Principal Message

Book Week
It is no big secret that Book Week is one of my favourite times of the year. The school is a buzz all week with the wonderful imaginations of authors and literature. Thank you for the wonderful support from student and staff in celebrating this fabulous event.

I would like to thank Mrs Dengate for her hard work in organising the events of this week. The Macarthur Chronicle featured a wonderful article and has some great photos on their photo album. Please visit their website to view and order photos if you wish.

Thank you from “Mary Poppins” and all her friends!

Athletics Carnival
The weather was finally kind to us and our Athletics Carnival was held with clear skies and wonderful enthusiastic athletes. I was particularly impressed with student’s sportsmanship through the day as they gave each other encouragement and support. Thank you to Mr Harris, Mr Causero and the Stage 2 team for their wonderful organisation. Each year the students participate their skills in each athletic event improve.

Extravaganza
The Extravaganza is drawing near and the school is a buzz with Dance, Music and Song. I have had some sneak previews at some of the performances and may I say I was absolutely impressed with the standard of items this year. Tickets are selling fast and I suggest if you have not already done so order you tickets soon to avoid disappointment. Students are expected to perform on both evenings with supervision provided for students without parents viewing a performance.

It would be difficult for items to go ahead without all students attending. Complex choreography and sequences mean that all students need to attend as absent students would confuse the polished performances.

Sue Sessions - Principal
Internet Safety Awareness

In partnership with Macquarie Fields Primary School, U Design – P&C Cooperative, MWLP and The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The ACMA will be presenting a seminar about ‘Internet Safety Awareness’ designed for parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and community members working with youth in the Macarthur Region to help their children stay safe online.

Venue | Macquarie Fields Primary School, Fields Road, Macquarie Fields
Date & Time | Wednesday 19th October from 5:00pm – 7:30pm.
Cost | FREE

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyber bullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

Please see attached information and a letter to parents, for those within a school who may want to use this.

To register for this great event, please visit http://macarthurparents.com.au/ OR phone Amber at MWLP (02) 4625 1863.

We look forward to seeing you all there
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Spelling Bee Regional Finals
Mr Brewer and Mrs Scott would like to congratulate Caitlin Frohreich and Natasha Chanhdara of Stage 2 and Amira Frohreich and Alexa Gonzalez of Stage 3 who have qualified for the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals which will be held at Ruse Public School on Thursday, 15th September (Week 9).

The Junior Final (Stage 2) will run 9:30am – 11:30am and the Senior Final (Stage 3) will run 12:30 – 2:30pm.

In both cases it would be good to have the students there about 20 – 30 minutes early. So 9am for Stage 2 and 12pm for Stage 3.

A note confirming this information will be sent closer to the date.

University of NSW Competitions
Results have been received for our students who participated in the UNSW Writing and Spelling Competitions.

Again we had an excellent representation of students across Year 3 to Year 6. Within these tests, as a school our results were very impressive. Results placed us very well in comparison to schools and students across the state once again. In several areas of each competition, we achieved above state levels. Individual highlights have been the receipt of 6 credits and 2 distinctions awarded to students in Writing and 5 credits awarded to students in Spelling. An excellent achievement. All participants can be proud of what they have achieved. We congratulate the following students and their results achieved:

UNSW Writing Competition
Participation
Year 3 – Rahul Chand
Year 4 – Madyson Kenny
Year 5 – Katelyn Gwilliam
Year 6 – Emma Fisher

Credit
Year 3 – Griffin Hills
Year 4 – Mackenzie Kimber
Nathan Hart
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For one month teams worked together to solve two long term challenges here at school that they then presented at the regional finals held at the University of Western Sydney, Bankstown Campus on Saturday August 27th 2011. The two teams entered attempted two separate long term challenges.

The Red team solved an Applied Technology Long Term Challenge that required them to create a stop motion digital movie showing a journey of a lifetime. They visited various wonders of the world in their video!

The black team solved a Maths Engineering Long Term Problem that had them constructing a crane weighing no more than 100g made only from A4 paper and glue, capable of holding as much weight as possible. They made a crane weighing exactly 100g and it held 195g in total, almost double its own weight!

Each team also had to create a short dramatisation to present their solutions to a panel of judges.

On the day the two teams were also presented with a short term or spontaneous challenge to see who they could work together quickly on a problem. This year’s short term challenge involved some very weird looking shoes that no one knew the owners of... Our teams had to solve the riddle of who owned them!

Both teams performed admirably and were great ambassadors for our school at the finals. They behaved beautifully and embraced the day with a great attitude.

A big thank you to all the parents who supported the two teams on the day. It was great to see so many families there watching, supporting and encouraging our teams.

It was an enjoyable day.

