



# Helensburgh Highlights

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This will be my last report as Principal at Helensburgh Public as I will be taking up a new position as Principal at Tamworth Public School at the start of 2018. I have really enjoyed my nine years at Helensburgh Public School and I believe our school to be one of the best in our area. I have had the privilege of working with many fine people over the years and have been touched by their dedication and commitment to the children of our town. The teaching, administration and support team at our school work together to produce well rounded and informed citizens who love learning and who take hold of every opportunity that comes their way. What more could you ask for? I will certainly miss everyone and the smiling happy faces of our students. I hope I've made a difference as your principal and I look forward to the next part of my career.

A new principal will be appointed during Term 1 2018. I would like to wish everyone a very safe, happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to hearing reports of the amazing students and staff of this terrific school.

**Chris Connor**  
Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

| Date     | Event                       |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| 12th Dec | Year 6 Farewell             |
| 13th Dec | Performance Group Concert   |
| 13th Dec | Mud Fun Year 3 & Green Team |
| 14th Dec | Burgh's Got Talent show     |
| 15th Dec | End of Term for Students    |
| 2018     |                             |
| 29th Jan | Pupil Free Day              |
| 30th Jan | Students return             |



Home Readers  
Please return all Home Readers by Tuesday, 12th December. Thank you.

Mrs Badham



This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.



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

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## NSW GOVERNMENT ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM

From January 2018, the NSW Government will provide \$100 through a voucher system for parents/guardians/carers to contribute to the cost of their children's participation in sport and active recreation. Visit the link below for more information.

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

## BAND NEWS



There have been quite a few expressions of interest that have come back regarding music next year, that is great! There are new band members, new guitar ensemble members and new private lesson requests.

If you have not yet sent your note back, please do so. The more notes I get back, the clearer my planning for next year can be.

If you need a new note, or are unsure of the instrument you would like to play, please come and see me. I can demonstrate all of the instruments and have extra notes available. Thanks, Mrs. Garvie. (If you have any questions, please feel free to email me [agarvie@aapt.net.au](mailto:agarvie@aapt.net.au)) Keep playing!

Alison Garvie (Mrs. Garvie) [agarvie@aapt.net.au](mailto:agarvie@aapt.net.au)  
02 4294 8172 0408 089 262

## ICAS Science Principal's Medallion



## CANTEEN NEWS



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

### Presentation Day

Wow what a fantastic day! Thank you to everyone who purchased goodies or ordered lunches on Presentation day. An enormous thank you goes out to the volunteers on the day Bronwyn C, Kinya D, Annette D, Leonie G, Laura B and Tammy P, an amazing job. Thank you. Thank you to Lee D and Bronwyn C who also volunteered time on Wednesday 6/12 who helped cater an SRC celebration for the school leadership team.

### Xmas Specials

We will be offering some yummy treats during the final week of school term to celebrate the end of the year festivities.

### Stock Levels

During the last week of term the canteen will begin to run down the stock levels to avoid storing food during the school holidays, every effort will be made to fulfil orders to the best of our ability but some items will be removed from sale or ordered items replaced with remaining stock as needed.

### Menu and Pricing

During the school holidays work will be undertaken on the current menu to accommodate some further changes to the new guidelines introduced by the Government. The continuing changes to the new policy will see this process continue over the course of 2018 as the guidelines and product selections are still a work in progress with the constantly changing goalposts. Every effort will be made to maintain suitable options and price points where possible. A new menu and price guide will be supplied to all students and placed on the website at the beginning of Term 1. Your patience and support with this process is appreciated.

### Prefects 2017

My sincere thanks and best wishes to all of the Prefects of 2017, your assistance in the canteen has been of great assistance, watching you all grow and mature during the year has been my absolute pleasure and I wish you and all of Year 6 2017 every success for your high school journey. Thank you and good luck

### 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 as are the friendships that have developed. I look forward to working with you again in 2018!

### P&C and School

My sincere thanks goes out to the P&C and HPS for your continued support and backing with the running of the canteen and uniform shop. The support and development of this service for our children is a credit to you all. Thank you

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
Melisa - Canteen Supervisor

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## P&C Working Bee Success

Thank you so much for coming along and helping the P&C tick off yet another wish list item for our children and the teachers. It was a beautiful sunny day and with the help of some keen kids and their parents, we got lots of work done. Keep an eye out in the highlights for a special thank you to some local businesses, one of whom doesn't even have kids at the school yet! We all enjoyed a fantastic morning tea of fresh fruit and snacks thanks to the president of the P & C. Photos of our work will be on the P&C Facebook page soon.

