From The Leadership Team

School News

From Years 1, 2, 3

Community News

From Years 4, 5, 6 and 7

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Term 3 Week 6 21/8/2014

Principal’s Message

Hit the Target,

Be at school by 8.45am

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAPLAN Test Results Released

This week the 2014 NAPLAN results were released across Australia. On Monday, all students who participated in the NAPLAN testing in May will receive their individual results. The information below from Channel 9 News provides a summary of the QLD’s results.

QUEENSLAND students have posted some of the best – and worst – NAPLAN results this year, but writing performance has declined nationally. Sunshine State students have again failed to record a statewide average, or mean scale score, above the national average in any of NAPLAN’S 20 categories.
The 2014 exams have been marred by the worst-ever student performance nationwide on the persuasive writing task, with ACARA acknowledging some Year 3s were confused by the prompt, which asked them to write about changing a rule or law to make it better.

Analysis by Queensland’s education department reveals Year 3 students recorded the best-ever average scores in reading, spelling, numeracy, punctuation and grammar, but the worst-ever result for writing.

Years 5 and 7 also posted the worst-ever writing score. Year 5 posted its best-ever average scores in spelling, numeracy, grammar and punctuation and Year 7 set record grades in reading, grammar and punctuation.

Schools, for the first time, were not advised on whether the writing task would be narrative or persuasive to try to stop coaching of students. The writing prompt, and schools not being advised for the first time on whether the task would be narrative or persuasive to try and put a stop to coaching students, have been raised by ACARA as potential reasons for why children performed worse on the task nationwide.

Queensland Education acting executive director Roland Simons said they weren’t blaming the tests but were instead looking at Queensland’s writing performance to see what went wrong.

Dr Simons said there were more high-performing students than ever before in Years 3 and 5, but there needed to be a continued focus on Years 7 and 9.

Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek said this year’s results were “better than we’ve seen in the last seven years of testing”.

Source: Channel Nine News

At Helensvale our results were an improvement on 2013 results in most areas.

Reading –Years 3-5&7 similar to National Result

Writing – Years 3 &7 similar to National Result

- Year 5 Below National Result

Spelling – Years 3-5&7 similar to National Result with the mean below for years 3&5

Punctuation & Grammar - Years 3-5&7 similar to National Result

Numeracy - Years 3-5&7 similar to National Result with the mean for Years 3&7 lower than National.

The results for our school are indicative that the strategies implemented over the last two years are having an impact on student performance.

Japanese Visitors Farewelled

The final Japanese school visit for 2014 was completed on Wednesday. The seven students from Beans English School were farewelled on the whole school assembly at the end of their seven day visit. I thank all our...
homestay families for making our visitors welcome and sharing their homes over the week visit. Our visitors greatly appreciated the effort our families took to visit Gold Coast landmarks and tourist destinations. I know that the Beams students and our previous school visitors have returned to Japan having enjoyed our Australian hospitality. Well done Helensvale.

Show Holiday Reminder

Families are reminded that Friday week August 29\textsuperscript{th} is a public holiday on the Gold Coast. The holiday is a gazetted holiday for the Gold Coast Show. Our school will be closed on this date.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 29 PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Thought of the Week

"When I say to a parent, "read to a child", I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate."

* Mem Fox

Michael Shambrook

Principal

News from the Deputies

From Ms Welch’s Desk

NAIDOC

I would like to thank all of the people who made NAIDOC a wonderful celebration last week. I would like to congratulate Vicki McCrae and our Bunburra Jajumms (Beach Children) who worked together to make it all run smoothly. Please see Vicki’s report.

Prep 2015 Information Session
On the 4th September 2014 we will be holding two information sessions for 2015 Prep Parents.

The first will be at 9:30am and the second at 5pm. The Principal and Deputy Principals will discuss our school and what to expect at Prep. The P&C and the YMCA Out of School Care will also join us.

Please pass this information onto any one who has a child who is ready to start school next year.

**Illness**

There has been a lot of illness in the school. Please remind students to wash hands, cover their mouth when coughing and to not be sharing food to help lessen the spread of illness.

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**From Mrs Donovan’s Desk**
From Mrs Ona’s Desk

Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition.
The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Even if we don’t take out top prize we have the chance to win a $10,000 as part of the People’s Choice award.

Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 18 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

From Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3

Prep A

Prep A have demonstrated fantastic ‘Gabby-Get-Along’ skills while role playing in our Puppet Show during our Inside Learning time this term. The students have been using a range of different puppets, including our ‘You Can Do It’ character finger puppets to assist them in engaging and interacting socially with their peers.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed this social and engaging learning experience. We sure have some very ‘Connie Confidence’ acting stars in the making!
News from 1A

Our Year One students have been learning how to write descriptions of characters from books. We have focussed on Pirates and have enjoyed many pirate stories. One of our favourites is the story of Pongo "The Pirate Who Wouldn't Wash". We also love the stories about Captain Pugwash and Cut Throat Jake. Last Friday we had a pirate dress-up day. There were some very creative costumes. We played pirate games such as Shark Attack and Pass the Cannonball.
In Science, we have been learning about living and non-living things. The students each planted their own bean plants and have learnt about how they need sunlight, water and food to survive. They have taken on the responsibility of looking after the bean plants (by watering them and putting them out in the sun) and have been
observing how they grow. We have been keeping a plant diary to record their growth each day. Here are some pictures of our bean plants at each stage of their development.

We went on a schoolyard safari to see what living things we could find in our school. The students really loved getting out and about and being little explorers.

We celebrated NAIDOC week last week and read lots of stories to learn about our Indigenous culture. The students created some beautiful artworks that represented Indigenous animals and symbols. Below are some pictures of the stories we read and the artworks that were created.
LUCKY DIP DONATIONS
NEEDED

Year 2F and 2G are running a Lucky Dip stall at the school fete in September and need donations of items to use such as:

- Small novelty toys
- Small novelty games
- Play jewellery
- Lollies/small bags and string (to make lolly bags)
- Wrapping paper and brown paper bags (for disguising lucky dip prizes)
- Items to decorate stall would be much appreciated (cardboard, brightly coloured buckets, balloons, 4 bright plastic disposable table cloths, crepe paper)

Please drop off any items to the year 2F and 2G classroom (T4 block) and we will put them in our storage container till September 13th.

Thank you 😊

Teach our children to be safe on the road –
cross at the crossings
From Years 4, 5, 6 and 7

2014 GOLD COAST LANGUAGE SPEECH COMPETITION

incorporating the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest

On Sunday 17th August, the Gold Coast Languages Speech Competition was held at the Gold Coast campus of Griffith University. 40 schools from the Gold Coast, Logan and Brisbane districts attended the competition. There were more than 300 students from Year 4 to 7 competing in the Japanese section.

I am very pleased to announce that Helena P (4E) won a 1st place medal in the Year 4 division and Adrianakun D (7C) won a 1st place medal in the Year 7 division.

The following students received a highly commended in their divisions:

Annalise L (4E), Teagan C (4E), Rhys A (4E)

Sophie T (5C), Charlie A (5D)

Sammy – Jo K (6B)

Jennifer S (7A)

Congratulations and well done to all who represented Helensvale State School at the competition.

Rie Graham – Japanese Teacher
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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**Jingerri Wallal Wahlu**

Greetings many you
Last week Helensvale Primary School celebrated NAIDOC. The week was filled with a variety of activities from dreamtime stories read to us by the Helensvale High School students to playing traditional games in PE. At the Assembly it was exciting to watch the Yugambeh Aboriginal Dancers and listen to our Bunburra Jajumms (Beach Children) sing the song they composed with Tom Busby a musician from the Bleach Festival. Grade 5 students enjoyed a chat with Jarod Harbrow a player from the Gold Coast Suns while the grade 6 and 7 students learnt some valuable information from Clinton Brewer a Local Kombumerri man. The artwork painted by the students is beautiful and is displayed in the PAC. Our SEP students worked together and created two pieces of art work that should be hung in the National Gallery. A special mention to 3F who did so much art we had to display it over 2 walls. A BIG THANK YOU goes to the grade 4 students who were so determined to do the Haiku firstly in English then had to translate in the Yugambeh language under enormous IT glitches. An example of this is below, thank you Hannah for all your hard work.

Our Eco Rangers are presently preparing a bush tucker garden which we hope to plant our first tree this week.

Say G’Day in Yugambeh Language: Baugull nyunga-i

Vicki McCrae

TUCKSHOP NEWS
We are in desperate need of volunteers to help in the tuckshop. A few of our regular ladies have gotten permanent paid work and are no longer able to help out. If you have a spare day to come and help out that would be fantastic. Even just coming in for the morning until morning tea time is a great help, too.

We have had to close another window at lunch time: as we just don't have the help to open them. With the warmer weather coming up, and the children needing a cold treat and drinks; it is a shame that this has to happen.

It is a shame that we are school community of over 800 families yet only four parents and two grandparents (who don't have children at the school anymore) can come and help.

It is quite easy work to be tuckshop helper. You will be re-stocking items which sell, processing tuckshop orders, filling the orders to send out and serving on the windows. It is fun work and we supply your lunch for the day as well as tea or coffee.

If you are new to school, it is a great way to meet other parents in our school community. If your child has anxiety issues, you can be close by for them and still give them their independence in the classroom.

