Thursday 18th 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.

**HELP NEEDED**

We will need volunteers to help man our stall near the ovals on the two sport’s days, which are coming up in July. 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.
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 NOW. Flexischools wipes these orders on the last day of the school term, 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 for this term. I will remind those who use flexischools about this before and after all the holidays.

Tracy Wall

Tuckshop Convenor

**Uniform Shop News**

**HATS**

As you know, we have had trouble with fading with our first delivery of the reversible hats. Our supplier has agreed to credit us for the cost of every faulty hat that is returned to the Uniform Shop for exchange for a new hat. These are the hats that would’ve been purchased during the week prior to school going back in January, and the following two weeks..........and would be very faded by now!

**So please come in to the Uniform Shop and exchange that faded hat!**

If you can’t make it in to the shop, your child is welcome to come into the shop and change it themselves. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**RELIGION BOOKS**

The Semester 2 Religion Books have arrived! If you’ve paid for the religion books for the year, they will be delivered to your child’s classroom, named. If you’ve paid for Semester 1 only, don’t forget to purchase your child’s book from the Uniform Shop ASAP, as the classes recommence this Thursday. Year 2-6 $3.20, Year 7 $5.20.

Chris Jupe

Uniform Shop Convenor

**P & C News**

**P & C’S WHACKY WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday, 24th July, your P & C will be conducting a fun day called Whacky Wednesday. On this day, students will be allowed “Free Dress” for the cost of $2. This is in support of your P & C and the work it carries out for Helensvale State School. P & C’s have a very important purpose in raising funds to provide items and resources for students at school. Not only will students be able to wear free dress on this day, but every student who pays $2, will also get a raffle ticket with a chance to win some amazing prizes.
Each student will receive a ticket in the Gold Coast Community Art Union with the following prizes – 1st Prize $20,000 Harvey Norman Shopping Spree, 2nd Prize - $1,500 Harvey Norman Shopping Spree, 3rd Prize – Framed Gold Coast SUNS Guernsey signed by all players and 4 x Gold A tickets to a game, value of $1,500, 4th Prize - $1,000 weekend getaway to Sofitel Broadbeach which includes accommodation and dinner.

You are most welcome to purchase extra tickets, just put money and name you want on the tickets in an envelope and have your child hand in to the teacher in their class. We will be collecting from the classes and writing up all the tickets and issuing them out on Wednesday. You can also get extra tickets from the Teachers Window of the Tuckshop on Whacky Wednesday as well.

This day also falls during Canteen Week, when we will be celebrating our Tuckshop and the work it does. A special Meal Deal will be available on that day which we will advise of next week. So come on students and parents, get behind your P & C and support this day, wear some whacky free dress, maybe you have some striped knee high socks?

Students who have assembly on the 24th and have paid their $2 for free dress will not have to wear their checked uniform.

NEXT P & C MEETING

Please note the next meeting of the P & C will not be held on the usual 3rd Wednesday, but will be held on Wednesday, 24th July still at the usual time of 7pm. We hope to see you all there

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We are still waiting on some Entertainment books that were issued to students to be returned. It is very important that these books are either returned or you contact the P & C to advise us on what has happened to the book. All books must be accounted for so please assist us in this matter

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 went out last term but we are still taking orders, so please remember to fill them out and return as soon as possible to get your Cook Book ordered. More order forms are available at the Tuckshop. 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
SPORTS DAYS

We are looking for volunteers to help out on these days. We will be running both the usual Tuckshop facility as well as a stall down near the oval with sausage sizzle and goodies. It will be a very busy 2 days, so we sincerely ask parents to assist, even for just ½ hour in between watching your children would be valuable.

BUCKET HATS

If you purchased one of the new style bucket hats with the reversible house colour inside in the first two weeks of school, that is in late January or early February, we are asking that you return these to receive an exchange one. These would be Small or Extra Small sizes. It has been discovered that this batch of hats are fading and our supplier has agreed to exchange them BUT only if we get them all collected now and return them. We need these returned by Friday, 19th July to the Uniform shop so if you purchased one during the indicated period and size, now is the time to return it as once the faded ones are sent back, the manufacturer will not accept any more returns.

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

Leanne Watt
P & C President

Community News

Village Family Support Program is running ‘1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching’ parent course. The courses cover strategies and increases confidence of parents in managing children’s challenging behaviour, while teaching children to better manage their emotions and frustrations. Attached is the flyer with details of the program commencing Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings in JULY/AUG 2013, contact Nikki at Village Community Centre, located off Exit 62 for more information or to discuss your needs. Nikki, as Family Support Worker also offers individual support for those who need someone to talk to for information, advice or referral, including 1-1 parent courses, call between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday for an appointment.

Below is the link to the flyer on our website, for your information.


Nikki

Nikki Condon
Village Family Support Program
Village Community Services Inc.
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old is being held at Studio Village Community Centre at 87 Village Way Studio Village

on Wednesday Evening from 5:00pm to 7:15pm
Starting On 24 JULY 2013

OR

on Thursday Morning from 9:30am to 11:45am
Starting On 25 JULY 2013

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration Fee?
The course costs $15.00
Register for this course contacting Nikki Condon at Studio Village Community Centre on 07 5529 8253

Who's running it?
The trainer for this course is Nikki Condon who completed the Parentshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching on 10 May 2010. Studio Village Family Support Worker, Nikki has worked with families, children, young people including teen mums, and the community since the 1990’s with a special interest in building parents confidence to raise happy children.

For more information contact Nikki
phone: 5529 8253 email: family@studiovillage.com.au

Village Family Support Program is funded by the Department of Communities.

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au
Village Kids

Move with Song
MON: 9:15 - 10:15  18mths - 5yrs
Parent and Child program
Come and join us for one hour of active participation, to be shared by parents and children together.
We will be singing and moving along to favourite songs.
Discover ways for you and your child to be active together.
Bring a Healthy Snack

Village Kids Playgroup
WED: 10:15 - 11:45am  0 - 5 yrs
This playgroup is run by staff with activities for children aged 0 – 5 years of age.
Please bring a hat and morning tea.

Play & Learn
WED: 12 noon - 1:00pm  0 - 15 mths
Parent and Child program
Come and join us for one hour of meeting other new mums and getting some play ideas for your under 15 month old.
We will be singing and discovering ways for you and your child to be play & learn together.

Studio Village Community Centre
87 Village Way Studio Village

Family Support Worker or
facebook.com/studiovillage or
family@studiovillage.com.au
Call Nikki Condon
07 5529 8253
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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