For those of you who couldn't make it this time, stay tuned for our next working bee in 2018.

### Things still on the list include

- \* repainting the infants play activities areas on the infant's playground
- \* repainting the handball courts on the senior's playground
- \* more gardening and tidy up around the beautiful green spaces of our school including the green space near the kindy classrooms, the south bank below bottom oval and the area behind the Year 6 class rooms

And of course, any new request that our kids pass on to their SRC reps, teachers and the P&C.

Thanks to the generosity of the families at Helensburgh Public School over the years and with the help of the P&C we have ensured the up keep and improvement of many areas at the school. Below are just some of these successful projects.

- \* The infant's playground equipment;
- \* The lower oval – fundraising for and installation of synthetic grass;
- \* Painted activity areas on the playground including handball courts;
- \* Ipads in the classrooms
- \* Interactive white boards
- \* Jelly bean tables;
- \* School camera;
- \* Financial assistance with students representing the school, region, and state in sporting and academic events;
- \* Updating canteen equipment including fridges and laptop;
- \* Home reading resources;
- \* Playground games and sporting equipment;
- \* Library reading resources annually.

Once again if you have any ideas, suggestions or comments please let us know. Your feedback and input are always welcome.

Thanks again.

Sonia Gregson  
P&C Secretary for  
Helensburgh Public School



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# SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP



22nd to 25th January 2018  
9am - 2pm Age 7 to 15 years  
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants



Download enrolment form from our website  
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Enrolments close  
15th December 2017  
unless maximum  
numbers are reached  
prior to closing date

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Email: [admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au](mailto:admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au)  
Website: [www.sutherland.basketball.net.au](http://www.sutherland.basketball.net.au)

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!**

## SURF LIFE SAVING ILLAWARRA

# RIDING THE WAVE

When  
Every Sunday morning  
19 November till 3 December 2017  
4 February till 25 February 2018

### Local clubs and times

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Shellharbour | 11:00 am - 12:00 noon |
| Bellambi     | 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm  |
| Woronora     | 11:00 am - 12:00 noon |
| Bulli        | 11:00 am - 12:00 noon |
| Coledale     | 10:30 am - 11:30 am   |
| Thirroul     | Time TBA              |

### Cost

\$25 incl. membership to club. Opportunities for fee support (please contact Amy at Surf Life Saving Illawarra).

### Enrolment closing date

Wednesday 1 November 2017



### Riding the Wave Surf Life Saving Illawarra

Families of children with disabilities are being encouraged to join in the fun of the beach and Surf Life Savings Nippers program through the Illawarra Branch's *Riding the Wave Nippers* program. This program provides the opportunity through the clubs for children of all abilities to participate in beach and water-based activities such as beach ball games, board surfing, ocean wading and beach sprints. **Get involved and have some fun!**

The *Riding the Wave* initiative is a joint program between Illawarra Surf Life Saving Clubs, Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch and the Office of Sport. *Riding the Wave* is a six-week program.

For further information and to enrol please contact Amy at Surf Life Saving Illawarra on:

Phone 02 4228 3884 or email [eo@slsillawarra.com.au](mailto:eo@slsillawarra.com.au)

### Riding the Wave provides:

- An opportunity for all to be a part of a Surf Living Saving Club
- An opportunity for participants to be involved in a non-competitive, flexible Nippers program
- An opportunity for participants to enjoy the beach and its surrounds in a safe manner
- An opportunity to have dedicated and trained water safety personnel deliver the program.



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 Dates

Lake Illawarra

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

To book: e-mail [stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or ring Stephen Thurstan, 0438 245 190  
Web details: <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



## HEATHCOTE WARATAH NETBALL CLUB

### REGISTER FOR 2018 SEASON

WANT TO JOIN OUR FUN AND FRIENDLY CLUB?



