



Helensburgh Highlights

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Camp

Year 6 students attended Berry Sport and Recreation Camp from Monday, 12th November to Friday, 16th November. A big thank you to Mrs Murray, Mrs Redfern, Mr Vallejos and Mr Zvargulis who spent time away from their families to look after the Year 6 students, and ensured they had a memorable time with their friends.

Sport for 2019

Following discussion with teachers, there has been support to move to Wollongong North PSSA and South Coast School Sporting Association. Helensburgh PS has been included in the North Wollongong PSSA and South Coast SSA. This will come into effect in 2019. The proposal was raised at the last P&C meeting and was strongly supported. The main reasons for the change include the following:

- Less interruptions to key teaching and learning time for Friday mornings as North Wollongong PSSA conduct PSSA in the afternoons.
- There is a strong probability that Helensburgh sporting facilities will be used resulting in reduced travel time and cost. Parents and carers will be able to easily attend local games.
- More students will have the opportunity to participate in PSSA.
- Helensburgh Public School is already strongly aligned to local North Wollongong schools through events such as debating, public speaking and regular combined professional learning activities.
- Wollongong North PSSA's positive reputation for being organised, positive and inclusive.

PSSA sport will operate for 4 to 5 weeks in Term 2 and Term 4. In Term 3, students will participate in a sporting gala day. Helensburgh's change to the South Coast SSA will mean that zone and regional sport selection trials and athletics carnivals will be conducted in the South Coast area. Zone trials and athletics carnivals take place in the North Wollongong area, while the regional carnivals are located in: Dapto (swimming), Nowra (cross country) and Canberra (athletics). If you require more information, I am happy to speak to you or alternatively I will provide information at the next P&C meeting.

Prefect Elections

Congratulations to all of the prefect nominees who spoke on Tuesday, 20th November. I was very impressed with the quality of the speeches and pleased that we have so many Year 5 students with leadership skills. Well done to the following prefect nominees who delivered their speech: Riley, Taj, Oscar, Noah, Oliver, Joel, Daniel, Isaac, Dallas, Oliver, Aleisha, Stella, Charli-Anne, Amelia, Chelsea, Lucia, Sienna, Molly, Tahleigh, Brianna, Jemma and Georgia.

I announced the 2019 school prefects to all of the Year 5 nominees in the school hall last Thursday afternoon. I was pleased to see the level of maturity displayed in accepting the news by all of the students. Congratulations to the following 2019 prefects: Dallas T, Oscar L, Oliver W, Daniel S, Molly R, Brianna T and Tahleigh S. Since there was a tie for the sixth position, there will be seven school prefects. The boy and girl school captains will be announced at Presentation Day.

Parent Consultation Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the consultation meeting on school reports and the draft Student Welfare Policy on Tuesday, 20th November. If you were unable to make this meeting due to commitments, you can attend the P&C Meeting on Tuesday, 11th December where these topics will be covered in my principal's report.

Kindergarten Transition Meetings

On Thursday, 22nd November, we had our Kindergarten Parent Information Night which was well attended by parents and carers. Thank you to Mrs Badham and the Kindergarten teachers who have spent time organising such a successful Kindergarten Transition Program and information session. Any new Kindergarten enrolments are being accepted. Please contact the office.

Swim School

We are half way through the swimming school program, and I would like to thank Mrs Stillwell for her organisation and the teachers who assist each day. As Australians we spend a lot of time around the water, so it is very important that students are provided with basic swimming skills and knowledge of water safety and survival techniques.

Retirements

At the end of the year we will be farewelling: Jenny Stillwell, Stage 1 Assistant Principal; Narelle King, Jan Fuller and Sue Dowling (Classroom Teachers) along with Beverley Clarke, Office Staff and Helen Hardaker, Student Learning Support Officer. I would like to thank these members of staff for their dedication throughout their career and the positive contributions made to the students at Helensburgh Public School. They will be missed!

Welcome Jessica Gilmore!

Jessica Gilmore, from Figtree Heights Public School, has been selected as the Stage 1 Assistant Principal, pending a 10 day appeal period. Jessica is an outstanding teacher who has delivered whole school professional learning and helped build a positive school culture at her current school. She will commence at the beginning of 2019 and I look forward to her arrival.

Presentation Day

On Thursday, 6th December is the HPS annual Presentation Day, commencing at 9.30 am. The event will start with K-2 Class Awards with a short intermission at 10.15 am. The ceremony will recommence at 10.40 am with the presentation of 3-6 Class Awards and Major Awards, culminating in the announcement of School Captains for 2019. We anticipate the presentation will conclude at approximately 11.30 am.

Concerns about your Child

If you have a concern about your child, however small it may feel, please speak to your classroom teacher. As school principal, I would like to take a proactive approach in dealing with matters before they become a problem for your child. If the strategies that you and the classroom teacher have planned have not been successful in resolving the issue, please arrange a conversation with the stage supervisor or myself.

