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# Newsletter

Newsletter No. 5 – Term 2, Week 3 – May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

To Students, Staff, Parents and Community Members,

On Monday night we had our first P&C meeting with the 2015 P & C, with a record turnout of parents. It is fantastic to see so many parents attend P&C and take on so many roles around the school. I look forward to working with them on the many community based fundraising activities they are planning for the year.

The P&C uniform committee also unveiled the new school jacket. I thought the new t-shirt was impressive, for those who have not seen the jacket it is very stylish. Thanks again to the committee for their hard work in regard to improving the look of the uniform.

With the uniform changes, the School Board has also reviewed the Dress Code. The most significant change is the addition of long sleeve skivvy type shirts being allowed under the new school t-shirt during winter, however stipulating white, green or black. A copy of the complete revised policy is attached to today's newsletter.

Thank you also to the fundraising committee whom held another successful Mothers Day stall today.

## ADEC

Our school will be participating in the third Australian Early Development Census, also known as the AEDC. The AEDC was previously known as the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). The AEDC is a national census that records how children have developed as they begin their first year of full-time school. The census builds a national picture of the development and needs of young children in Australia. A defining aspect of the AEDC is that the results are reported as groups rather than individual children, and that children remain

anonymous. The community results are publically available to communities, parents/carers, schools and governments, and will be released mid next year.

The results have become important for planning and targeting the right kinds of services and support for children and families all over the country.

Participation in the census is voluntary, parents/carers only have to notify the school if they choose not to have their children included. Parents/carers should know that the census helps teachers get a better idea of children's needs in the classroom, and helps our community get the services, resources and support we need, so it is an important tool.

The ADEC census will take place throughout May and June in our Pre-Primary classes.

## NATURE PLAY PLAYGROUND

We are desperately looking for a parent who can lay some pavers through the new playground area. If you can do this or know of someone please contact the school office.

To all our Mum's – have a great Mothers Day on Sunday!



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION – CROSS COUNTRY

As part of the fitness component of our Physical Education program, all Year 1-6 children train for and compete in the Faction Cross Country events early in Term 3. To ensure the children are well prepared, we will begin morning cross country fitness sessions from next week, with Year 1-3 children running on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Year 4-6s on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The students run a course around and through the school grounds. Parents, please ensure the children have suitable clothing and footwear for running on these days. Also, please send a note to the teacher if your child cannot run on a particular day due to illness or injury.



## HILLS SCHOOLS WINTER LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

Students from year 5 and 6 and some year 4s will be participating in the annual winter sports Lightning Carnival on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at various venues. Helena Valley will again be hosting the Volleyball competition. Other teams will be playing soccer, football and netball. Excursion notes will be sent home next week.

## NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday children in Years 3 and 5 will be involved in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Language Conventions and Numeracy. These tests provide a snapshot of how students are performing and progressing in these vital curriculum areas and enables schools to monitor performance and plan for improvement. It is important not to put pressure on the children sitting these tests. Students will perform at their best when they are relaxed and confident, and in a known environment. For further information visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Thank You to Mr Swanton for helping spread the mulch through the Nature Play Playground. If anyone has any time to spare could they please lend a hand as there is more to be done.



## Congratulations to TRYathletes from Helena Valley Primary School (Helena Valley)!

5 students from Helena Valley Primary School (Helena Valley) took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Langley Park, Perth on the 29th of March 2015.

These TRYathletes from Helena Valley Primary School (Helena Valley) are:

- Dunlop, Isabella
- Leano, Maya
- Leano, Georgia
- Waite, Christopher
- Wawatai, Kaziah-Lee

### Brett Lee

National Ambassador  
Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

### For more information on the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon visit [try.weetbix.com.au](http://try.weetbix.com.au)

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be returning once again in 2016 and we hope to see you then.

Please note: these names are students who registered online before the registration close date and may not include those who registered after the registration close date, on the day of the event or whose school name may have been entered incorrectly at the time of registration.

## WANTED

Crochet hooks and wool for a lunch time activity. If you have any to spare please drop them off at the office.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May the Shire are undertaking remedial works to the foot path on McGuire Road. Access to Kindy car park may be restricted over this period.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th May	Assembly Year 6  Board Meeting 1.00pm
Tuesday 12th May	Naplan Testing Yr3 & Yr5  Canteen Roster Rm 5  School Banking 8.30 9.00am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Naplan Testing Yr3 & Yr5  Wrap Free Wednesday
Thursday 14th May	Naplan Testing Yr3 & Yr5  Canteen Roster Rm 5  Uniform Shop 3.10 - 3.40pm
Friday 15th May	Naplan Testing Yr 3 & Yr5
Tuesday 19th May	Canteen Roster Rm 6  School Banking 8.30 – 9.00am
Wed. 20th May	Wrap Free Wednesday  PEAC Testing Year Year 4
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Canteen Roster Rm 6

### ATTENDANCE

As a school, Helena Valley Primary School is committed to helping our students achieve to their maximum potential. Everyday attendance increases their educational outcomes, thereby increasing their lifelong and career opportunities. To ensure this happens, it important for all students to maintain a high level of attendance. Statistics show that attendance below 90% places a child at risk of not achieving their educational potential. As part of our commitment in ensuring your child is receiving the best education possible, we will be following up any unauthorised absences.

If your child is away from school, please ensure you have informed the school of his/her absence.

