



Helensburgh Highlights

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT WALKATHON

On Thursday 26 October 2017, our school held its bi-annual Walkathon to raise funds for specific projects that will enhance student learning. This year our students and staff dressed to the theme "Walk on the Wild Side". The weather held off for the day and with great parent support at various checkpoints and water stations our students walked with determination and purpose around the boundaries of our school. Now that the Walkathon has been completed we would ask that parents assist students with the collection of their sponsorship/donation monies and return them to school as soon as possible. This year the students are raising money for funky furniture, robots and rockets.

ILLAWARRA COMBINED PUBLIC SCHOOLS INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL



Last Tuesday evening, 24 October 2017, I attended the Public Schools Instrumental Festival at the University of Wollongong. I was amazed at the talent on display from across our area with bands and instrumental groups from Helensburgh to Oak Flats entertaining the large audience of parents and music lovers. Our band participated in the combined band items and also presented two individual items. I want to thank the parents of our band members for their ongoing commitment to their child's musical education and their support for Mrs Garvie and her leadership of our school band. I want to also thank Mrs Parkinson for her dedication to the organisation and smooth running of the school band. Our band program is going from strength to strength.



SCHOOL DISCO

I want to express my thanks to our amazing P&C who ran the school disco on Friday 20 October 2017, in the school hall. Our students and staff who attended had a fantastic time in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. It is great working with such a committed and fun loving group of parents. And the kids had a great time too.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Parents are invited to our Remembrance Day Ceremony to be held on Friday 10 November commencing at 10:45 am. Part of this ceremony will be the collection of a soil sample for the ANZAC Memorial Centenary Project. Soil samples are being collected from across the state to form part of an installation in the newly refurbished Sydney War memorial in Hyde Park. This special artwork will hold soil samples from all the areas/localities men enlisted for the First World War. Our school is very honoured to participate in this amazing project. Representatives from the RSL will be in attendance on the day.

ENROLMENTS 2018

Parents of new students starting Kindergarten in 2018 had their first Orientation Day on Friday 20 October 2017. The next Orientation Day is on Thursday 2 November at 12pm. Children who are not yet enrolled may still attend this day, however enrolments must be finalised 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.

Chris Connor
Principal

Important Dates to Remember



Date	Event
2nd Nov	Kinder Orientation/K-6 Assembly 1.50pm
6th Nov	Yr 5 Prefect Campaigning Starts
9th Nov	kinder Orientation
10th Nov	Remembrance Day
13th Nov	Swim Scheme commences
14th Nov	P&C Meeting 7pm
16th Nov	K-6 Assembly 1.50pm
20th Nov	Year 6 Camp
23rd Nov	Year 5 Speeches
24th Nov	Swim Scheme finishes
28th Nov	Prefect Election
30th Nov	K-6 Assembly Principal Awards
7th Dec	Presentation Day
12th Dec	Yr 6 Farewell
15th Dec	End of Term for students

CHANGES TO PRESENTATION DAY 2017

Each year our school reviews its special events to see how we can improve the organisation, level of importance and relevance to our Strategic Direction of Partnerships and Community. To this end, and to also shorten the length of Presentation Day, some of the school certificate winners have been incorporated into fortnightly K-6 assembly times. If your child is an award recipient in any of these items, you are most welcome to attend the assembly to see them receive their award.

Parents will be advised in the Highlights if their child will be receiving a certificate.

Assembly in Week 6, 16 November - presentation of certificates for SRC, Debating, Public Speaking, Spelling Bee, Environment Team, and Library Monitors.

Assembly in Week 8, 30 November - presentation of certificates for Band, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Tournament of Minds, and Principals Awards as usual.

All major award winners for these groups will still be presented on Presentation Day. If there are any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Bowerbird	Finn, Hayden
Kookaburra	Pippa, Finn
Magpie	Carter, Amily
Rosella	Demi, Harry
Possum	Halle, Cameron
Goanna	Thomas, Billy
Koala	Mollie, Logan
Wombat	Claire, Jeremy
Bilby	Mia S, Adelle
Gecko	Phoenix, Zade, Casey
Starfish	Charlotte, Darcy, Eva-Lee
Turtle	Eva H, Kai, Yannick
Dolphin	Elijah, Spencer, Toby
Seahorse	Jemma, Stella, Eleanor
Sapphire	Callum, Lara, Billy
Diamond	Kaylee, Sam, Keeley
Emerald	Jarvis, Mackenzie, Taj
Ruby	Xavier, Kiara, Ava
Opal	Sunny, Laila, Leah
Waratah	Tyson

Stage 3 News

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.

High School News:

On Wednesday 25th October, Heathcote High School visited Year 6 students and teachers. Then, on Thursday 26th October Bulli High School visited. All Year 6 students are now enrolled and ready to start our transition programs to High School. Our elective lessons on Wednesday is an important process in our transition programs.

