**Term Calendar**

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<td>Monday 21st March</td>
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<td>Thursday 24th March</td>
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**Community**

St Helens State School has a fantastic reputation in the general Maryborough community. I feel it’s prudent to remind students that as a school we are always on display when we are out and about in the community. Whether we are participating in a school event or we are simply at the shops with our family. It is great to hear positive comments from the general public and I have been extremely impressed with the conduct shown by students who are participating in the lower school swimming program as well as interschool sports. We regularly talk about displaying our three school values: respect, integrity and commitment, when students demonstrate these values in public they are showing us that they understand the fundamentals behind these key social concepts. Please take the time to continue to reinforce the importance of these values when talking with your child, practicing them now will make it easier for them in the future.

**Student Council**

On parade last Friday I had the honour of presenting badges to our new student leaders. Over the course of the year these representatives will have the important job of ensuring that our students are represented effectively during student council meetings. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our student council representatives, choir leader, strings leaders and chess leader. I am sure that they will work hard to assist our school captains, vice captains and sports captain to continue to make St Helens a wonderful school of learning.

Student Council would like to thank our school community for supporting the Burrumbuttock Hay Run fundraising day. We raised over $500 which equates to a full trailer load of hay that will be delivered on their next run. Thank You

**School Tables**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Maryborough Correctional Centre for the wonderful work they have put into our new picnic tables, the students have eagerly utilised these new benches during eating times. I would also like to thank Daniel Scougall from Maryborough Recycling for taking the time to help with the delivery of these fantastic picnic tables.

**Ice Block Day**

There will be a change in time for ice blocks to first break to align with long break. Ice Block Day will return to Fridays.

**Class Helpers**

Please be advised that if you are volunteering as a classroom helper it would be greatly appreciated if you could head up to the office to sign in and out. Thank you for taking the time to help in the classrooms, our teachers really appreciate the extra help.

**Choir News**

The students are very enthusiastic in our choir lessons. There are three pieces of music the students will be learning over the course of the next few months. Once the melody has been learnt, we are hoping to work on some harmonies and 2 part singing. Practice has now swapped to Tuesday Morning Tea, as it is now the longer break.
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3N/4M Art Gallery

The students in I block have been very creative in the first few weeks of the term. The students in year 3 have been looking at different artistic techniques and the impact these techniques can have to create mood, depth and character. The students in year 4 have been investigating contrasting and complimenting colours, shape and patterns that can be used to create an abstract piece, influence depth perception and is a major feature in pop art. Come along to I block and check out the gallery!

Leap Day in D Block

It comes around once every four years, so the “D” block year 2’s made the most of our extra day in February. The children made Leap Day frogs, did maths around the number 29 and created a little folder where they wrote some information about their lives as 6 and 7 year olds. This was completed with a list of 5 things they want to achieve before the next Leap Year. We will keep these folders safe and present them to the children on February 29th, 2020 when they are in year 6.

We are in need of clean plastic bags. Please leave them up at the office.

Curriculum Corner with Mr Hansen

What are personal learning goals and why are they important?

Personal learning goals are about improving students’ learning and achievement and building students’ capacity to learn. They are about students becoming active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential. Previous research into the motivation and efficiency of students has indicated that students who set their own working goals tend to achieve more than when working on goals set for them by the teacher. Students who set their own learning goals have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Each class at St Helens devotes specific time each week to student learning goals. The classroom teacher and student have 1 on 1 conversations discussing the following:

- their own learning and thinking processes and challenge them to articulate the way they have gone about learning
- what their next steps might be
- how they are going to proceed with those next steps
- how they are going to know they have achieved success
- whether or not the method of learning was effective
- what they need more help to understand
- how they might achieve better understanding.

Here are some examples of how learning goals are presented in the classroom:

Change of Details

Please inform the school if you have changed any phone numbers or contact details. Also emergency contact details if you feel that they need to be updated. We need the correct details at all times as this assists us if an emergency arises.
Congratulations to Chad Duggan & Jordyn Edwards who were selected in the Maryborough District Softball Team last week. The boys will train hard over the next few weeks before competing at the Wide Bay Trials in Hervey Bay at the end of March.

School Banking
Banking deposit books need to be in on a Thursday morning and they will be returned to the students on Friday morning.

P&C News
With 2016 well and truly underway, I thought I’d let you know that the P&C Annual General Meeting is coming up on Wednesday 9th March, starting at 6pm in the school library. If you’d like to nominate for a position as secretary, treasurer or president, please give your nomination to the office.