If there are any issues that you wish to discuss or if you would like support in ensuring your child's attendance each day, please contact me through the front office  
Thank you

Jo Jones  
Attendance Officer

### MIDLAND PHOTOGRAPHERS

This year our school will be having our student photos taken by Midland Photographers. Photos will be taken on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>.



Envelopes for photo orders will go home today with students and parents are asked to select the package they require.

Each student must bring their envelope with the correct money inside, on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> May and hand into their teacher or the office.

It is important that all children come dressed neatly and wear their normal school uniform shirt not their sports shirt. This is so that the class group photos in particular, look attractive and represent a lasting good image of the school for everyone wishing to buy them. It is wise to supply your child with a comb on the day so they can neaten their hair if necessary. Students with long hair are requested to keep it neatly tied back. Year 6 & 7 need to wear normal uniform and bring along leavers shirts to wear for individual photo.

## NEWS FROM YOUR P&C

Thanks to everyone for a great turn out at Monday night's P&C meeting. Despite the very cold evening! Discussions were held regarding future fundraising and a couple of exciting events are planned for both parents and students. Watch this space!

Progress is being made for an application to be submitted for a potential children's road crossing at Scott St.

Grounds committee asks if you have a rake handy and could help spread some mulch around the new nature playground, we could do with some extra hands. Thankyou (please enquire at the office).

If there is a gas fitter/ plumber amongst our parents or wider community, we are in need of some canteen oven repair work. If you can help, please see Jacquie at the canteen. All quotes considered and appreciated.

Many thanks for your support so far this year.

Jay Healy  
P&C President



### UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to Tess Healy for her work in the Uniform Shop. Unfortunately Tess has had to resign due to study commitments. Thank you to Catherine Swanton who has volunteered to take on the position.

For those who placed pre-orders for jackets only they will be arriving by air freight within the next 8 weeks. All other stock will be arriving by ship within 10 weeks. Pre orders have closed and the small amount of remaining stock will be offered on a first come, first served basis after the stock arrives. The uniform shop will have an opening time - yet to be advised. We will let you know when as soon as we know.

If payment for your pre order has not arrived in the bank account by the time the stock arrives, the stock will be put on the shelf to be sold. There will be no more reminders. All new uniforms will have the new logo and are the finalised product.

If you have any questions, please email [hvpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:hvpsuniformshop@gmail.com)

### HI EVERYONE

As some of you may be aware, every two years Helena Valley Primary School host a Fete. Our last Fete in 2013 was extremely successful and raised \$14 500, allowing the P&C to contribute these funds to enrich our children's learning experience. This includes - \$10 000 towards a new nature playground. Contributions towards literacy books, Ipads, Sports medals and purchasing end of year awards for graduating students.

At the P&C Meeting on Monday 4/5/15, it was determined that we would again host a Fete this year. The proposed date is - Saturday 14 November. Time to be determined.

A dedicated Committee is needed to make this event as successful as it can be. Thank you to those who have put their hands up for positions already. Some positions are simple and others need a team of people to help, such as Donations, set up and pack up crew, advertising and promotion. The more helpers we have, the more the work load can be shared around. If you can help please email [jenny.walters07@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jenny.walters07@yahoo.com.au) for more information.

Please join HVPS Fete Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Helena-Valley-Primary-School-Fete/635904453091795>

## CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to the parents and grandparents that helped this past fortnight. Please keep an eye out on class boards for your child's canteen roster day.

Please don't forget to bring in your favourite recipes for our cook book fundraiser for the canteen. We also need more children's food drawings. Competition will be drawn week 9 for the best 3 pictures . Canteen vouchers to be won. We will however try and put all your pictures in our cookbook.

Don't forget our new term 2 winter warmer combo's #1 mac milo combo for \$4 and #2 soup and a dinner roll for \$3. Please support these homemade "green" options .

Room 4 is on roster next week followed by room 5. 3 helpers needed each day if possible. Helpers required till recess if possible. Please also feel free to text me if you would like to volunteer on 0456 060 064 Jackie Erdmann

Canteen Manager

## PLAYGROUP

Helena Valley Primary School Playgroup operates on a Monday morning from 9am - 11.15am. Children enjoy arts and craft, outdoor play and mums enjoy a cuppa. Fees are \$30 per term. Please contact us via email [Helena\\_valley\\_primary\\_playgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:Helena_valley_primary_playgroup@yahoo.com) if you would like any further information.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Information about the following items are on the School noticeboard:

- Aged Care Training Services: Certificate III in Aged Care
- Hills Junior Hockey Competition
- Nominate an Exceptional Teacher
- Kanyana Wildlife
- Little Stars Theatre
- Family Day Care Maida Vale Baptist Church
- Parenting Workshop, Maida Vale Baptist Church



### LOCAL PHARMACY DONATES TO SCHOOL FOR NEW PLAYGROUND

Helena Estate Pharmacy (near IGA) is proud to support Helena Valley Primary School during the cough and cold season 2015.

For the months of June through August 2015, Helena Estate Pharmacy will donate 20c for every Chemist's Own brand Cough and Cold product sold. This donation is specifically earmarked for the new Nature Play Playground at Helena Valley Primary School.

So come and see our friendly staff at Helena Estate Pharmacy and ask for the Chemist's Own brand when you need something for your cough or cold. The range includes decongestant tablets, day and night formulations, cough mixtures, antihistamines and decongestant nasal sprays. We'll take care of the donation at the end of the season. In addition, Like Us on Facebook to receive a free gift (whilst stocks last).