Year 6 Camp:

All Year 6 parents are reminded that camp is fast approaching on Monday 20th November to Wednesday 22nd November. All money and forms need to be finalised this week.

Many thanks
Louise Murray
Stage 3 Assistant Principal (rel.)

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 to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

Many thanks
Louise Murray
Stage 3 Assistant Principal (rel.)



Library News

Students have had a wonderful year of borrowing in the Library. As the school year comes to a close it is necessary to cease borrowing and ensure all books are returned to the library.

All library books must be returned in week 9 by Friday 8th December (or before) and library borrowing for students will cease in week 8 (week beginning 27th November) to ensure that all books are ready for stocktaking.

Parent Helpers Required

Helensburgh Public School Library will be holding the stocktake of resources in weeks 9 and 10. (Monday 4th December until Tuesday 12th December.)

If there are any parents/ grandparents/ friends who would like to assist with the re-shelving and maintenance of books in the Library, this would be greatly appreciated.

You are welcome to help for just an hour or longer if you would like to. Please contact Mrs Carter in the Library or via the school office if you are available to assist in any way,

Many thanks
Mrs Carter.



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.

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.

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. Places are filling fast so if you would like to have your child participate please send the permission notes and money to school or pay online this week.

Mrs Stillwell



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) Keep playing!

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

Canteen News



HELENSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT SERVICE FOR HPS FAMILIES RUN BY HPS P&C

Halloween Treats

Canteen will have a few special Halloween treats available on Tuesday 31 October prices will start from 20c

PSSA Players

If your child plays PSSA sport on Friday and has a lunch order can you please ensure their lunch bag or online order is marked PSSA, this helps us to make sure that the kids food is kept onsite and is still warm/cold when they return to school after their game.

Cookbook Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the P&C Cookbook competition:

Winner Title – Samantha – Dolphin
Winner Cover Art – Maya – Wombat
Runner Up Tag Line – Maya

Winners and runners up received a wonderful prize pack.

P&C Facebook Page

Don't forget to like the HPS P&C Facebook page so you can keep up to date with what's going on with your P&C and also our canteen page on the school website to see what is coming up in the canteen. Thank you to Miss Blakey for all of your work on the school website and facebook page and to our dedicated P&C for your contribution to our school community.

Volunteer Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of our Term 3 volunteer raffle Sally H. Thank you for your assistance in canteen. Enjoy your prize.

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 3 TO 6 DURING 2017)

WHEN: 9 and 10 January, 2018
WHERE: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm
FEE: \$160

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

WHEN: 11 January, 2018
FEE: \$85

LITTLE LEARNING LABS (YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2017)

WHEN: 3 and 4 January, 2018; OR
2 and 3 January, 2018- '3D for Little Labbers'
WHERE: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE: \$150

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

WHEN: 5 January, 2018
FEE: \$80

Choir Fundraiser

The Choir will be holding a fundraiser on Friday 10th November. It will be \$1 ice-block day. Ice-blocks will be available to purchase from the canteen for \$1. The Choir members will be selling ice-blocks during lunch time from the canteen window. Thanks for your support.

Mrs Geldart
Choir Teacher





Helensburgh Public School
2018 Kindergarten Orientation Day
Morning Tea Date



Thursday 2nd November 12.00 - 1.15pm

We would like to welcome our new parents and assist them with the transition to school, by having a morning tea in the library on Thursday 2nd November whilst their children are in the classrooms. We would like to ask our current kindergarten parents to bake some yummy homemade treats for the incoming 2018 kindergarten parents.

We would also love to have some current kindergarten parents serving morning tea and talking with our new parents about all those little incidental things that are so very important when you begin school. If you can help in any way, please return the form below to your child's teacher.

Young siblings are most welcome and toys will be provided to keep your little ones entertained while you help out.

Kindergarten Teachers and Helensburgh P&C Association

Kindergarten Orientation Morning Tea

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Email: _____

Thursday 2nd November (Please tick)

I can help serve/setup on the day

Or

I can help with baking

Contact samantha.neillpandc@gmail.com





Sydney FC joins

Illawarra Sports High School

INFORMATION NIGHT:

Open to all students currently in years 6-9 for enrollment in 2018.

The Sydney FC Football school program will help develop young players of all levels. The program will have two tiers, Elite and Development, with all players having access to:

- Quality training sessions at school during school hours
Access to sessions run by an 'A-Licence' accredited Sydney FC Academy coach, or Football South Coast staff coaches
Access to combined Sydney FC Talent ID and development days
Visits to Sydney FC First team training sessions and home matches



Monday 30th October 6pm - 7pm

Football South Coast Offices, The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St, Fairy Meadow



Registrations are essential. Contact Illawarra Sports High School: (02) 4271 1099

Smith's Hill High School Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500



EXPO NIGHT Monday 30th October, 2017 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.