Team Members were:

**Red Team**
- Josh Ciric
- Khadijah Mifsud
- Kasey Hanby
- Danae Beatie
- Chayne-Lee Hill
- Grace Aranda
- Emily Stellino

**Black Team**
- Bronte Galla-Laine
- Makenzie Kimber
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Regards,
Mr Knobel
UNSW Competitions Coordinator

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Mr Knobel
Tournament of Minds Facilitator

**Book Parade feedback from 1 Lamington**

- I liked all the Harry Potters – Rory
- I liked all the costumes in the parade, they were great – Tamikah
- I liked the show – Thomas
- The science people were the best – Noah
- I liked Lachlan’s costumes from my class the best – Jack
Athletics feedback from 3/4 Superior

- I think it was fun to race against my friends - Olay
- I think it was exciting as it was my first year competing – Makenzie
- It was fun and we got fit – Rahul
- I think it was fun to be out of school and I really enjoyed myself – Bree
- It was fun to have a day out with my friends – Tayla

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2011

This Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th November, 2011. It is available to all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation. If you wish your child to make this Sacrament and did not come to the enrolment night last year you MUST attend the first lesson for this programme on Saturday 8th October, 2011 commencing at 4.15pm. Children will participate in lessons within the Parish School classrooms whilst parents will meet with Father in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2011. The programme fee of $25 is also payable at the first lesson.

Thank you

St Helens Park Public School Extravaganza

Extravaganza will be held over 2 nights, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September at Ambarvale High School. ALL students perform on both nights. Students will need to be at the high school by 5.30pm and performances will start promptly at 6pm.

A BBQ and a canteen will be run on both nights. It is expected that the extravaganza will be finished no later than 8.30pm. Tickets go on sale Tuesday 23rd August at 8.30am. The cost of tickets are $10.00 per Adult, $5.00 per child under 13 years and $5.00 per Senior pensioner.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year. From now until September 18th 2011, you can earn one Earn & Learn point for our school for every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards).

Points automatically appear on your shopping docket, so all you need to do is bring those docket to school.

The more points you bring in, the more we can redeem from a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

Collect as many Earn & Learn points as you can. Modern Teaching Aids (MTA) will deliver all ordered goods during February 2012.

Please bring all docket to the front office so we can keep our tally going. So far we have collected over 14120 points.

Coles Sports for Schools

We are excited to be taking part in this year’s Coles Sports for Schools Program. This year Coles want to give even more sports gear to Aussie schools so encourage all your family and friends to support us. The more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear our school will receive!

Collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of our school's community will earn one voucher for every $10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick ‘n’ Pay store from August thru to October 18th, just for doing their regular shop!

Plus, throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with our special promotional offers on selected products. So keep an eye out in store, online and on TV.

Please bring all docket to the front office so we can keep our tally going. So far we have collected over 6500 points.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2012

It’s that time again! If you have a child or you know of one, ready to come to school in 2012, you can collect your enrolment form from the front office.
Lost Property
Please check the lost property bin if your child has lost any hats or jackets, which is situated at the side of the Admin building.

School Awards
Please be advised that as of Tuesday the 14th of June the award processing system has changed. As of this date, you will be required to hand in all awards for upgrading to a Bronze, Silver or Gold to the front office on Tuesdays, so they can be processed for the next assembly. It should be noted that if you hand in awards after Tuesday they will not be processed until the following week’s assembly. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused but we are hoping this will reduce confusion as to when awards will be handed out. Should you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gomes.

P & C News
The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 5th September 2011 at 5pm.

Car Boot Sale
The St Helens Park P.S P&C will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 22nd October between 8am and 2pm. It will cost $20.00 for each spot. To reserve your spot please give money to the front office or see a member of the P&C.

Helpers Required
We have a very hard working P & C here at St Helens Park Public School. Last year they raised over $20,000 to go towards air conditioned classrooms. The P & C are always looking for new members and volunteers to help raise much needed funds for our students. All help no matter how long or short is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please see our P & C representatives.

Contact details
Please ensure that you update your contact details with the office staff as required. So as you are always contactable in an emergency situation.

Eftpos is available but please note minimum purchase is $18. Please see office staff for more details.

Friday Assemblies
K – 2 = weekly 12 – 12.30pm
3 – 6 = odd weeks 1 – 1.40pm

Teacher Appointments
Should you wish to meet with a teacher please see office staff so an appointment can be scheduled at a time suitable to both you and the teacher.

School Diary 2011
This is correct at publication but due to circumstances dates are sometimes moved. Please refer to this back page each week for changes and updates.

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P & C Meeting 5pm
GALA Day
Extravaganza
Extravaganza
Stage 1 Cake Day
PBIS Assembly
10.15 am
Stage 3
Canberra/Snowy
Last day of term 3

Up Coming events; Term 4

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Students return
Car Boot Sale $20 per spot
Swim Scheme
P & C Meeting 5pm
Stage 2 The Tops
P&C Meeting 5pm
Carols by glow stick
Year 6 Farwell
Students last day