Principal Message

Book Week 2011

Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading.

Thank you to Mrs Dengate for her wonderful organisation for this week’s celebrations. I look forward to meeting some wonderful characters on our parade and at our disco this week.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2012

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2012. Students who live outside the school enrolment area must apply through an “out of area” application process. Applications for both “in area” and “out of area” can be collected from the front office or found online. Early enrolment will secure placements and an “Out of Area” application process will proceed with a school committee assessing these applications against set criteria.

General Assistant (GA)

From time to time casual employment is available when General Assistant’s in schools are on sick/leave. If you are interested in applying for casual relieving at our school please see Gail Smith for a role statement and application available at the office from Monday 22nd August. General Assistant casual applications will close on Friday 26th August. Duties involve ground and school maintenance work. Successful applicants will require screening “working with children”.

Tournament of the Minds

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended
challenges from one of the following disciplines:
• Applied Technology
• Language Literature
• Maths Engineering
• Social Sciences

Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Tournament of Minds has been one of the fastest growing national inter-school programs to challenge the youth of Australia and is now expanding internationally. It provides for the ever-increasing demand for sophisticated, educational opportunities. The rapidly increasing and widespread involvement of thousands of participants throughout Australia and internationally, demonstrates that Tournament of Minds is not only a worthwhile investment in the education of our youth, but is also an integral part of our collective future.

We currently have two teams entered who are working hard to complete and present at the university in the categories of Applied Technology and Maths and Engineering. We wish our teams well on Saturday 27th August.

**Staffing**
The following staff are on leave this term.
Programs written by the class teacher for the class will ensure delivery of normal class programs

**Mrs Brown** – T3 Weeks 4-7. Long Service Leave.

**Mrs Choice**- Long Service Leave T3 Week 10 T4 Weeks 1-2 Mrs Middleton will replace these teachers on Cedar Bay.

**Mr Brewer** - T3, Week 6-10. Mr Rush will replace Mr Brewer on Stage 2

**Mr Harris** - T3, Week 8. Special Leave. Mr Harris has been selected to coach and manager the NSW State Soccer team. Congratulations on this achievement. We wish the team well in their sporting endeavours. Mrs Middleton will be replacing Mr Harris during this competition.

**Lock Down**
The school is required to conduct emergency drills on a regular basis. Next Wednesday we will be practicing a “Lock Down” procedure. A “lock down” may be necessary in a school when a danger/risk in the school grounds requires teachers to have children in their classrooms with doors and windows locked. Students remain in classrooms until the “risk/danger” has passed. Some of the scenarios that may require this procedure include dangerous animals on site or inappropriate and dangerous actions of a person on school grounds.

**Sue Sessions Principal**

**Classwork from Sherwood Forest Camp**

*The funniest thing was;*
- When Domenic fell into the water when we were canoeing. By Jake
- When I was leading Jake around blindfolded and he walked into a log. By Domenic
- When I lost my hat on the giant swing. By Damon

*The best thing about camp was;*
- The giant swing. By Domenic
- ‘I just loved the whole, whole camp.’ By Jake
- When we were put into teams and we had to cross the volley ball court using milk crates. By Damon

*The worst thing about camp was;*
- The rain. By Domenic
- Nothing. By Jake
- Having to move to another cabin so I didn’t have to sleep in the dark. By Damon
Reminder Athletics Carnival
The school Athletics Carnival is planned for tomorrow Tuesday 23rd August at Oswald Oval Rosemeadow. A back up date has been planned for Friday 26th August 2011.

School Furniture Free to Good Homes
On Friday 2nd September between 2pm and 3pm St Helens Park Public School will be giving away excess school furniture in the Smiley area. All donations appreciated.

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.

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 4.15p.m. 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

Library News 2011 Book Week
Ashton Scholastic Book Fairs have sent apologies for the delay in supplying orders from our recent Book Fair. The large quantity of orders was more than expected but they are being processed and will be delivered to students as soon as possible.

The Children’s Book Council has announced the winners of this year’s Children’s Book awards. Classes will be enjoying these books this week.

Our annual Book Week Dress-up and Parade Day will be held on Wednesday 24th August. Parents are invited to visit the parade at 10.15 am and then stay for a picnic lunch with the students (weather permitting).

Don’t forget our Term 3 Book Week Theme Disco on Thursday this week.
K-2 4.00pm to 5.15pm.
3-6 5.30pm to 7.00pm.
Drinks, lollies and sausage sandwiches available. $4.00 entry.

Gail Dengate

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 docketson 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 docketsto the front office so we can keep our tally going. So far we have collected over 11236 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 docketsto the front office so we can keep our tally going. So far we have collected over 2600 points.

**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 inconveniences 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.
Office Hours
8.30am – 3.15pm daily.

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.

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.

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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