Ewen Neild
Principal

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Class in Focus - Possum

In response to making our school communication more engaging, each newsletter we will be having a class in focus. This week Year 1 Possum class has volunteered to showcase their learning.

Year 1 classes have been learning about amphibians, in particular, frogs! We have learnt so many fabulous facts about frogs. We even got to adopt our very own pet frogs that we found in our playground! All of Year 1 have been able to name their frogs and learn how to take care of them.

Possum class knows how to create a good environment for frogs to grow, as we have our own real life tadpoles in our class! We have watched them grow since they were frog spawn, and we can't wait for them to start to grow legs. We love writing about our class tadpoles. We feed our tadpoles boiled lettuce and algae. Possum class has been learning to write texts that inform, with a focus on super sentences. We love learning how to use simple, compound and even some complex sentences in our writing. Miss Blakey thinks we are super clever.

From Possum Class



ETHICS TEACHERS WANTED

Primary Ethics is looking for people who may like to volunteer as Ethics Teachers at Helensburgh Public School. Volunteers are urgently needed in order to keep all the classes for children from Kindergarten to Year 6 running. Ethics classes run on Wednesday afternoons at 1.45 pm and 2.30 pm and are discussion-based, with the Ethics Teacher using prescribed lesson plans specifically developed by Primary Ethics. They are designed to assist students in learning lifelong skills such as listening to each other's ideas, expressing their own opinion, thinking critically and making well-reasoned decisions.

Students discuss topics such as: imagining how others feel, how do we treat living things?, what is laziness?, how do we disagree in a respectful way? and fairness .

All training on how to deliver the classes, and access to materials to use each lesson, is provided by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the Ethics Program.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Trent Spencer at ethics.helensburgh@gmail.com

Thank you.
Mrs Cook
Scripture Co-ordinator

PARENT SURVEY

Helensburgh Public School is reviewing its Student Welfare policy and would value your feedback on current practices. Our behaviour expectations are: Be safe. Be respectful. Be a learner. Three students from each class receive Achievement Awards each week at a morning assembly. Achievement Awards focus on expected learner qualities. Please complete the survey by Monday 26th November 2018. The link to the survey is: <https://bit.ly/2D8neiJ>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
19-30 Nov	School Swimming & Water Safety Program
4th Dec	Government High Schools Orientation Day
6th Dec	End of Year Presentation Day 9.30 am
7th Dec	Last PSSA
11th Dec	K-6 Assembly 1.50 pm/P&C Meeting 7 pm
13th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
14th Dec	Reports Home
17th Dec	Kindergarten Meet the Teacher
18th Dec	Student Performances (Dance & Drama)
19th Dec	Last Day of School for Students
20th Dec	Staff Development Day



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BOOK CLEARANCE

Book sales have gone extremely well but we still have loads of books available. This Friday only, the SRC are having a book sellout. Books will cost just a ridiculous 50 cents each and there are still many amazing books to buy. When: Friday only. Before school and at lunchtime. Where: On Playground B silver chairs under the big tree. How Much: 50 cents per book
Don't Miss Out!

NUDE FOOD

The results for our Nude Food tally are recorded on the leader board below. Koala is still doing an amazing job with only 3 pieces of rubbish over 6 weeks! Well done everyone who has packed Nude Food and a special congratulations to 7 classes who all had zero rubbish in Week 6. This was the best week so far!

POSITION	CLASS	6 WEEK TOTAL RUBBISH COUNT
1st	Koala	3
2nd	Ruby	10
3rd	Kookaburra	13
4th	Opal	16
5th	Waratah	18
6th	Seahorse	21
7th	Magpie	22
8th	Goanna	25
9th	Emerald	27
10th	Wombat	29
11th	Dolphin	32
12th	Bowerbird	34
13th	Rosella	35
14th	Diamond	35
15th	Bilby	37
16th	Marlin	38
17th	Turtle	51
18th	Starfish	54
19th	Possum	62
20th	Gecko	99



Koala continues to make a phenomenal effort to bring Nude Food with Ruby sticking solidly to second place. Great improvement has been made by many classes this week who are all hot contenders for the most improved class award.

From the SRC

Helensburgh Public School Canteen is a not-for-profit service for HPS families run by HPS P&C

Prefect Nominees

Thank you to the prefect nominees who helped in the canteen last week while year 6 enjoyed their camp, I hope you enjoyed your experience in the canteen. Congratulations to all nominees and the elected 2019 prefects.

Volunteers – Thank you

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped out during the year. Your assistance and contribution to the canteen has been vital in seeing it operate as smoothly as possible and your time is greatly valued and appreciated. If there is anyone who would like to join our friendly group of volunteers for next year (Term 1) please do not hesitate to contact me at the canteen or fill in the canteen volunteer form on the school website – canteen page. For a few hours once a month you can make your child very happy and help us in the canteen – it's not hard and no experience is necessary. We have a good giggle and solve some of the world problems while making friends and food for our hungry children. I will be compiling the new roster over the coming weeks for first Term.

