Term 4 Week 1   10/10/2013

Principal’s Message

Term 4 Welcome

The final term of 2013 has commenced with a wide range of learning activities planned to maximise student learning in all areas. Included in the activities planned for this term are:

- HPE Tennis for years 1-7 – Weeks 2-3
- Whole School Assemblies – alternate weeks starting Week 1
- Sector Assemblies – alternate weeks starting Week 2
- Opening of new playgrounds - Week 1
- The Year 1-7 swimming program – Weeks 5-7
- Sports Photos – 22nd, 23rd October
- Prep Science 25th, 26th November
- School Discos – 27th November
- Prep Orientation Days TBA
- Election of New Student Leaders for 2014 - TBA
- P&C Meetings October 23rd & November 20th
- Swimming Carnival – Monday 9th December
- Year 7 Graduation – Monday 9th December
- Year 7 Graduation Disco - 10th December
- Individual school reports for Semester 2 - 11th December
• P-2 Christmas Concert & class breakup parties -11th December

• Last day of school – Friday 13th December

Staff Update

This term we have a few new faces around the school due to staff on leave. On behalf of the Helensvale community I welcome the following staff to our school.

• This term we welcome Mrs Rie Graham our new LOTE teacher who is returning to teaching following maternity leave. A warm welcome to Rie.

• Currently our DP, Kim Ona is on family leave until next week. Mrs Alison Martin is A/DP during this time. Mrs Martin is being replaced by Mr Joe Lewington.

• Mrs Jane Rheeder, Year 7, is on family leave until next Tuesday, replaced by Ms Stacey Pittman.

• Mrs Raelene Pettigrew on LSL until next Tuesday, replaced by Ms Lisa McLean.

Playground Update

On Tuesday at the start of the 1st break approximately 100 eager Year 1-2 students awaited for the brief opening ceremony before thoroughly testing the new playground. P&C President Mrs Watt officiated at the opening symbolised by the cutting of a pink ribbon. The children engaged with every section of the equipment testing their physical and mental skills as they climbed, slid and negotiated around the challenging layout. The planned shade sails for this area are ordered but have been delayed due to manufacturing challenges.

On Wednesday the fully completed, Year 3-4 playground, including a new shade cover was opened for student use. Again the new equipment was a big hit with the students.
Spring Clean / Grounds Improvements

Over the vacation, school staff completed a full spring clean of the school and renewed turf in a number of areas which had been well worn. Thank you to our cleaning staff for presenting on our return this week, a school with that fresh clean feel. The new artificial turf in the Year 1-2 playground, the high pressure cleaning of concrete pathways, completed by grounds officer Norm Brooker greatly assisted in making our school a pleasant place to learn. Well done team.

Teachers at School Camps

Our school camping program for 2013 has been successfully completed with many students continuing to share the experiences enjoyed or found challenging during the camp program. These experiences when shared with their teachers can create a special bond which can last for a lifetime.

The HSS camping program has three goals

1. To engage students in a wide range of learning experiences not available in the classroom.
2. To develop student self-confidence to live and work in groups/teams to achieve specific goals successfully.
3. To learn about how to personally manage the physical and mental challenges in a safe and supervised environment.

The opportunity for your child (ren) to achieve our camping program goals is only possible due to the generosity of class / specialist teachers who attend school camps each year.

In sections of our community there is an incorrect perception that school staff who attend camps are paid extra / or have time off for being responsible for your child (ren) 24 hrs / day during a school camp. The reality is that teachers are NOT paid any extra, do not have time off, do not have to attend school camps as part of their employment and are like you and me and have normal family lives, being parents, sports coaches, caring for
younger / older family members and transporting their children to work, school, sport etc. Teachers are normal people with real people responsibilities.

When a teacher chooses to attend a school camp they make a conscious decision to put their family commitments on hold for the days they will be away from home and often go to extraordinary lengths to ensure their family members / pets are being cared for while they are caring for your child, 24hrs / day. I understand that in our busy lives, that as a community we can easily overlook the reality teachers’ face in giving freely of their time to attend a school camp.

The aim of my comment is to highlight to our community that school camping programs are not a compulsory part of a teacher’s work and if all our teachers decided that they could not attend school camps the camping program would cease. If this was to occur I believe a very special part of a primary student’s schooling experience would be lost.