The St Helens P&C had a successful 2015 with fund raising allowing us to support several school activities as well as putting a little money in the bank for some upcoming projects.

Discussions are taking place around the introduction of an outdoor classroom, support for further air conditioning of classrooms, ceiling fans in the hall and installation of garden art to inspire children’s imagination.

If you are interested in value adding to your kids learning future, want to have a say or play an active part in improving the school learning environment, then don’t be shy, come along to a meeting and get involved.

David Field
President
St Helens P&C

P&C News
The P&C are running an Easter “holiday” raffle. Instead of chocolate we invite you to donate items such as -

- Snacks
- Games
- DVDs
- gift vouchers
- fun things to do in the school holidays

Please drop all donations to the school office.

Tickets will go on sale daily from Monday 14th of March before and after school for $1 each near the gate.

Winners will be drawn and presented with their prizes at Monday parade on 21st March.

Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possums & Wombats – Parent/teacher interviews are coming up. Don’t forget to book a time for a chat to see how your child has settled into school.

Year 1A & 1B – For the remainder of the term students are looking at the beginning, middle and end of stories. They will learn to write a retell in their own words.

Year 2B – This week 2B are busy reconstructing known poems by using the same rhyming pattern and rhythm. They are currently working on doing whole class reconstructions before students work on one of their own.

Year 2C – This week the children are writing a reconstruction of a familiar poem in small groups and then having a go on their own. We have been looking at the rhythmic and rhyming patterns in an existing poem and keeping this structure the same when we create a new poem.

Year 2/3R – Yesterday I sent home a parent helpers note. If you have any time to help in the classroom it would be greatly appreciated. In class this week we have moved on from sizzling starts to tightening tension in our stories. Ask your child how we are planning to do this in our stories.

Year 3N – Year 3N have experienced enormous success in their Sizzling Starts, and have started working on Tightening Tension in their writing. Ask your child how good writers use tension and suspense to keep their readers engaged!

Year 3F – This week we have begun our new unit about Narrative. When reading each night with your child, ask them about the characters and setting of their story.
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**Year 4M** – The students have been actively investigating fractions in our Maths lessons. We have talked about how a fraction can be part of an item like an apple as well as an item in a bag/packet/block.

**Year 4S** – The students have begun writing their own chapter endings to “The Twits” novel for an English assessment piece. Most of them will get the opportunity to illustrate and publish their chapter. Take the time to ask your child about their particular story and enjoy their enthusiasm!!

**Year 5H** – Your child is working on balancing equations and equivalent fractions. Ask your child to give you an example of a balanced equation, an improper fraction and the mixed number equivalent of the improper fraction.

**Year 6P** – In science this week, year 6 students will be observing an experiment performed in class. After heating and cooling, will the materials used, return to their original shape, colour or state? They will classify whether the changes made to different materials are reversible or irreversible.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FOR SALE**

Size 13 Mary-Jane school shoes (very good condition) $15
Please enquire at the office.
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<td>Takira Kliendienst</td>
<td>For being a wonderful friend and an active participant in all activities.</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Noah Schwarzrock</td>
<td>For working hard to accurately read and write words during rotations.</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Sarah Whitaker</td>
<td>For being a friendly, helpful and hardworking classmate!</td>
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<td>Year 1B</td>
<td>Emme Nienhuis</td>
<td>For outstanding effort with her writing this week. Top work!</td>
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<td>Year 2B</td>
<td>Phoenix Rober't</td>
<td>Your positive attitude and commitment to all aspects of school. Well done Phoenix!</td>
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<td>Year 2C</td>
<td>Noah Short</td>
<td>For the impressive effort and commitment you are putting into your work. Well done!</td>
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<td>Philip Scougall</td>
<td>For being a committed and respectful class member.</td>
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<td>Year 3N</td>
<td>Hunter Ambrose</td>
<td>For your hard work and dedication towards improving in your learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 3F</td>
<td>Thomas Briese</td>
<td>For consistently displaying our school values. Well done!</td>
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<td>Lachlan Nitschinsk</td>
<td>For your enthusiasm and effort in all class activities.</td>
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<td>Blake Presser</td>
<td>For your tremendous effort and pride in your writing activities this week.</td>
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<td>Year 5H</td>
<td>Jordyn Edwards</td>
<td>For your awesome effort towards all learning areas. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Year 6P</td>
<td>Sophia Wischnevsky</td>
<td>For showing maturity, enthusiasm, and completing all tasks assigned to her without hesitation.</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Danielle Rees (1B)</td>
<td>For listening well during story time and politely borrowing a book.</td>
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