Term 2 Week 8

**Week 8**  | **NAIDOC WEEK**  | **Postponed**  
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16/6 | P&C Meeting 5pm |  
17/6 | NAIDOC Performance | For All Students K – 6  
18/6 |  |  
19/6 | Stage 2 P&C Cake Day | Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) to bring in Cakes/Cupcakes  
20/6 | Last Day Payment Due For K-6 Movie Day $5.00 |  
 | Assembly |  
 | K-2@ 12pm & 3-6@ 1pm | K-2 - 12pm 2/3K Kryptonite  
 | RE-SCHEDULED NAIDOC Performance | 3-6 -1pm School Leaders  

**Week 9**

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23/6 | PBIS Assembly | School Hall 10.15am  
24/6 | Stage 1/ED Unit Excursion Sydney Aquarium | Sydney Sealife Aquarium – Darling Harbour  
25/6 | Stage 3 Fundraising Day | Movie Day K-2 & 3-6  
26/6 |  |  
27/6 | Assembly | KH Peridot  
 | K-2@ 12pm & 3-6@ 1pm | 5/6M Emerald  
 | Last Day of Term | Children Return Tuesday 15th July  

**Principal’s Message**
As previously stated in past Newsletters I will be relieving for Mrs Sessions until her return, which will hopefully be early next term. Mrs Sessions has had a lingering health problem but has since been treated and is now at home recovering. We have passed on our best wishes to Mrs Sessions and she is extremely appreciative to the St Helens Park School Community.

In my absence Mrs Starling will relieve in my position as Stage 3 Supervisor and Mathematics Coordinator. I thank Mrs Starling for taking on this extra responsibility and know she will do a fantastic job.

Last Thursday we were represented by 6 students at the Regional Sydney South West Cross Country carnival held at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. The students (Cody S, Joel R, Lachlan H, Caitlin H, Ella F, Michaela D) represented the school and the Campbelltown Zone with pride. Michaela D – just missed out on qualifying for the regional team, she placed 10th out of 80, an amazing effort. Well done to all our runners you should be proud of your achievement.

I look forward to working with all members of our school community as we embark on a very busy Term 3. We will be staging our massive School Fete, biennial Art show, Education Week, Athletics Carnival and our 20th Anniversary special dinner. I have been extremely impressed with the way the community and staff have worked together in organising these HUGE events. I thank you all for your support and hard work; I know it will all be worth it.
In preparation for these special events our General Assistant (GA) Mr Gary Tunstall is seeking any volunteers who would be willing to help him beautify the school in readiness for these big events. He is asking for volunteers to help him tidy up our gardens, mulching, planting, pruning etc. If you have some spare time and can help please call the school and speak to Gary, he would appreciate any help.

Is your child too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Medication update
It has come to the attention of staff that the medication left at the front office is
a) not always there (especially asthma puffers)
b) It 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.

Homework Help Centre
I have started up a Homework Help centre (with help from Miss Natalie West – A university student studying Teaching) to provide assistance to any student that requires help with their homework. If your child is struggling with any aspect of their homework then please drop them off at the homework help centre in the school library on a Wednesday morning starting at 8.20am and finishing at 8.50am. Students must bring their homework book, their homework sheet and their pencil case. This is not a time for students to come and play, read books or go on the computers, once the homework has been addressed they will be asked to return to the playground. So there are no more excuses for not finishing your homework!!

No pets on school premises
Over the past few weeks there has been an increase in the amount of pets (dogs) venturing into our school grounds, as you can appreciate some parents have expressed their concern as some students are allergic to dogs, some students are frightened of dogs and sometimes students frighten the dog. To avoid any unnecessary incident can we please ensure there are no pets on school premises. I thank you for your assistance regarding this matter.

