

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to everyone especially our students after the September/October holidays. I hope everyone is refreshed and ready for the last term of the school year.

ENROLMENTS 2018

Parents of new students starting Kindergarten in 2018 will have their first Orientation Day on Friday 20 October 2017. Parents who have not enrolled their child may still attend this day and finalise enrolment as soon as possible. If any parents know of families who have just moved in or are about to move into the area could you please encourage them to contact the school and organise enrolling their children in our fabulous public school.

SAFETY COMING TO SCHOOL

Parents are reminded to make sure their children are well versed in the road rules related to pedestrians. Students who ride their bikes to school MUST obey the road rules and can ride on the footpath. Students younger than 11 years of age MUST NOT ride to school without a responsible adult riding or walking with them on the footpath. Whether your child walks or rides a bike or scooter they MUST cross roads at designated pedestrian crossings. We want all our students to arrive safely at school. ZZ

SLEEP FOR CHILDREN



Parents would be aware of the great benefits to your child's health from a good night's sleep. Primary school age students should be having at least 10 -12 hours sleep per night.

Concentration, memory and behaviour are directly affected by the amount of sleep your child has each night. http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/ sleep and learning.html/context/757

A further US based article also outlines the importance sleep has on your child's growth, heart, weight, fighting off germs and reduction in injury risk.

http://www.parents.com/health/healthy-happy-kids/whyyour-kid-needs-sleep/

WALKATHON

The school biannual walkathon will be held on Thursday, 26 October. Sponsorship forms will be sent out soon. The theme is "Walk on the Wild Side". Money raised will be used to purchase funky classroom furniture, robots and rockets.

SCHOOL BAND

Our school band recently participated in a combined Illawarra band rehearsal here at Helensburgh Public School. Our band will be performing at the Illawarra Combined Music Festival at the University of Wollongong on Tuesday 24 October. This is a wonderful evening and I encourage all band member's parents to attend.

Important Dates to Remember Date Event

18th Oct 19th Oct	NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival Homebush NSW PSSA State Athletics CarnivalHomebush/ K-6 Assembly 1.50pm
20th Oct	Kindy Orientation/P&C School Disco
24th Oct	Band Instrumental Festival
25th Oct	Yr 4 Bike Day/Stage 1 Spelling Bee
26th Oct	Walkathon
2nd Nov	K-6 Assembly 1.50pm
13th Nov	Swim Scheme commences
24th Nov	Swim Scheme finishes
7th Dec	Presentation Day
12th Dec	Yr 6 Farewell
15th Dec	End of Term for students
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School Swimming & Water Safety Program Term 4

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program will take place at Helensburgh Swimming Pool from Monday 13th November to Friday 24th November 2017.

Students in Years 2 and 3 who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. It is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Students receive ten daily lessons of 45 minutes duration. The total cost of the scheme for students will be \$40. This includes transport by bus to and from the pool. This is excellent value for 10 consecutive lessons of 45 minutes duration. Please mark these dates in your diary. There are limited places available and it will be first in with the money and permission note who will receive a place in the swimming program. Permission notes were emailed to every Year 2 and Year 3 student today and a hard copy will be sent home this week.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Bowerbird Kookaburra Magpie Rosella Possum Goanna Koala Wombat Bilby Gecko Starfish Turtle Dolphin Seahorse Sapphire Diamond Emerald Ruby Opal Waratah

Cindy, Edie Hayley, Charlie Halina, Hamish Nate, Duncan Zali, Blake Zarah, Corey Nate, Sunny Eva, Taite Melody, Taylor Abi, Kaelan, Maui Toby, Will, Lily Rosie, Jake, Noah Alicia P, Leilani, Tahli Mason, Chelsea, Amelia Charlie, Molly, Hanna Kambel, Rachel, Brock Daniel, Lauren, Austin Myles, Jaz, Niina Harry, Abbie, Tyler Gabriel



News for Year 4 and 5 students:

Parents who are interested in applying for selective class placement for their child in Year 6, 2018 or Year 7, 2019 are advised that applications are now open.

Opportunity Classes for Year 5/6, 2018

Some primary schools across NSW offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for placement, students must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selectiveto high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5.

Selective High School for Year 7, 2019

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. To be considered for placement, students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to https://education.nsw.gov.au/ public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-

classes/year-7. Interested students will sit the test on 15th March, 2018. Please see Mrs Murray for details or for an information pack.



Stage 3 Electives:

Stage 3 – including Year 4 students of Sapphire class, will be participating in our electives lessons this term. We will start our electives this Wednesday (previously on Tuesday). Children in Stage 3 (and Year 4 Sapphires) will start the day with a History lesson for one hour then move to a Geography lesson in another classroom. After lunch, they will have a STEM class then another STEM or PE, Art or Music class. Then they return to their home classroom for the rest of the day. Year 6 students from Otford PS will be joining us for our electives program.

