Term 4 Week 9

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| 5/12   | Assembly K-2 & 3-6 | Years K-2 @ 12pm  
          | CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
          | 5.30PM | Years 3-6 @ 1pm School Leaders |

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<td>PBIS Assembly 10.15am</td>
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<td>Gold Award Pizza Party – 11am</td>
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| 9/12    | Presentation Day | Years K-2 - 9.30am  
          | School Hall | Years 3-6 - 12pm |
| 10/12   | Movie Day | Years K,1,2 |
| 11/12   | Sports Presentation 9.30am | |
| 12/12   | Movie / Bowling Day | Years 3,4,5,6  
          | K-2 ASSEMBLY 12PM | 1D GARNETS |

| WEEK 11 | |
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| 15/12   | ED Unit Excursion | |
| 16/12   | Year 6 Graduation -10am | YEARS 3-6 ONLY School Hall - 10am |
|         | Year 6 Farewell – 6pm | |
| 17/12   | LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM FOR STUDENTS |
|         | | Farewell Arch – 2pm |
| 18/12   | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY | STAFF ONLY |

Principal’s Message

2015 Classes

Thank you to families who have supported us by returning their intentions for enrolment next year. We are currently assessing school enrolments and will be forming 18 temporary classes to begin 2015. We are currently welcoming 63 Kindergarten students to our school community and have received new enrolments and transfers. We will assess our enrolments on school return in 2015 and complete our actual enrolment data after two weeks. I will keep you updated regarding the need for re-structuring or class teacher allocations.

School Reports

Teachers have been collating information and assessing students’ performance and are in the final stages of completing Yearly Reports. Planning days were allocated to stages so staff consistency with approaches to assessment and allocation of student levels was consistent across all teachers.
The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

A. The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B. The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C. The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D. The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E. The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Carols by Glowstick

Preparations are underway for the event of the year our wonderful “Carols by Glowstick”. Thank you to staff and our P&C for their planning and hard work. Our school has been buzzing with the sounds of Christmas as students prepare for this fabulous night. We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Leadership Speeches

This week our school had the privilege of listening to our 10 nominated 2015 leaders present their speeches for selection of Captains and Vice Captains for 2015. I was extremely proud of the content of their presentation and their praise and encouragement of each other during the process and parents congratulating other children. The outcome will be announced at our 2014 Presentation Assembly.

Hot Weather

We are currently experiencing a series of days with extremely hot weather. Please include additional drinks and ensure your child has a school hat during this time. Staff assess each day and decisions for indoor play have been made on our extreme days. Assemblies throughout the day have been under shelter were available and K-2 have begun their summer lining up program outside their classrooms after lunch and recess.

Gift of Time

This week nominated members of our school community will be recognised by Campbelltown Council. Campbelltown City Council’s annual Gift of Time ceremony is an opportunity to recognise and thank our city’s volunteers for their selfless work in the community.

Mayor of Campbelltown, Cr Sue Dobson, said the overwhelming number of local volunteers was representative of our city’s big heart and generous community spirit.

“When it comes to helping others, Campbelltown leads the way. Our city is renowned for ordinary people going to extraordinary lengths to give back to the community and help out in any way possible,” Cr Dobson said.

“I’d like to thank all of those who have given so generously of their precious time to help others. Our community is all the richer for their gift of time, and for this we are truly grateful.

“Volunteers are the unsung heroes of our community, and it’s great to see so many helping hands giving generously of their time to bring about positive change and help put a smile on someone’s face.”

We would also like to acknowledge the “Gift of Time” our community has given the students at St Helens Park PS. Our school is richer for the time you have given.
Sue Sessions
Principal

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation

We are currently placing our 2015 enrolments into Orientation classes and look forward to meeting our new members of our school community soon. Orientations are held on the following dates:

Orientation 1 - 23rd October  
Orientation 2 - 6th November  
Orientation 3 - 20th November

If you or your neighbours have not enrolled please make contact with the office immediately. It is important and valuable that children attend this transition to school program.

Payment Policy

Organisation of school events is a complex one and we require payment three days prior to 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.

Selective High School Applications

If you are thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016, you must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

If you have any questions regarding selective high schools please speak to your child’s teacher.

Thanks
Mr Harris

AMBARVALE HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS

Ambarvale High School is pleased to award two scholarships to St Helens Park Public School to Year 6 students for their ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- all subject material costs paid excluding the Voluntary Contributions)
- all excursions paid in Year 7 only excluding the Year 7 Camp
- book pack

Valued at Approximately $250

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 demerit points by police.

Thank You  
Sue Sessions Principal

### 2015 Week 1 Calendar

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<td>STUDENTS RETURN YEARS</td>
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EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLIES
2014
St Helens Park Public School
Challenging children to determine their own future.

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends,

Our EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLIES are where we recognise and celebrate our students and their achievements in 2014 with certificates. We invite you to share this celebration with us.

PLEASE NOTE –
- There will be three ceremonies. Note carefully the date and times below.
- All students are asked to wear full summer school uniform.
- We encourage ALL students to attend these ceremonies.

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K-2 EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY
Tuesday 9th December (Week 10)
School Hall
9:30am for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

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3-6 EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY
Tuesday 9th December (Week 10)
School Hall
12:00pm for students in Years 3 to Year 6

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SPORTS ASSEMBLY
Thursday 11th December (Week 10)
School Hall
9:30am for students in Years 2 to Year 6

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We look forward to sharing this celebration with you.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sessions (Principal) and Staff
Each Tuesday the School Newsletter will be uploaded onto our website for viewing:

www.sthelenspk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

(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: ______________________________________________________________

Student Class/es: ______________________________________________________________

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Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________________