From The Leadership Team

Principal’s Message

NAPLAN News

Media Release from the Office of Minister for Education, Training and Employment, The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek

NAPLAN results are in for South East Queensland

Three South East Queensland schools were among the state’s strongest improvers in this year’s National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

Minister for Education, Training and Employment John-Paul Langbroek said Helensvale State School, Boonah State High School and St Michael’s College had been recognised as the region’s most improved schools in NAPLAN from 2012 to 2013.

“NAPLAN improvements are always a team effort and I congratulate the families, teachers, principals, feeder schools and school communities on being part of this wonderful achievement,” Mr Langbroek said.

“The literacy and numeracy of young Queenslanders is currently growing at a faster rate than the national average, and all schools have an important role to play in sustaining this level of improvement.

“Our aspiration is for Queensland to be among the top performing states in NAPLAN by the year 2020 and each year our improvements are taking us closer to achieving this goal.”
Mr Langbroek said Queensland students had posted some of their best NAPLAN results on record this year, with Year 5 students recording their strongest results.

“Year 5 students have been a standout this year, recording the state’s highest NAPLAN performance to date in reading, with more than 96 per cent achieving the national standard,” he said.

“Our Prep pioneers are now in their sixth year of school and their results in Year 5 show they’re reaping the rewards of that extra year of schooling and the reforms of the Newman Government.”

Mr Langbroek said that while the results were encouraging, the Newman Government was still aiming to lift the performance of all students.

“Schools will be analysing their results and developing new strategies to lift performance,” he said.

“To help with this, the Newman Government is investing $26 million in Getting the Basics Right – Literacy and Numeracy grants so that schools can tailor their early literacy and numeracy programs to the specific needs of students in Prep to Year 2.

“We are also providing $54 million over four years to provide a further 9,000 teacher aide hours in 600 Prep classes.

“The Newman Government is committed to providing a quality education for Queensland students and this starts with building strong foundations for literacy and numeracy in the early years.”

NAPLAN results for each school have been published today on the Queensland Studies Authority website – www.qsa.qld.edu.au. The national summary report is available at www.naplan.edu.au.

Holiday Message

Given the great weather we have experienced in recent times, the prospects for the next two weeks’ holiday period should enable our students and families the opportunity to enjoy a good time together. Again I trust all of our students will undertake their activities with their safety in mind and use their protective behaviours when away from their home environment. I hope our busy mums and dads can also enjoy quality time with their children at this great time of the year.

Reminder Public Holiday and Pupil Free Day next term

The first day of school after the school holidays will be TUESDAY 8th October as Monday 7th October is a public holiday in Qld for Labour Day.

The Pupil Free Day for Term 4 is not until Week 3, Monday 21st October.
Thought of the Week

“If you don't stand for something...you'll fall for anything.”

Anonymous

Michael Shambrook
Principal

Chaplaincy Review

Annual review of our Chaplaincy Services is an important process to regularly take stock of how the Chaplain and the Chaplaincy Service is going. This helps to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the school community.

Our school chaplain Mr Bradley provides pastoral care for the school community as well as Helensvale State High School and has been with us for a number of years.

At school Mr Bradley is an active member of the staff. He provides individual supports to those students who are referred to him as well as providing programs to support the ‘Well Being of Students’. Mr Bradley’s involvement with the students and staff can be seen visibly throughout the school. He participates in school excursions, camps, year 7 senior lounge supervision, sport activities, senior sector meeting on Fridays, SWAT committee.

The service the chaplain provides to our school community is important and valued. Each year we have seen an increase with students being referred to him by parents and teachers.

If you would like to provide any feedback please email admin@helensvaless.eq.edu.au

From Prep, Years 1 and 2

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

The Lolli-pop workers help us to cross the road safely

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

The 2013 school calendar can be downloaded at

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

Return to school  Tuesday 8th October

ASSEMBLY DATES

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

SECTOR ASSEMBLY PREP/2 YR3/4 YR5/6/7

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SECTOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Be Safe – Cross at the pedestrian crossings
Term 3 Inter House Sport Competition

Every Friday afternoon this term all year 6/7 students have been participating in an interhouse sporting competition. The students played eight different sports over this time and it was structured to promote physical fitness, healthy and friendly sporting rivalry set in a safe environment that catered for all sporting abilities, learning new skills and playing for the sheer enjoyment of sport! I would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and students for their assistance in contributing to the success of this sporting program. I would also like to thank Woolworths Store Manager Richard for donating the shield and McDonalds Siganto Dr for their support. The winning house will be announced at assembly in term 4. Thanks Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher
INTER SCHOOL SPORTS  YR6 & 7
In recent weeks we have had visits from The NRL staff, development officers and GC Titans players. Firstly I would like to thank the NRL staff for giving up their time and assisting in developing the skills of our students. I would also like to thank the students for their participation in the footy program that we have been doing in PE lessons this term. Some students were lucky enough to receive their own footy kindly donated by the NRL, so I look forward to seeing students practicing their skills and enjoying playing sport with their new footy! Thanks to NRL development staff Kathryn and Mike!

Michael Cacciola HPE Teacher

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**HELP NEEDED URGENTLY!**

We are needing helpers’ to come in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday's. If you can come in on any of these days for the whole day, just an hour (from 9:00am) to help process the baskets, or over the break times (11:00am-11:30am & 1.00pm-1:45pm) that would help a lot.

You would be helping to process the tuckshop bags, restocking items, loading orders into the bags for break times, serving on windows during breaks and washing up. We do supply your lunch for the day and you get to meet other parents in our school community. If you are new to the school it is a great way to meet others and you are close if your child needs you, while giving them independence. It also eases you back into the workforce and can be used as a stepping stone to work. It is rewarding work and you are helping the school community. If you can help, please come and see me!
Unfortunately if we don’t get some help on these days soon, we may have to close the windows at the lunch breaks. We really don’t want to do this, especially now the warmer weather is approaching, and the kids are wanting icy poles and cold drinks to rehydrate during play time. It is too hard to prepare orders for lunches and serve the windows with only two people to do all this. Something has to give and unfortunately we will have to close the windows during break times. So please consider coming and helping: especially if you use this service regularly.

For those people who do Flexi-Schools this is just a reminder that all orders will be wiped for the school holiday period: so if you do a running order for a particular day every week you will have to go back in and start your order again for that. You can go in near the end of the holiday period to start them again or during the first week of school. Remember that school goes back on Tuesday 8th October; due to Labour Day holiday.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have helped out over the last term. Without your help this service wouldn’t be as useful as it is. We hope a few more people will come and help for next term.

Hope you all have a great break over the holidays and if you are travelling over the break please travel safe and we hope to see you all next term.

**WEEKLY ROSTER**

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Tracy Wall.

Tuckshop Convenor.

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Community News

Have you missed sign on at other clubs and are you looking for a more relaxed family orientated club that encourages surf safety?

**Come Sign Up At Surfers**

Sunday 22nd Sept 2013

Pool Swim Proficiencies will be held at

Golden Door Health Spa Pool 7am to 9am

73 Seaworld Drive, Main Beach

Back to Surf Club by 9.15am

**Season starts Sunday 29th Sept at 7.30am**

Pool swims must be completed to participate in the 2013/14 season.
Car-Parking? No problem!

Several options available for Nipper Families

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