Mental Maths Strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a
way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

**Dance group**
This year our wonderfully dedicated teachers – (Miss Horne, Miss Lipman and Miss Melinz) entered our school into the prestigious Sydney South West Dance Festival. The teachers and students worked tirelessly on their performance. The troupe presented a brilliant performance one that they and the teachers can be very proud of. The students got to represent our school and perform in front of thousands at Homebush – Olympic Sports Centre. This is an amazing experience and one that would not be possible without the commitment from our fantastic teachers.
On behalf of the troupe, the parents and our staff we congratulate and THANK our talented teachers Miss Horne, Miss Lipman and Miss Melinz –
Great job ladies!

**National Anthem – Respect**
As you can imagine the excitement and interest that the Football World Cup has ignited within our students and some staff has also caused a lot of discussion regarding the national anthem and the passion at which people sing their anthems. We encourage all our students to sing the anthem with pride and the respect it deserves and hope that any visitors to our assemblies demonstrate the same respect.

Thank you
Mr Harris
Rel Principal

**Girls State Football / Soccer Knockout**
Girl’s football has taken off at St Helens Park, we have a lot of girls interested and playing both on weekends and in school teams. The school entered the girl’s state football knockout for the first time in a number of years.

In the first round we were drawn to play Mawarra PS, we started off really well and scored 2 quick goals by half time we were ahead 3-0. We ended up winning the game 4-0 it was a good display from the girls – the defence was solid and the passing was fantastic. This victory meant that we would progress to the second round where we were drawn to play against Camden South Public School.

Once again we ventured down to Lynwood Park on a cold, wet, overcast day. The game started with us on the attack and applying great pressure on the Camden South defence. The girls scored a few goals early through good team work and some good accurate shots. The girls maintained the pressure and ran out victors 4-0. I was really pleased with the way the girls passed the ball and kept their positions. This result means we are now in the fourth round where we are drawn to play against a very strong Mt Annan Public School team. A win here would see us progress to the regional semi-finals.

On behalf of the team it was great to see the support of a number of parents and family members at the games to cheer the girls on. I was a very proud coach and look forward to our next round match against Mt Annan PS on Wednesday 18 June.

Mr Harris
Girls Football Coach

**Donation to Our School**
Thank you to Bradbury Market on the Parkway at Bradbury Shopping Village, 96 The Parkway Bradbury for their kind Donation of $100.00 towards the School Library.
There next market Date will be held on the 5th of July 2014. Please contact Anna for any enquiries on 0430 297 281
HELP WANTED.

As a part of our 20th Anniversary Celebrations we will be assembling a display of SHPPS photos and memorabilia in the library. If you have or know ex-students who may have items such as photos, Year Six School shirts, newspaper articles, awards or such that relate to our school and you are happy to put these items in our display, please come and see the school office. We have the class photo albums for each year. We will be able to copy any other photos and any newspaper articles to keep for our records, and of course, all precious primary school mementoes will be cared for and returned after the display.

We hope you can help.

SHPPS Anniversary Committee.

FETE BOOK SALE

Donations of preloved books are being accepted for sale at our Book Stand at the fete. Please send outgrown, preloved, well cared for books to the library. We will be able to find them a new home.

Thank you

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STALL HOLDERS REQUIRED

On Friday the 1st of August 2014, St Helens Park Public School will be holding a school fete from 2pm – 7.30pm. Limited spaces are available for $40 each. Please note we are only accepting one stall per product so get in quick. Stall examples could include, craft, chocolates, scrapbooking, garden, face painting and/or toys.

Please note that the school will be holding a white elephant stall and as such no further stalls selling preloved items will be necessary.

We are expecting over 1000 visitors to our school fete. Should you have any questions please contact Michelle Gomes on 46211201.

BOOKING SHEET (Please complete and return to school office by Tuesday 15th July)

I wish to book ______ stall spaces. I have enclosed _____________ ($40 per stall)

I will be selling:_____________________________________________________________

I wish to donate the following item(s) for the chocolate wheel/raffle._____________________________________________________________