Presentation Day

Canteen will offer tea/coffee and a few sweet treats on Presentation Day—Thursday 6th December.

Online Ordering

To use the on-line ordering system please follow the prompts at www.school24.com.au the school number is 25340963. Online orders close off at 8:45am every morning.

Thank you for your continued support of the canteen

Melisa - Canteen Supervisor

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.



For our childrens safety, no peanuts/nut products, please!

A HOT TIP FOR CANTEEN ORDERS:

Order online and bring a container to the canteen in the morning labelled with your name and classroom.



SOME SNAPSHOTS OF YEAR 6 CAMP FUN



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WOLLONGONG COMMUNITY FORUM

On Wednesday, 5 December 2018, the Wollongong District Police would like to invite all residents of Wollongong and the surrounding areas to a community forum. The event will be held at 6pm at City Diggers, 82 Church Street, Wollongong.

There is no agenda for the forum as it is an opportunity for all members of the community to discuss any issues or concerns they have with the Commander and officers of Wollongong Police District.

There is no need to RSVP, it is an open invitation.

Senior Constable Paul MARRIOTT

Youth Liaison Officer - Wollongong Police District

Ph: 4226 7899 | Enet: 80791 | Fax 4226 7720

STANWELL PARK ARTS THEATRE

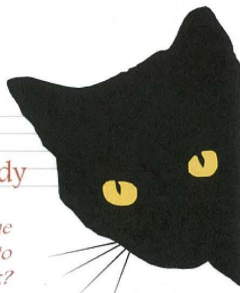
SPAT Annual Christmas Pantomime 'Liesl and the Lost Melody' is a family show being held in December. To promote the show, SPAT is holding a colouring-in competition for children. Entries are available at HPS office and need to be returned to the Office by 30 November 2018.



SPAT Panto Presents

Liesl
and the Lost Melody

Will our plucky heroine prevail against the evil Baroness and bring music back to Stanwell Park?



CWA Hall, Stanwell Park | \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession, \$55 Family

Friday 7 December at 7.30pm

Friday 14 December at 7.30pm

Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm

Saturday 15 December at 7.30pm

Sunday 9 December at 3.00pm

Sunday 16 December at 3.00pm

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FUN 4 U HELENSBURGH IS A BEFORE, AFTER SCHOOL AND VACATION CARE FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. IT IS LOCATED ON LUKIN STREET SIDE OF HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL. OUR HOURS IN SCHOOL TIME ARE 7AM-9AM AND 2:30PM-6:30PM, VACATION CARE HOURS ARE 7:30AM - 6PM.

Students from many local schools including Helensburgh public, Holy Cross, Otford and Stanwell Park attend Fun 4 u. Our team of friendly and caring staff supervise and take part in a variety of activities including outdoor games, indoor activities, art and crafts. In Vacation Care we have Incursions and Excursions including jumping castles, movies, Hangtime, Putt Putt and Science Experiments just to name a few. We also take and collect the children from extra-curricular activities that are on the Public School grounds such as Music lessons, Music Bus etc, with signed permission. ***Please note we are a privately ran centre separate to Helensburgh Public School.***



Enrolment Forms can be found on our Fun 4 U website www.fun4uhelensburgh.com.au/ Or can be picked up from Fun 4 U in our opening hours of 7am-9am and 2:30-6:30pm. PH: 0431099608 OR 0431199150. NB: FEES ARE BEFORE REBATE.



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The Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia
would like to invite

kids & teens aged 5-18
and their families to the New South Wales



2018 Christmas Toy Run

WEDDERBURN AIRPORT, SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER

- Δ Activities from 10am – 2pm
- Δ Meet local pilots
- Δ View unique aircraft (on the ground)
- Δ BBQ
- Δ Support local families in need this Christmas by making a donation or bringing an unwrapped toy for a less privileged child.

Donations will be provided to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Event Location:

Wedderburn Airstrip, 65 Lysaght Rd, Wedderburn

Places are strictly limited and tickets (free) will be allocated as RSVPs are received. To ask any questions or to RSVP please contact Michelle O'Hare
miche@fanden.com or ph: 0414 490 210

Tickets must be pre-booked and will not be available on the day. All youth must attend with a supervising adult.



Department of
Primary Industries



Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

- COST is \$40 PER CHILD**, and includes
- * rod and reel combination
 - * shirt * hat * tackle box
 - * show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Date
Gaden, Jindabyne

Fri-Sat 11th & 12th January 2019

Lake Illawarra,

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Greenwell Point

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Batemans Bay

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Merimbula

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Wednesday 16th January 2019

Tuesday 16th April 2019

Thursday 17th January 2019

Wednesday 17th April 2019

To book, e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190

Details on the web: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>
NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

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HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL THANKS THE WONDERFUL SPONSORS OF OUR 2018 SPOOKY CARNIVAL



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North Nowra NSW 2451



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Unit 3/2 Drummond St Wollongong NSW



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