Applications for Year 7 2019 close on November 13th 2017

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2019. Year 6 students who have sat the entrance test for 2018 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and curriculum.

The school canteen will be open from 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.. Light refreshments including tea and coffee will be available to purchase. Our P&C will also be providing a BBQ sausage sizzle.

Burgh's Got Talent

Auditions for "Burgh's Got Talent" (for students in years 2-6) will begin during lunchtimes starting from Week 6. So, start practising your dances, songs, magic tricks etc! Students and groups who are selected, will perform at the whole school "Burgh's Got Talent" show on Thursday, 14/12/2017. It will be from 12.15pm until recess. The successful performers will also be required to have a dress rehearsal on a date to be advised. A detailed note will go home closer to the performance.

The students will be informed of their audition date and need to be organised and ready. They do not require costumes to audition, but they need to have their music. Please make sure that your child is confident enough to perform in front of the whole school. Their item needs to be completed and reasonably polished for their audition. I will leave a red box on the counter of our school office for students to leave their permission notes in each morning. If you have any questions, please direct them to me. Not to their classroom teacher or the office staff, please. The date for permission notes to be returned is 17/11/2017.

Please remember, that this concert is a fun, non-competitive annual event. We all look forward to it! Encourage your child to be respectful and inclusive if they are auditioning as part of a group. I am looking forward to another wonderful show. From Mrs M. Tipping

Burgh's got Talent

My child _____ in _____ class would like to participate in Burgh's Got Talent 2017.

He/she will be performing by him/herself or with _____ as part of a group.

Parent/guardian signature. _____

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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

Like Drama? Come along to the

DRAMA LLAMAS BURGH DRAMA CAMP

Helensburgh Community Hall
Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 December
9 am to 3pm. Cost \$180

Holiday fun for primary aged students. Taught by experienced Drama teacher. Space is limited! Go to:

facebook.com/burghdrama for details

This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.



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

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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.

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 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
Mobile/Text: 0408 089 262

Connect with your Neighbours

If you are fortunate enough to live with a sense of community, where you know the people who live near you, share experiences and help one another, then you'll probably agree, your life is richer for it. The Street by Street project is seeking community minded people to turn streets into communities in your area, through simple social activities. We'll support you to do this. Contact Irene Oppen at irene@streetbystreet.org.au or 0413 706 233. See www.streetbystreet.org.au for more info.



**Picnic
in the park**

**FOR 2018 SCHOOL
STARTERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES!**

FREE entertainment and giveaways
for all 2018 school starters.
Join in the fun while finding out
more about starting school!

Sunday 5 November, 10am-12pm
@ MacCabe Park (southern end)
Cnr Church & Ellen Street, Wollongong

www.transitiontoschool.com.au
f/billybackpack

For more information contact:
Transition to School Officer on 4283 9943
or transitiontoschool@bigfatmile.com.au Children & Family Services Coordinator,
Wollongong City Council on 4227 7158



Heathcote High School Presents
Peter Pan and Wendy

Friday 1 December 2017
7:00pm
&
Saturday 2 December 2017
7.00 pm

Tickets \$15 adult, \$10 child/student, \$40 family
(two adults and up to three children under age of 15).

A comedy/adventure by Doug Rand
from the novel by J. M. Barrie
Directed by Bernadette Coppock
with permission from Playscripts Inc



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Joint Agency Foster Care Information Session

4 November 2017

Who should attend an information session?

- Anyone who is interested in becoming a foster carer
- Anyone who is interested in supporting a child or young person

Why should I attend an information session?

- It's a great opportunity to ask questions
 - Learn about different agencies
 - Access further information
 - Hear from current carers
 - Meet agency staff
 - No obligation

10am - 12pm

Dapto Ribbonwood Centre,
Princes Highway Dapto

You are welcome to come along on the day or
RSVP to illawarrarecruitment@outlook.com

Complete Kaos Robot Club

Would you like to learn to code and to build robots? The Complete 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 a three-week trial, send us an email at kompletekaosrobots@gmail.com.



JUNIOR SUMMER SOCCER

OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS

Its time to register your team for Summer Soccer in our U7 TO U15 Competitions
Games are held on Mondays, 4pm—7pm and run from October through to March
Email burghjuniorsummersoccer@gmail.com for team registrations forms and details.
Places are limited so don't miss out. Register your team today!

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SURF LIFE SAVING ILLAWARRA

RIDING THE WAVE



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 SurfLifeSavingIllawarra.com.au

Phone 02 4228 3884 or email eo@slsillawarra.com.au

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
Woonona	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 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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