Principal Message
WOW what a fantastic Open Day we had on Friday the 5th of August. It was great to see so many visitors to our school celebrating Education Week with us. Every year, Education Week showcases the wonderful programs and initiatives happening in schools across the state. In 2011 the week reflected the theme NSW Public Schools - creating the future. This year St Helens Park Public School held an open day to highlight the wonderful programs we have here at our school. It provided an opportunity for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours and family friends to visit our school and participate in a range of activities. The Art Gallery, The SWS Dance Performance and open classrooms showcased the many talents of our students. The day was officially launched with the creation of a time capsule to be planted in the front garden. It was an opportunity for students to put in writing their visions for the future. The Open Day also saw the official opening of our six BER classrooms.
Thank you for supporting Public Education and our school.

Sue Sessions Principal
Due to technical difficulties we have not been able to print our newsletter for the past 3 weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. To ensure this does not happen again we are returning to fortnightly newsletters. Newsletters will now go home on even weeks each Monday. Once again we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

University of NSW Competitions

The first lot of results have been received for our students who recently participated in the UNSW Computers and Science Competitions. We had an excellent representation of students across Year 3 to Year 6. As a school our results have been very impressive. We have achieved results that place us very well in comparison to schools and students across the state. In several areas of each competition, we have achieved above state levels. The highlights being the receipt of 5 credits and 4 distinctions awarded to students across each of the two competitions.

All participants can be proud of what they have achieved.

We congratulate the following students and their results achieved:

UNSW Computers Competition

*Participation*

**Year 3**
- Rahul Chand

**Year 4**
- Ethan Stellino, Chloe Williams,
- Nathan Hart, Taylah Lidbury

**Year 5**
- Alyssa Lawler

**Year 6**
- Emily Stellino, Hayley Luke,
- Olivia Flaxman Grimm, Katelyn Gwilliam,
- Samantha Russell, Chloe Bottin

*Credt*

**Year 3**
- Griffin Hills

**Year 4**
- Mackenzie Kimber

*Distinction*

**Year 4**
- Bronte Galla-Laine

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Class work 3/4H Harris

Copy of letter sent to “Starlight Foundation”.  
To Whom It May Concern,

Recently my class completed a project relating to healthy alternatives for the school canteen. In the process their teams had to budget, buy (out of their own money), prepare, make, cook, advertise and sell their healthy food products at recess and lunch times to the other students.

As a result of this project the class made a small profit and the students were given the choice of spending their share at the canteen or donating their money. The class discussed various agencies to donate to and watched video clips on each agency. The children felt for the little children in your clips and decided to choose your company. I was really proud of the students that donated their money to "Starlight Foundation" it gave me a real sense of pride. These little 8 and 9 year old girls and boys displayed great generosity and a real sense of empathy and care towards your patients.

The students that donated did so willingly and should be congratulated. I was touched to see so many give up their money in order to try and help another. I have expressed my gratitude to them and towards their actions. It is with great pleasure that I am extremely...
proud teacher of 3/4H as I sit and write this letter.
I have included a photo of the generous students of 3/4H and I have also included a cheque for $50.70. I know it is not a large sum of money but it comes from a group of young children with large caring hearts.

Yours Sincerely
Mr Craig Harris
Assistant Principal
St Helens Park Public School

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 dockets, so all you need to do is bring those dockets 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 dockets to the front office so we can keep our tally going. So far we have collected over 2500 points.

Library News
Coming up on Monday 22nd August we will be having our annual Book Week Performance. The musical performance TOTALLY AMAZING takes audiences on a discovery of ‘One World, Many Stories’ as part of the celebrations for 2011 Children’s Book Week. Our previous shows have been very popular so this year we have arranged for two performances with K – 2 classes attending the show at 12.00pm and 3 – 6 classes at 1.30pm.
The cost of the show is $5.00 per student. Students will bring home more information about the performance next week.
Further celebrations for Book Week include our Dress as a book Character Day on Wednesday 24 August and bring the book with their character to share with their class. Alternatively students might wish to dress for the book week slogan ‘One World, Many Stories’ and share a story from another country with their class. The cost of the dress up mufti day is a gold coin donation. We will have a short parade of our costumes at 10.15am and parents and visitors are invited to attend and then stay for a picnic lunch with the students.
A Book Week Theme Disco will be held on Thursday 25 August.
K – 2 classes 4.00pm to 5.15pm and 3-6 classes 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Drinks, snacks and bar-b-q sausage sandwiches will be available. Entrance cost for the disco is $4.00.
Look out for the Book Week Performance permission notes next week.

Gail Dengate

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, B.I.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 dockets to the front office so we can keep our tally going.

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 weeks 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 5\textsuperscript{th} September 2011 at 5pm.

Car Boot Sale
The St Helens Park P.S P&C will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} 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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