Online registration for current members will open on 1<sup>st</sup> January through to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 via MyNetball: [my.netball.com.au](http://my.netball.com.au)

### NEW PLAYERS AND NURSERY

New Players and Nursery must attend our Registration night on Monday, 29th January 2018 between 6pm-8pm at Club Heathcote

Uniforms can be purchased online via MyNetball and will be available to try on at Registration night

**Hope to see you there!**

### ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME FROM 5 YEARS AND UP



Heathcote Waratah Netball Club is the foundation Club of current Australian Samsung Diamonds player, April Brandley



If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact us:

Registrar: Lara Clark  
[registrar@hwnc.asn.au](mailto:registrar@hwnc.asn.au)  
Ph: 0423 664 715

Secretary: Tiana O'Hara  
[secretary@hwnc.asn.au](mailto:secretary@hwnc.asn.au)  
Ph: 0416 269 292



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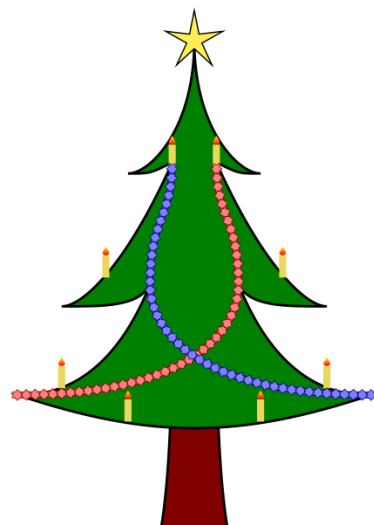
YOUTH GROUP NOW OPEN FOR YEARS 5 & 6

Fridays 5pm to 6.15pm  
 Hope Church 3/23 Cemetery Road

Snacks and drinks provided  
 Agenda: Games, music and new friends!

*The Young team believe in adventure, having fun & providing a safe and welcoming place that is free from bullying, where young people can develop a healthy self-esteem.*

Contact PJ: 0405 225 110  
 pjbedwell@gmail.com



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### SPAT Community Orchestra

The Northern Illawarra needs a community orchestra, so SPAT (Stanwell Park Arts Theatre) is forming one! We are now looking for wind, percussion and string musicians to help us turn this idea into a reality. The aim of this group is to get together for a few rehearsals and then perform at a semi-annual outdoor evening of music, a relaxed family event where the audience can sit on picnic blankets, eat and enjoy some lovely instrumental music. The evening will also allow time for a few featured performers to play. So dust off that old tuba or flute and come have a play! Performance date: Sunday, 4 February 2018 starting at 4pm  
Rehearsal Dates: •14 November •28 November •16 January •30 January •4 February morning Tech rehearsal  
Performance and rehearsal venue will be the CWA Hall and grounds Stanwell Park  
For any detailed music information please contact our Music Director Alison Garvie email : [agarvie@aapt.net.au](mailto:agarvie@aapt.net.au)  
Mobile/Text: 0408 089 262

### SPAT 43rd Annual Pantomime Miss Lily's Holiday House and the Stealing of Christmas

Performances Dates:  
Friday 15 Dec 7.30pm, Saturday 16 Dec 7.30pm, Sunday 17 Dec 2pm Doors open half an hour before the show starts  
Location: Stanwell Park CWA Hall, 15 The Drive, Stanwell Park. Cost: \$20 (adult), \$15 (concession) or \$55 (family - 2 adults and 3 children) Bookings: [www.spat.org.au](http://www.spat.org.au) Problems? Call SPAT on 0429 921 562

### Lions Club Wishing Tree

Once again we are asking for your generous donations of unwrapped Christmas gifts to be placed under the Wishing Tree in the Tradies foyer until 18 December. This is the loneliest season for some and to bring a little cheer to those individuals and families, we welcome any suitable gift including manchester, kitchen wares, gift cards (please leave in the box provided), toys, packaged food, etc. Your contribution, no matter how small, will help bring a little joy to others. Thank you.



**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**

**6PM ENTERTAINMENT 7.30PM CAROLS 9PM FIREWORKS  
BEHIND TRADIES HELENSBURGH**



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## City of Wollongong Giving Tree 2017

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A YOUNG CHILD'S CHRISTMAS!

The City of Wollongong Giving Tree supports two Wollongong agencies: St Vincent de Paul Society and Anglicare.

The Giving Tree Appeal plays an essential part in helping these agencies to make Christmas a special day for all children.

Unwrapped gifts or gift cards for children 0-16 years can be received until 18 December at:

- Council's Customer Service area & Council libraries
- Figtree Grove and Warrawong Plaza Customer Service Centre Desks
- iHub Visitors Information Centre
- ic Central (Bldg 230) Ground Floor Atrium, UOW Innovation Campus
- Novotel Northbeach
- Port Kembla Golf Club
- WAVE FM Warrawong
- Wests Illawarra
- Wollongong Central Customer Service Centre Desk (Level 1 Crown)

Alternatively, cash donations can be made through Wollongong City Council.

#### THANK YOU

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Giving Tree Appeal 2017



For further information phone 4227 7111 or email [events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas)



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