

# Helensburgh Highlights

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Remembrance Day 2017

I would like to acknowledge the support of the Helensburgh RSL Sub-Branch for our school Remembrance Day Ceremony and the supply of poppies for all our students and staff. This year the school participated in the ANZAC Memorial Centenary Project by providing a soil sample from our school grounds. These soil samples will be featured in a special installation as part of the refurbishment of the Anzac Callested from all over NSW. Sydney. Samples are being collected from all over NSW and will be a beautiful and fitting tribute to those who enlisted for the Great War from across the state.

#### Learn to Swim

Each year our school offers a very affordable learn-to-swim program for students in Years 2 and 3. The program is aimed at students who cannot swim 25m. Parents would be aware that it is vitally important for all children to be confident in the water but more importantly to be able to save themselves if they find themselves in deep water. Our learn-to-swim program targets these students and provides parents with a low cost option to private lessons. Our program is not for confident swimmers but for those who need to learn to swim. This year our numbers were limited and places filled very quickly.

### **Lost Property**

Parents are reminded about putting their child's name on all belongings and clothing. Labelled items can easily be returned to students. If you have given your child an item that once belonged to a previous student of the school it is important to change the name on the item to improve the chances of its swift return to the present owner.

The school is presently finalising classes for 2018 and places in certain grades are limited. I would encourage any families who have not enrolled to do so as soon as possible. I know of families who are purchasing a new home or moving into Helensburgh over the holidays. These families need to let the school know as soon as possible of their intention to enrol in the new year. If there are any families who know their circumstances may change in the new year it would be very helpful to advise the school of this change.

# **Prefect Elections**

Our Year 5 prefect nominees are presently involved in campaigning for election. Their posters and mini speeches have provided a good introduction to the school student voters. On Thursday, 23 November 2017, the formal Prefect speeches will be held in the school hall. Prefect elections will be held on Tuesday, 28 November. I wish all the candidates well in their campaigns and election and I know we will have a fine body of school leaders for 2018.

### **Achievement Certificates Presentation**

Certificates of Achievement will be presented at this week's K-6 Assembly for Library Monitors, Debating, Public Speaking, Semester 2 Dance Troup, SRC, Eisteddfod performers, Spelling Bee and Environment along with Achievement Awards. Achievement Awards. Parents are welcome to attend. Awardees names are listed in this Highlights edition.

# Kindergarten 2018

Kindergarten 2018 have had all their Orientation Days. A Parent Information Evening will be held at school on Wednesday, 22 November at 6.30 pm. All prospective Kindergarten 2018 families are welcome to attend. 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** 14th Nov P&C Meeting 7pm

16th Nov K-6 Assembly 1.50pm

20th Nov Year 6 Camp

22nd Nov Parent Information Evening (Kinder 2018)

23rd Nov Year 5 Prefect Nominee Speeches

Swim Scheme finishes 24th Nov 28th Nov **Prefect Elections** 

30th Nov K-6 Assembly Principal Awards

7th Dec Presentation Day

Meet Your Class Morning (Kinder 2018) 11th Dec

12th Dec Year 6 Farewell

14th Dec Burgh's Got Talent show 15th Dec End of Term for Students

#### 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 three-week trial. send us an kompletekaosrobots@gmail.com.

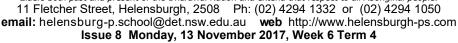
> This school is a peanut/nut aware environment.



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

We would like to Acknowledge the Wodi Wodi people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land on which our school stands upon. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Dharawal Nation and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people.

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# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Jozal, Liana Bowerbird Mason, Owen Kookaburra Eli. Aidan Magpie Rosella Nelson, Ila Possum Lottie, Tilly Liana, William Goanna Koala Lucy, Logan Tilly, Nicholas Wombat Bilby Clio, Lily

Ashlie, Toby, Matilda Gecko Siahn, Jaymee, Harry Starfish Turtle Tracie, Tari, Kade Charli, Lucia, Oscar Dolphin Seahorse Tasha, Patrick, Layne Sapphire Lucius, Noah, Jesse Isabel, Ashalyn, Aidan Diamond Emerald Brody L, Jade, Grace Kiara, Kyah, Kye Ruby Opal Keira, Ruby, Estelle

Waratah Dallas

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program starts today, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, at Helensburgh Swimming Pool and will continue daily until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Swimmers are to wear school uniform to school and bring a swimming bag, separate from their school bag, to take to the pool. All belongings should be labelled with the student's name. Fingers crossed for warm weather for the next 2 weeks!