Mrs Sida initiated this High School transition program several years ago at HPS. It is very popular with the students and teachers. It is a "taste" of high school for the Stage 3 children and an effective way to demonstrate all the changes and movements they will be facing in Year 7.

High School News:

On Wednesday 25th October, the Year Co-ordinator, some teachers and the captains of Heathcote High School will be visiting Year 6 students and teachers. The high school teachers and captains will be addressing the students - to discuss what high school is like, a map of the school, expectations and related matters. Usually, the students will have a lot of questions to ask the Heathcote teachers and captains. Meanwhile, Mrs Murray and Mrs Redfern will be talking to the Year Co-ordinator and discussing the students enrolled to Heathcote HS for 2018. This is another important part of the transition to High School for our Year 6 students.

Year 6 Farewell

We will be holding another Year 6 Farewell meeting in Opal's classroom at 3.15pm on Thursday 26th October. Year 6 parents are warmly invited. If you can't attend the meeting, please don't be concerned - we will have many jobs and tasks that will need to be completed for the night! As always, please see Mrs Murray or Mrs Redfern with any queries. Many thanks

Louise Murray Stage 3 Assistant Principal (rel.)

ICAS Results – Mathematics 2017

Congratulations to the eighty-six students who participated in the ICAS Mathematics Exam.

Forty-nine students have been awarded Participation Certificates and these will be given out at a morning assembly this week.

Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction certificates will be presented at this week's assembly to the following students:

Year 2 - Phoenix, Jayni, Kobe, Ciaran, Murphy, Eden, Mia C, Evie

Year 3 - Cooper, Lily Ca, Chloe McN, Spencer, Vera, Alicia, Samantha, Joji, Elijah, Lily Cu, Annie, Ella

Year 4 – Alexander, Tim, Oliver, Jayden

Year 5 - Noah, Mackenzie M, Heath, NFP, Chloe Mcl, Kara, Asha, Billy, Braeden

Year 6 - Victoria, Maya, Mimi, Harry

Ms Hemingway

KTM Australian Junior Motocross Titles.

One of our students, Toby headed off to Horsham Victoria for the KTM Australian Junior Motorcross Championships. He was competing alongside the best kids in Australia and qualified 4th. After a week of racing he was placed 9th overall in Australia in his class of 65cc 7-9 years. He is very proud of his achievements, especially as it was his first championship.

Toby was representing NSW as part of the State Team and they were very excited to come away with the interstate win.

Toby has been training hard all year towards this race, riding and competing each weekend at many different tracks. Next year the titles are in Tasmania and he hopes to be representing NSW again and to use the experience he has gained this year, to improve his end result and to be on the podium. Congratulations Toby on a fantastic result.



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BAND NEWS

Calling all 2017 year 2-5 students, are you interested in being in the school band and/or guitar ensemble next year?

The 2018 school music program expression of interest forms are being sent to your teacher, and have been posted on the school web site. If you are keen to have a go playing a musical instrument, or to find out more about the program, please grab a form from your teacher. Making music is fun, and very good for many academic, social and developmental steps.

I can organise a demonstration of all the instruments for any children unsure of what they want to play. Please contact me at agarvie@aapt.net.au

Alison Garvie

Komplete Kaos Robot Club

Would you like to learn to code and to build robots? The Komplete Kaos robotics club teaches students how to program and construct robots using Lego Mindstorms. The club is open to primary school students in years 3 to 6. We meet Monday afternoons at Helensburgh Public School between 3:20 and 5:20. To find out more or come along for а three-week trial, send us an email at kompletekaosrobots@gmail.com.

Canteen News



Welcome back to Term 4

Menu changes

The majority of the menu for Term 4 remains the same as Term 3 with the addition of homemade Butter Chicken available to purchase everyday in the homemade section of the menu and a nut free trail mix has been added into the snack section. A copy of the Term 4 menu is attached to the highlights and is also available on the website.

Free Keyring

Following the success of the Sydney Markets campaign a free keyring will be offered to every child who purchases fresh or dried fruit at the canteen during the term while stocks last. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sydney Markets campaign, your entry forms have been forwarded to Sydney Markets to go into the major prize drawer, Good Luck.

Volunteers

Thank you to all of our returning volunteers, I look forward to seeing you all during the term, your contribution to the canteen and school community is greatly valued.

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 mornina.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melisa Canteen Supervisor

The University of Wollongong – Learning Labs

Little and Early Learning Labs are enrichment programs for high achieving students who are currently in Years 1 & 2 (Little Learning Labs) and 3 to 6 (Early Learning Labs) during 2017.

The UOW are offering two day and one day workshops. They are being held in January 2018.

