Term 1 Week 6

Principal Message

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 5 and what a wonderful start to our school year. Thank you to parents for supporting the wearing of our school uniform and to our wonderful P&C for donating their time to open the uniform shop and school banking. Please remember that children must wear a “SCHOOL HAT” as our school uniform policy states. No “school hat” no play in open areas. Children will be directed to under shelter sun safe areas if they are not wearing this hat.

I have been delighted to see so many engaged students and wonderful programs across the school.

Students Leaders

We have developed a welcoming entry foyer for our school community featuring an apple tree representing students they lead at school.

Early Stage 1 Photo
Students are working hard to develop literacy and numeracy skills in their first weeks of schooling.

Stage 1 Photo
Students have developed and display wonderful writing skills with all classrooms outstanding text about the Ancient Olympic Games. Year 1 Reading groups are were using strategies to comprehend text

Stage 2
In Canada the PD/PE Health lesson was to roll and make a friendship web saying positive comments and characteristics about their peers.
Stage 3
Scientists in Mr Knobel’s class were investigating how yeast reacts and were using it to inflate balloons.

School Leadership

At St Helens Park Public School we will strive to provide as many leadership opportunities. We believe that students be given an opportunity to have input in decisions and voice issues that affect the school. We will begin with young students being represented on the school SRC. As students reach Year 6 they will have greater opportunities. Many leadership opportunities are less formal. These occur randomly as part of daily school life. These opportunities include carrying out various tasks around the school.

Congratulations to our school leaders who were inducted into their positions this week. We had over 100 visitors coming to celebrate the induction. Thank you to Mrs Markut, Mr Knobel and Mrs Turner who assisted in the assembly. It is indeed a wonderful privilege to be selected by your peers as a school leader and I know you have already taken up your roles and responsibilities across aspects of the school and are doing a wonderful job.

Captains Lachlan Smith & Sandi Demetriou
Vice Captains Jacob Nebre & Dakota Chidgey- Page
Prefects Gabriel Gilmore, Nicole Tinker, Jared Reyes, Christopher White, Caitlin Hanney & AJ Binney

Our Sport / SRC representatives will be published in the next newsletter.

Morning Routine

Thank you to the parents who are assisting with our morning routine. May I please request that the “Kiss and Bye” zone be respected. Our K-2 area is a unique morning play area and this area is a “child play area only”. We request that NO parents enter our K-2 area so supervision and play can be appropriate to student age without community involvement or inappropriate parent conversations. This routine also allows your child to develop independent skills and staff at our school to have open line of sight to help students as needed. We have adjusted the route that K-2 walk at 8.45 form K-6 area with the teacher to the playground to encourage all student who are in Smile to join our line and follow the teacher to the playground.

Parents are welcome to stay in our “Smile” area with your child until the 8.55am bell rings then “Kiss and Bye” at entry to K-2 area. Teachers are not available for messages or interviews at this time as they are supervising student’s safety, play and educational programs.

Teacher Interviews

Each morning teaching staff are directed to duty of care to students and their learning. If you require a message or wish to organise an interview please make an appointment by phoning or presenting to front administration where an appointment can be made for an interview at an appropriate time. Please do not approach teaching staff in classrooms or playgrounds while they are supervising students and children are learning.

Lateness to School

I am extremely concerned regarding the amount of students who are arriving late for school. By law children need to attend a full day of schooling each day it is open. I understand there are some circumstances that occur that are out of our control such as car breakdowns etc. but simple “sleep in “excuses are not acceptable as reasons. I encourage all parents and carers to have a morning routine that has arrival no later than 8.45 am. Regular lateness is monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer from DEC who will monitor irregular attendance. Lateness disrupts not only your child’s learning but the learning of others. The Department of Education and Communities has appointed a Home School Liaison Officer who monitors student attendance and lateness and will contact parents of students

A child arriving on time promotes….

- A relaxed and smooth transition to the playground for meeting friends.
- Time to order lunches.
- Attendance at morning assemblies to hear all daily messages and daily news.
- Entering classrooms where day routines and educational programs are discussed.
- Full participation in Literacy and Numeracy morning programs.
- Student learning not being interrupted by late students.

All students arriving after the school bell must walk to office with a parent or with a note from a parent explaining lateness before going to class.
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.

Casual/ Day to Day Positions

Expressions of interest are sought for casual “day to day” employment opportunities due to illness or absence of permanent SASS staff at St Helens Park Public School. An information package and application for casual positions can be collected from the office for the following positions. Further information regarding permanent positions in DEC schools can be found on DEC website.

School Administrative Officer- Assisting with all office administration.

- Effective communication, ability to meet deadlines,
- Ability to work with teachers and students and ability to perform office procedures, accounting procedures and word processing.

School Learning Support Officer – Duties focusing primarily on assisting teachers in the implementation of individual education programs

- Awareness of the needs of students with a disability,
- Ability to work with students with emotional, physical and intellectual needs
- Effective communication skills.

General Assistant – Duties may include minor maintenance of building plant equipment, mowing school lawns, receipt and distribution of stores and other duties as directed.

- Effective Communication,
- Ability to perform one or more of the following store duties, minor maintenance of building and equipment and gardening duties
- Ability to work with minimal supervision

Sue Sessions
Principal

Sports News

We are in the process of designing a new school sports shirt for students to purchase there are three (3) designs to choose from.
MACARTHUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC

When: Monday 11th April – Thursday 14th April 2016, 9.00 am – 12 noon
Where: Lynwood Park, Rangers Road, St Helens Park
What to bring: boots, football kit, drink bottle, shin pads, hat and sunscreen

REGISTRATION FORM

Age Group: ___________________ DOB: ____________________________
Surname: ___________________ First Name: _________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________
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Parent / Guardian Information
Name Mobile Number Email Address
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Current Club_________________________________________________________

Does the player have any known health issues? Yes / No
If yes, please supply details and medication requirements?
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MFA Coaching Clinic T-Shirt size (please circle) 6 8 10 12 14 16

Payment of $150 or $130 with sibling discount to BSB 062 516 A/C 2800 2382 with player’s name and April Clinic as the reference.

OPTION 1
When using direct debit, please bring the payment receipt with you on the first day of the Coaching Clinic.

OPTION 2
Call in to Office before COB Friday April 8th and pay by cash.

All applications must be received and paid by COB Friday 8th (no walk ups for organizational purposes)
Players receive a ball, T-shirt and barbecue lunch and presentation on the final day