Mrs Stillwell

The SRC Send the Gift of Light

Last week several SRC members gladly gave up their lunch time to put together 15 solar light kits purchased from the \$375 raised from Term 3 second hand book sales.

Our SRC elected to make a difference with other children and communities in areas throughout the world that live in energy poverty. The solar lights are ready to be sent to SolarLights.org who will distribute them, giving the gift of light to some people in need and helping to end energy poverty one child and one community at a time.

Thank you to our SRC and all those who assisted with book donations, purchases and sales.

Mrs Thomson SRC Co-ordinator



# 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-opportunityclasses/year-7.

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

# **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/selectivehigh-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5.

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

# **Library News**

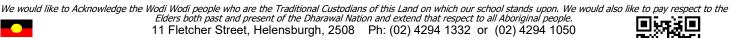
# Parent Helpers Required

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



# Certificates of Achievement

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Zali	Debating	Opal
Shaylee	Debating	Opal
Eoin	Debating	Opal
Tamberlyn	Debating	Ruby
Harry	Debating	Opal
Myles	Debating	Ruby

Murphy	Public Speaking Stage 1	Wombat
Oliver	Public Speaking Stage 2	Sapphire
Charlotte	Public Speaking Stage 3	Opal

Chloe	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Dolphin
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Ruby	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Starfish
Siahn	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Starfish
Tahli	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Dolphin
Charlotte	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Starfish
Holley	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Seahorse
Alivia	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Emerald
Amy	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Diamond
Tahli	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Diamond
Charley	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Emerald
Ruby	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Opal
Makayla	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Opal
Zali	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Opal
Chanel	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Emerald
Leilani	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Emerald
Kirra	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Emerald
Mia	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Emerald
Pheobe	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Sapphire
Jade	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Emerald
Bella-Rose	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Ruby
Estelle	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Opal
Ava	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Ruby
Ella	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Opal
Lucy	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Opal
Leah	Participation Semester 2 Dance	Opal

Murphy	Student Representative Council	Wombat
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Annie	Student Representative Council	Gecko
Logan	Student Representative Council	Starfish
Summer	Student Representative Council	Turtle
Noah	Student Representative Council	Dolphin
Amelia	Student Representative Council	Seahorse
Aiden	Student Representative Council	Sapphire
Tahli	Student Representative Council	Diamond
Alivia	Student Representative Council	Emerald
Dash	Student Representative Council	Ruby
Mimi	Student Representative Council	Opal
Dylan	Student Representative Council	Waratah

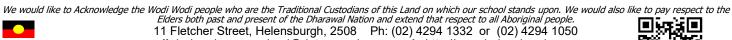
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Tilly	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Wombat
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Claire	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Wombat
Harrison	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Gecko
Chelsey	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Starfish
Diesel	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Eva	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Emily	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Noah	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Adam	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Yannick	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Joji	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Eva	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Kai	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Tom	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Harry	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Starfish
Cooper	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Vera	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Alicia	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Lily	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Chloe	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Lily	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Leilani	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Kade	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Turtle
Clarence	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Noah	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Oliver	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Bailey	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Riley	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Daniel	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Dolphin
Oliver	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Sapphire
Tim	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Sapphire
Charlie	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Sapphire
Kaylee	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Diamond
Keeley	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Diamond
Tyson	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Waratah
Nelli	Contribution to Environmental Programs	Sapphire
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Kirra	Participation Eisteddfod	Emerald
Abigail	Participation Eisteddfod	Gecko
Lucy	Participation Eisteddfod	Opal
Leah	Participation Eisteddfod	Opal

Luke	Premier's Spelling Bee	Turtle
Sienna	Premier's Spelling Bee	Waratah
Jasmine	Premier's Spelling Bee	Opal
Smirithi	Premier's Spelling Bee	Ruby
Nicholas	Premier's Spelling Bee	Wombat
Jayni	Premier's Spelling Bee	Wombat







# **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

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# Stage 3 News



# 2018 Prefect Elections

Year 5 students recently nominated children for our 2018 Prefects. Those children all excitedly accepted their nominations and have now submitted an election poster. This commenced the process of their election campaign. Six or 7 children each day will quickly introduce themselves and their campaign slogan. They will all introduce themselves to the primary morning assembly and then the Year 2 children in the infants COLA. The campaign will run for two weeks and then they will give their election speech to Years 2 – 5 in the school hall on Thursday, 23 November 2017. Their election speeches are for Years 2 – 5 children as they are the children to vote in the elections on Wednesday, 29 November 2017.

