Principal’s Message
As we come to the end of a busy and exciting Term 3 make I take the opportunity to thank Mr Harris, Mr Knobel and Mrs Gomes for relieving in my medical absence. On my return it has been exciting to hear about the wonderful 20th Anniversary Celebrations and fabulous school fete. Students return 7th October for the beginning of a wonderful term 4.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Our records currently indicate there are many siblings who have not completed their enrolment. It is vitally important that students enrol so they may have the opportunity to attend our transition to school program through our Kindergarten Orientation held each Thursday from Week 3 to Week 7 of next term.

Book Week
Thank you to Mrs Dengate for the wonderful organisation of our “Book Week” celebrations for this week. Our author visit was highly successful with students highly engaged in the presentation. We held a wonderful book parade yesterday and I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents who prepared costumes and to those who shared the parade at our school.

NAPLAN
Last week students from Year 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results. The school is currently addressing a whole school evaluation process to analyse individual and whole school results. Parent Teacher interviews have also been held where individual student results have been discussed. Our School Learning Support Team continues to use these results and school based assessment to direct support in areas of need.

Spelling Bee Junior Regional Finals
Congratulations to Jared R and Bella M for their attendance at the Spelling Bee Junior Regional Finals held on Monday. Well Done!

National Terrorism Public Alert Level
We have received the following notification today.

“Similar to other countries around the world, Australia’s National Terrorism Public Alert System Level has been raised from Medium to High. The increase in alert level does not relate to a specific threat, rather it is a timely reminder for the need to exercise vigilance. This is a proactive measure so we can continue to go about our daily routines. The NSW Government response to the alert level increase aims to ensure a safe living and working environment for us all. Risk management is already part of our daily plans so this is a reminder to schools to ensure they have their risk management plans up to date and in place. Schools on excursion may see an increase in security in some popular locations particularly in and around the CBD. This is to ensure the community feel safe and not due any specific threat. It is advised that schools allow extra time to get into some location as the additional security may slow the admission process down. This is particularly relevant at airports.

Please remember any travel arrangements should be in accordance with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade advice and do not hesitate to contact the Work Health and Safety Directorate for advice and support on these issues.
Below are some practical habits that we should already be implementing as we go about our work. Here is a reminder:

- Make sure that you ask visitors to the school to sign in through the appropriate process
- Visitors must wear an authorised visitor ID. All staff should politely ask anyone they do not know and who is not displaying a visitor ID, to identify themselves and state who they are visiting
- Staff must ensure that no other staff members or visitors tailgate work floor entry doors
- All staff are to familiarise themselves with the emergency response procedures in your school
- If you come across suspicious unattended property advise your principal and call Police on 000”

Yours sincerely

Dr Michele Bruniges AM
SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES
18 September 2014

Selective schools
are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here:  

Payment Policy
Organisation of school events is a complex one and we require payment three days prior an event to enable the organisation of over 450 students which includes
- booking of buses
- organisation of staff attending
- program design for students not attending
- completion of risk assessment eg swimming bands/water activities etc.
- first aid/medication medical plans
- risk assessment plans for venue and travel
- establishment of class rolls

I encourage you to read our school website and newsletter regarding payment due dates to avoid disappointment.

School Drop OFF Zone

The Drop Off and Pick Up Zone at St Helens Park Public School is set up on Kellerman Drive. This stretch of road outside the school on Kellerman is a No Parking zone during the school day in the school term.

At 9.10am and 3.10pm this zone is where your child/children can be dropped off safely in the morning and picked up safely in the afternoon (no roads to cross). The DOZO also helps keep traffic moving safely around the school. The zone is supported by the school and run by staff in the afternoon an Executive Teacher also assists in the afternoon.

You don't have to get out of your car BUT you may be asked in the afternoon to drive around the block if your child is not waiting and traffic is building up. If you are asked to do this please remember a few extra minutes of your time will keep children and families safe as they exit the school. Your young child/children are helped into the car and assisted by staff in the afternoon.

Drop off zones are restricted to a time limit before cars are expected to lap and return. Waiting excessive amounts of time causes the zone to back up and cars double parking causing dangerous situations around schools. These offences carry a fine and point demerit by police.

Thank You
Sue Sessions Principal
BE AT SCHOOL - ON TIME WEEK ! ! !

Monday 15th September – Friday 19th September.

WHY:
To encourage students to arrive on time so classes are not disrupted by late arrivals and students do not miss any important messages or valuable learning time.

WHAT:
Students who arrive on time each day and have a 95% Attendance Rate for Term 4 2014 will receive a Special Attendance Merit Award at the end of the year.

Let's work together to help our students develop Positive Attendance Habits that will benefit them when they enter the work force.

Thankyou for your participation in this new incentive.

Mrs A. Kelly

University of NSW ENGLISH Test Results
We have recently received our test results for the students that entered the University of NSW ENGLISH Test. The following students did a fantastic job in achieving these pleasing results.

Participation Awards
Year 3
Ella Fisher
Bella Montgomery

Year 5
Megan Chandhara
Temeka Chidgey Page

Year 6
Chloe Williams

Merit Award
Yr 5 - Ocean Beaver
Yr 5 - Molli Baker

Credit Award
Yr 4 – Thomas Avalos
Yr 4 – Alexia Kimber
Yr 4 – Jacob Nebre
Yr 5 - Lauren Ciric
Yr 5 – Joash Prasad

Well done to all the students that participated in the University test.
Mr Harris
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**Participation Awards**

**Year 3**
Bella Montgomery

**Year 4**
Leon Phiosodarith
Marc Short

**Year 5**
Temeka Chidgey-Page
Lauren Ciric
Sarah Corby
Joash Prasad

**Year 6**
Kyle Donovan

**Merit Award**
Yr 5 - Ocean Beaver
Yr 6 – Montana Lakeman

**Credit Award**
Yr 3 - Ella Fisher
Yr 4 – Thomas Avalos
Yr 4 – Alexia Kimber
Yr 4 – Lachlan Smith
Yr 4 - Alyssa-Jade Binney

**Distinction Award**
Yr 4 - Jacob Nebre
Yr 4 – Jared Reyes
Yr 5 – Megan Chandhara

Well done to all the students that participated in the University test.  Mr Harris

**Medication update**
It has come to the attention of staff that the medication left at the front office is

- Not always there (especially asthma puffers)
- Is out of date

If your child has medication at the front office can you please make sure that it has not expired, if so please make sure it is replaced to ensure we have the best medicine to treat your child.
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(Click on the Newsletter link)

If you wish to have the Newsletter emailed to you directly, please complete the slip below and return it to the office. If you already receive the Newsletter via email, please complete the form again to ensure all our details are up to date and correct.

If, however, you do not have access to the internet and are unable to view our Newsletter online, please complete the slip below so we can ensure that your child takes home a paper copy.

Thank you.

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER

Student Name/s: ____________________________________________________________

Student Class/es: __________________________________________________________

Parent Name: _____________________________________________________________

I would like the School Newsletter emailed to the following address:

________________________________________________________________________

(Please print clearly)

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

NEWSLETTER PAPER COPY

Student Name/s: ____________________________________________________________

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I do not have access to the internet and would like to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________