Please let me know if you can help out as we would love to re-open that window again.

Tracy Wall

Tuckshop Convenor

Teach our children to be safe on the road –

cross at the crossings
SURFERS PARADISE NIPPERS

Taking new members NOW

INFORMATION AND SIGN ON

DATES

Sunday 24/8
Sunday 31/8
Sunday 14/9

Meeting at Nerang Pool (Martin St)
at 7am then back to the surf club
by 9.00am for surf swim at 9.30am.

Please bring printed Get Started
Vouchers to sign-on.
Family Membership $250
(2 adults + 2 children)

For more information contact
admin@surfersparadiseslsc.com.au
5531 5966

Find us on Surfing Paradise Nippers

FREE parking available!!
Surfing the Spectrum!

A four week well-being program for Parents and Carers of children with Autism / Aspergers

Program Dates:
Tues Aug 26
Tues Sep 2
Tues Sep 9
Tues Sep 16
10 am — 12 noon
Morning tea included!

Location
1/1414 Logan Road
Mt Gravatt East 4122

Caring for a child with ASD brings both joys & challenges. Carers Queensland is offering the opportunity for parents & carers to participate in a free 4 week well-being program that is designed to support you in your caring role.

Facilitated by Sam Vidler, Counsellor.

The Program

The program will include topics such as:

- Acknowledging your own expertise
- Juggling multiple roles: carer, therapist, advocate!
- Boundaries and communication
- Mindfulness

Participants have the option of follow-up individual counselling sessions.

Registration
To register your attendance or find out more, please contact Samantha: 3723 5001 or svidler@carersqld.asn.au
August is Dental Health Awareness Month

Dental Health Month aims to raise public awareness as around ¼ of Australians have untreated dental decay and only 39% of Australian adults visit the dentist for a yearly check up. As most dental diseases are completely preventable, we need to focus on early intervention and prevention to keep enjoying good oral health.

Let's keep our teeth for life, and help our children do the same!

Read more at www.dentalhealthweek.com.au

Gold Coast Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service

In the case of a dental emergency, telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre 1300 300 850

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding public holidays.
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 or Saturday Morning
5pm to 7:30pm 9:30am to noon
Starting On Starting On
30 JULY 2014 6 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

What people are saying?
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!
I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

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

SCNA’s Club Carnival is fast approaching and Divisions are filling up fast.
We are pleased to inform you that we have nominations for all division including mixed

Be fast and reserve your spot in our club carnival and get your nomination back to us asap

We look forward to seeing you here.
**NOMINATION FORM**  
NETTA / JUNIOR / SENIOR CLUB CARNIVAL  
SUNDAY 24TH August 2014

**Divisions:**  
Netta 8/9/10 yrs Juniors & Seniors 11/12/13/14/15/16/17 Open Age & Mixed

**Games Commence:** 8.00am sharp (Draws will be available from the Club Rooms after 7.30am or via our website)

**Venue:**  
166 Benowa Road Ashmore 4214

**Umpires:**  
Each team must supply a correctly attired Badged Umpire
(Umpires may not umpire their own team and may be required when their team is playing)

**Awards:**  
Winners and Runners-up awards will be presented (9 per team)

**Disputes:**  
Will be dealt with by SCNA Executive Committee

***** FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY *****

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**Nomination:** $50 per Team (including GST) Payment must accompany this form

**Name of Contact:**

**Ph No:**

**Email:**

**No. of Teams** @ $50 per Team =

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Closing Date:** Friday 18th August 2014

Payments may be made by direct deposit to  
SCNA Bendigo Bank  
BSB 633-108  Acc No 1428-06850  
Reference-Team name

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**Group Stepping Stones Triple P**
Triple P (Positive Parenting program) can help improve children’s development and behaviour, as well reduce stress for parents. Stepping Stones Triple P is an intensive course which covers a range of strategies which can help with parenting children with a disability. The course will be run over 5 group sessions and three individual phone-calls.

**Session Dates and Times**

11th September: 10:00 to 12:30
18th September: 10:00 to 12:30
9th October: 10:00 to 12:30
16th October: 10:00 to 12:00
23rd October: 10:00 to 12:00
3 X individual phone-calls
20th Nov: 10:00 to 12:00

**Cost:** Assist by answering questionnaires

If you are interested please register at

Enquiries Karyn Healy on 0457 523 266 or kheal12@eq.edu.au

In October, Soccer X will be running an 8 week Summer Soccer league at Carrarra Soccer Fields for U6’s – U11’s. For more information and online registrations please visit WWW.SOCCERX.COM. If you have any questions please call Justyn on 0451 162346.

Kind Regards

Justyn McKay

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