Our proud 2018 prefect nominees are:

Alivia Aidan Dean Maddison Billy Jarvis Kaylee Tyé **Brodie** Rachel Jacob Kambel Noah Kirra Jacob Oscar Aidan Freya Skylah Jamison Chanel Maja Leilani Riley Grace Nicola Jade Mackenzie M Mackenzie W

Congratulations to all our nominees for 2018 and good luck in your election campaign.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students will attend their annual school camp next week: Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd November. The children are all excited and looking forward to the wonderful activities, challenges and times that we will share. Year 6 parents please note that all forms, money and the on-line medical registration should all be completed now. If anything is outstanding, please see Mrs Murray or Mrs Redfern.

Louise Murray AP Stage 3 (rel.)

### **SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to two of our students, Jozal and Daniel, who recently competed in the 2nd of the State School Mini Series for Fencing. Both Jozal and Daniel were awarded Bronze medals in their respective age groups. Jozal was also awarded a Silver medal in the second competition.

Well done to Jozal who is ranked second in NSW in the Under 7 girls Foil at only 5 years of age! Jozal is the youngest Foil fencer in the rankings in NSW. Well done also to Daniel who is currently ranked 6th in NSW in the Under 11 boys Foil.

Helensburgh Public School is very proud of the achievements of these students.



# Mrs Thomson Calls for Donations to the Convoy

Illawarra's charity event, Convoy, is on Sunday, 19 November.

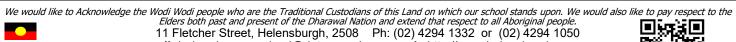
This year I am riding in the Convoy with my daughter and husband. I am taking donations to give to Convoy on behalf of Helensburgh Public School. If you would like to contribute, you can send your donation to school labelled "Convoy Donation". It is a wonderful local cause and donations are greatly appreciated.

This year the money raised goes into the Illawarra Community Foundation with funds going to Camp Quality and other eligible charities for children in the region.

You can also join the Convoy or come to the massive Family Fun Day at the Croome Road Sporting Complex in Albion Park where there will be food, rides and live entertainment, including Australia's Free Style Motorcross Riders!

Thank You. Mrs Thomson







9am - 2pm Age 7 to 15 years T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants



Enrolments close 15th December 2017 umbers are reache

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland

Phone: (02) 9542-1999

Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!

#### SURF LIFE SAVING ILLAWARRA

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#### Riding the Wave Surf Live Saving Illawarra

Families of children with disabilities are being encouraged to join in the fun of the beach and Life Savings Nippers program through the Illa Branch's *Riding the Wave* Nippers program. Ti 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, occarding the control of the control ading and beach sprints. Get involved and have some

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.

Amy at Surf Life Saving Illawarra o

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

#### Riding the Wave provides:

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









# **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 childto participate in Burgh's Got Talent 2017.	inin	class would like
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

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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







# 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 <a href="www.helensburghcc.nsw.cricket.com.au">www.helensburghcc.nsw.cricket.com.au</a>!
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.

Christmas Twilight Markets @ Sunrise Nursery — Thursday, 7 December

Commencing at 4.30 pm the Christmas Twilight Markets is the perfect opportunity to carpool and shop for that special Christmas gift - it may even be for yourself! Candles and clothes, trinkets and toys - it's all there to choose from. At the same time, you can forget about cooking dinner by enjoying a Rural Fire Service BBQ or Otford Public School curry. Sunrise Nursery and Lime Leaf Café will also be open for trading. If you are a stall holder, contact Gina at twilightgiving@gmail.com for an application form. All staff fees go to charity, so it's a win for everyone!!

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 Opper at irene@streetbystreet.org.au or 0413 706 233. See www.streetbystreet.org.au for more info.