Teacher’s do not seek or expect any recognition for their personal commitment to school camps, even given the personal juggling of their family commitments but unfortunately they often do not even get a thank you for their commitment to providing interesting and real learning experiences for your child in school camps of up to five days duration.

The purpose of this discussion is to highlight the importance of our camping program in developing our student’s physical, organisational and mental skills, in a caring and supportive environment. School camps are staffed by teachers who go the extra mile to ensure that the camp experiences that you hold dear, from your school days, are not lost in a society where parent expectations of a broad range of learning experiences are not taken for granted. Our teachers have and will continue to attend camps for your children and not for any external reward.

In closing this discussion I ask you if you have thanked, acknowledged or sent an email to your child’s teacher for going the extra mile for your child’s learning experiences at school camps in 2013. I know many parents can tick the yes box while others may need to make a commitment to address this the next time they speak with their child’s teacher.

School Swimming Program

I remind parents that our Years 1-4 swimming program is part of the school’s HPE curriculum. It is expected that all students will attend the swimming program with the exception of students with a documented medical condition. As we live in an area of Australia, where water sports / activities are a significant part of our lives, the acquisition of water safety skills and actually being able to swim with a degree of proficiency which could save your child’s life, makes it a valuable experience.

Pupil Free Day

Families are reminded that Monday 21st October (Week 3) is a pupil free day when students do not attend school. Our school staff will be participating in a range of professional development activities, including reviewing the new ACARA national curriculum documents.
School Hats / School Uniform

As indicated in earlier newsletters, we are a uniform school which includes a school hat. Our school is a uniform school and while we have a high level of compliance by most students, a small minority do not present themselves in accordance with our uniform policy. The wearing of this Sun Smart hat will assist our school in complying with the Sun Smart School initiative.

Prep Enrolment

Following our Prep information sessions last term, we have enrolled approximately 90 Prep children for next year. It is clear many of our existing families with Prep-age children are yet to complete an enrolment form. If you have a Prep-aged child or know of a neighbour with a prep-aged child, please contact the office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

NAPLAN Reports

All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will this week be given their NAPLAN Report. Please check your child’s bag and keep this report safe, as this is the only copy of this report available.

2014 Classes

At this time of the year the school Leadership Team and teachers commence the process to form the 2014 class structures and combinations. To this end, we need to know exactly how many students we will have entering the 2014 school year. We would like to request that parents who are considering moving their child/ren to another school or out of the area in 2014, notify the school either by phone 55561333 or in writing (marked attention The Principal) so that students that will be at HSS in 2014 are included in our class structures.

It would be greatly appreciated if any changes to your child’s enrolment could be given to the office as soon as possible.

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FAMILY NAME: ………………………….. (please return to the Office)

My child/ren WILL NOT be returning to Helensvale State School for the 2014 School Year.

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Thought of the Week
“The more you read,
the more things you will know.
The more you know,
the more places you’ll go!”

Dr Seuss

MICHAEL SHAMBOOK
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.

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:

- Child/Childrens Name
- Child/childrens class
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence

School News Calendar

Tennis Program

Mon 14th Oct - 25th Oct
(During normal PE lessons)
Helensvale Tennis Courts
Permission notes to be returned ASAP - No cost involved

Yrs 1-7 Swimming Lessons
Mon 4th Nov - Fri 22nd Nov
Helensvale City Pool
Last Payment Date - 24th Oct

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Be Safe – Cross at the pedestrian crossings

**Teacher Vs Student Sporting Game**

Term 3’s Teacher V Student Soccer game was another thrilling encounter between the Champion line-up of Year 7 students and the Teacher’s All-star team. Under the testing conditions including the dry and dusty pitch and the 30+ degree temperatures, all players excelled showing off their skills and team work to contribute to another great game and continue this friendly student-teacher sporting rivalry! Thanks to all those students and staff who were involved in the playing and organising of this event.
A review of the Term 3 Sporting action