There will be diverse and innovative workshops presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. Each workshop will be pitched at two years above their grade level. Therefore, workshops for students in Years 1 and 2 during 2017 will be pitched at a flexible Year 3 and 4 level. Years 3 and 4 during 2017 will be pitched at a flexible Year 5 and 6 level. Workshops for students currently in Year 5 and 6 will be pitched at a flexible Year 7 and 8 level.

The program costs \$160 for the two day workshops and \$85 for the one day 'Mini' Lab workshops. There will be sponsorship places for families who need financial assistance and for students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Please follow the instructions on the website on how to apply for sponsorships. Parents of the students who attend the program will be offered a free seminar with a Gifted and Talented consultant.

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply and the online application form, please go to: uow.info/ learninglabsyr1-6/. The application is an online form. Please make sure to read all the information so you are well informed of the process. In the past, the workshops have been fully booked so fill out the application form as soon as possible. Please note that only one workshop can be attended over the two days, so students must choose wisely. Please only select workshops that your child is excited to attend. Applications close on 7 November, 2017. If you are interested in your child attending one of the workshops for the first time, please contact Mrs Tipping about an accompanying letter from the school which is counted as supporting documentation.

EARLY LEARNING LABS

(YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2017) (YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2017) WHEN 9 and 10 January 2019 WHEN: 3 and 4 January 2018: OR

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1	TIME:	9:00am - 3:30pm	WHERE:	University of Wollongong	
			TIME:	9:00am - 2:00pm	
	FEE:	\$160	FEE:	\$150	
EADLY MINILLADS					

EARLY MINI-LABS (YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2017)

WHEN: 11 January, 2018 FEE: \$85

WHEN: 5 January, 2018 FEE: \$80

(YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2017)

LITTLE MINI-LABS

LITTLE LEARNING LABS







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: ·Commencing on Tuesday, 31 Oct ·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 Mobile/Text: 0408 089 262



SURF LIFE SAVING ILLAWARRA

RIDING гне WAVE



Every Sunday morning 19 November till 3 December 2017

clubs and times

Shellharbo
Bellambi
Woonona
Bulli
Coledale
Thirroul

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm 11:00 am - 12:00 noon 11:00 am - 12:00 noon 10:30 am - 11:30 am Time TBA

Cost

for fee support (please contact Amy at Surf Live Saving Illawarra).

Enrolment closing date



Riding the Wave Surf Live 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 O2 4228 3884 or email 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.



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TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH

Have you ever considered inviting an exchange student into your home? WEP is looking for Australian families to join their , community of volunteer host families!

Treat your family to an intercultural experience like no other by hosting an exchange student from overseas. Share a piece of your heart and your backyard and support a young person make his/her dream of living and studying in Australia come

If you have a room to spare and an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from taking a leap of faith or doing the things you never thought you would.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES HELENSBURGH VIEW CLUB

Helensburgh View Club are going to see THE WIZARD OF OZ on Saturday matinee on 27 January 2018. We go by bus and come home at the end of the show. For more information please call Chris on 4294 1103.

Lions' Country Fair - Saturday, 28 October

Join us in Charles Harper Park from 8am for fun, food and entertainment! Enjoy carnival rides with Coleman's, delicious food from a range of eateries and then shop among our 50+ stalls for whatever you need, whatever takes your fancy. Don't forget to visit our community stalls to see how you can give back to your community - visit the Lions' tent, we'd love to talk to you. Buy a raffle ticket, bid on an auction item; kids can pick up a Fair Passport, have a go at the guessing competition and much more! The day ends at 3pm after enjoying all day entertainment, with local Darren Coggan from 2pm. Don't miss this great family day out

Registrations Are Open Helensburgh Cricket

With cricket season 2017/18 approaching fast, registrations have opened online through www.helensburghcc.nsw.cricket.com.au! Registration is quick and easy. Playing options are available for all ages from u5 through to u16, Saturday mornings for all, and girls only Sunday mornings. Jump online and join the fun of Australia's favourite summer sport.

SPAT's production of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of being Earnest".

Dates: Friday 13th, Saturday 14th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st October 2017 Times: 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm

Location: Stanwell Park CWA Hall, 15 The Drive, Stanwell Park. Cost: \$20 (adult) or \$15 (concession) Bookings: www.spat.org.au Due to the high level of interest in this show, we encourage you to book early.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER:

Once again, we are delighted to partner with 16 Feet Café Stanwell Park who are offering a Pre-Theatre Dinner for SPAT patrons for the Friday performances only. Dinner will be served at 6pm. Book your SPAT tickets online and show your ticket at 16 Feet to receive an 10% discount on the food component of your meal. When you make a booking with 16 Feet, please mention that you are attending the show. You can check out the 16 Feet menu on their Facebook page. Phone: 4294 1425



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