Here at Helensvale State School we have had an exciting action packed term of sports across all year levels. It's hard to imagine looking at the dry, brown oval now that we began the term with the oval being out of bounds and a delayed sports day due to the wet conditions! Successful Senior and Junior Sports days kicked off the term’s sports and gave every student a chance to compete, as well as launching some students onto bigger and better things competing at State level in Athletics. Every year 6/7 student has been participating in a Friday afternoon sporting program expanding their sporting knowledge and skill base. The Term 3 Student Vs Teacher Sporting game (soccer) was another highlight for players and spectators alike. The Health and Physical Education program has been productive and students have progressed and expanded their skills in the soccer and footy program we have offered. We have also welcomed many guests into our school to work with different year levels including Tennis Australia developing the year3/4 students, QLD Cricket assisting preps, year1 and year 2 with their game, NRL and Titans players working across all year levels and GC Suns exposing the year 6 students to not only AFL but the community and cultural aspects of sport. I would like to thank the students for their positive response to the sporting program offered at our school and am always happy to see the students participate to the best of their ability to further develop their skills, their passion and enjoyment for playing sport and being active.

Term 4 Swimming

The School swimming program will begin in Term 4, week 5 running on Monday, Wednesday and Friday over three weeks. This program is made available for the year1 -7 students. The year 4-7 students (and students born in 2004) will also have the opportunity to be involved in the school swimming carnival in the final week of term. Permission notes for swimming have been sent out in the last week of term 3 and for those students that were away they would have received their note this week.

Swimming is not just a “learn to swim program” for the younger students, but teaches water confidence and stroke development to advance already competent swimmers. In every area of the curriculum teachers differentiate to ensure learning is relevant to every student and the learning activities are pitched at a level which challenges the students. Swimming is just another area of the curriculum where we want to give every student the opportunity to improve and extend their learning. Many students can swim, and with some advice, coaching and expert knowledge students can become faster, stronger more confident swimmers.

As we live on the Gold Coast, Queensland, we have access to a range of water sports and swimming situations including beaches and pools.

Swimming is an integral part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum and the opportunity to access an accredited swimming program is important. A swimming program also raises awareness of the benefits and
enjoyment that swimming provides and encourages students to continue with swimming as a recreational activity. Swimming offers another form of physical fitness to build healthy bodies and address social concerns about childhood obesity.

The timing of our swimming program being at the end of the year is to minimise to impact of learning at other busy times of the year and to revise those important swimming and water safety skills for our summer months.

If you have any further questions regarding our swimming program please contact Mr Michael Cacciola (HPE Teacher).

Michael Cacciola

GRADUATION 2013
DATE CLAIMER

Monday December 9th 6pm
HSS Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

YMCA

Important Notices for the Coordinator: YMCA Helensvale OSHC

Term 4: **Pupil Free Day Monday 21st October**

Yes we are open, Please contact us if you require care.

**Our Good Deed Tree**

Here at YMCA Helensvale we are huge believers in recognising and rewarding children who are constantly and consistently exhibiting behaviours and virtues which deserve to be commended. Our Good Deeds tree which was artistically crafted and created by the students aims to publically represent our individuals who have showed qualities of helpfulness, friendship to peers or staff, honesty, good sportsmanship and listening skills. Just one fruit alone doesn’t make a tree it needs all numerous and diverse fruit to be a prospering and thriving “family”

We will harvest our tree each month.
The bigger children have completed Flag collage, and we now have three wonderful flags for our service wall, the Australian flag, Aboriginal, and the Torres Strait Islands. They look absolutely wonderful.

The children are getting very excited with Halloween crafts and activities and discussions about costumes and what they will be dressing up as for their scary night of celebrations.

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Gold Coast Water Polo

Friday Night Junior Competition
Boys & Girls
6pm - 7:30pm @ Miami Pool, Pizzey Park
Organised by Gold Coast Water Polo Association
Juniors: 12 to 15yrs - $10/season + pool entry
Flippa Ball: 7 to 11yrs - $30/season + pool entry
Season 2013/2014
11th October to 15th November 2013
31st January to 21st March 2014
If you have ever thought of playing water polo but didn’t know where to start, come along to our Friday night competition for a fun filled introduction to the game. Coaches are there to teach you the game and be a part of this great summer sport. All are welcome.
Contact: Steve Korn 0412 172 998

See our website for more information
www.goldcoastwaterpolo.com.au

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