TERM CALENDAR

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There is a gold coin entry. A canteen will be run on the night with some treats and drinks to raise money for camp. We hope to see everybody there!!!!!!

Time:
P-2 5:30pm until 6:45pm (parents invited to dance at 6:30pm)
3-6 6:45pm until 8:00pm

Cross Country
I am exceptionally impressed with the outstanding commitment displayed by all of our cross country competitors. A difficult track mixed with tough weather conditions made for a challenging day, but our students worked hard and gave 100%. Great work to the following students:

Riley Newman 2nd Place
Travis Kerswell 19th Place
Jesse Scott 21st Place
Kyle Hemming 22nd Place
Mitchell Whitaker 26th Place
Chloe McDonald 23rd Place
Olivia Barrett 24th Place
Aria Akers 25th Place
Aysha Disprose 27th Place
Mackenzie Kerswell 4th Place
Jordan Hoffman 28th Place
Eli Daw 37th Place
Jarred Farmer 38th Place
Evie Ross 15th Place
Aleyce Tindale 24th Place
Emma Newman 25th Place
Cooper Ambrose 13th Place
Jasmine Price 13th Place
Lila Rober’t 18th Place
Phoebe Parker 22nd Place

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday 17 May at 6pm. All welcome!
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Mother’s Day Raffle
Student council would like to thank the school community for supporting our mother’s day stall and raffle.

The winners of the raffle were:
1st: Jakara - Rose Gibbs
2nd: Renee Rogers
3rd: Sarah Nixon.

We hope all mothers had a wonderful mother’s day.
New toys for the junior sandpit were purchased and children are enjoying playing with them this week.

Galaxy Award Winners – 3N
Congratulations to Miss Nicholson’s year 3 students who have demonstrated brilliant skills whilst lining up. These students have implemented the three values of respect, integrity and commitment to great effect, with the majority of the class sitting sensibly waiting for their teacher before the second bell. Brilliant job 3N!

Choir News
A change of day and a change of direction for the St Helens Senior Choir. The students will be spending a few weeks learning what harmonies are, the depth they add to a song and how to use them. Exciting but difficult weeks ahead.

Sports News
Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Winter Carnival last week in Hervey Bay. Mackenzie Kerswell, Kyle Wischnevsky, Lila Rober’t and Sophia Wischnevsky represented Maryborough District in Football (Soccer) and Jasmine Price competed in Netball. Well done for all your effort!

Curriculum Corner

IMPACT Projects
Selected students in Year 3-6 participated in the first IMPACT Project of the year last term and completed it last week. This project concentrated on Critical Thinking when writing a persuasive argument. The students involved enjoyed the opportunity greatly.

Next week we will start ‘Design IT’. Design IT engages students in a series of design challenges. Students are introduced to the process of design thinking, where they learn to empathise with the affected people and issue; define the problem; generate ideas; and then prototype and test potential solutions. Ultimately, students further explore a design challenge or negotiate a new challenge and present their findings to the group.

The selected students will receive a letter this week indicating their opportunity to be involved.

Technology Challenge
The students selected in Robotics and Solar Boats will be informed this week. Robotics will be every Tuesday and Solar Boats will be held every Friday at first break. Robotics will start next week, boats the following due to the Show Holiday.

University of NSW Competitions
This year selected students in Year 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the UNSW Competitions in the fields of Science, Writing, English and Mathematics. The first test is for Science on May 31st. Selected students in Year 3-6 will receive a letter this week indicating their involvement.

Tuckshop
The next tuckshop will be on Tuesday 24th of May. Information will be in next week’s newsletter.

To make things easier for students and parents we will be changing the money and order day to Thursday mornings to coincide with school banking.

Parent helpers are needed for Tuckshop! If you are able to volunteer your time on a Tuesday to help in the tuckshop that would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Southall in the office.

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Walk Safely to School
Thursday the 19th of May we will be participating in “Walk Safely to School”. Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Students wishing to participate are invited to assemble in the car park of the Maryborough Sporties from 8:05am. The students assembled at the car park will walk to school together at 8:15am. Any parents wishing to walk with the students and staff are more than welcome to do so.

School Banking
If your child makes 5 or more deposits with school banking this term, they will go into a draw for a banking prize.

Strings News
FEES ARE NOW DUE!!!

Orchestra (non-beginner) students are required to have their own long black dress pants, black socks and black shoes to be worn with the St Helens music polo shirt (to be supplied) for their first performance of 2016 in May. No leggings, jeans or coloured shoes are permitted. Please make moves to having these items very soon as it can be difficult to find the pants to purchase at times.

Thank you, Mrs Hodgkinson.

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.
Prep Possums & Wombats – Thank you to all the Mother’s Day visitors. We had a wonderful morning and hope you all did too!

Year 1A & 1B – Ask your child about their character and description they wrote for the Rainbow Fish.

Year 2B - This week we are conducting an investigation into the purpose of different types of glue. We look forward to observing the results.

Year 2C - This week we are beginning a new English unit where we will be writing character descriptions and looking at stereotypes in stories. We will begin with the familiar story “Fox” by Margaret Wilde and then move onto a new book called “Paper Bag Princess”. In maths this week the children will be learning how to read and write time to the quarter hour. We will look at how telephones have changed over time. If anyone can lend us a Bakelite telephone for the week we would really appreciate it.

Year 2/3R – With great power comes great responsibility. I thank every student who sat NAPLAN for their efforts this week. Please continue to make sure they are getting plenty of rest and food. This week in class we will be making our spinners for technology. Ask your child how it went!

Year 3N – Today is Miss Ellis’ last day working with 3N. We have thoroughly enjoyed her presence in our class, and wish her the best in the future. Parents, thank you for all your support in making sure your child is coming to school well-rested and fed each morning. A good night’s sleep and a full stomach can make a world of difference in a child’s learning and happiness at school.

Year 3F – Well done to all the students with how hard they have worked on their NAPLAN tests.

Year 4M – A long, long time ago… The students have been researching Traditional stories in English including fables, fairy tales and dreamtime stories. Are there any classic stories your parents told you?

Year 4S – The students have started writing their own versions of a traditional story. It has taught them about morals and they can see the relationship to our school values. Ask your child about their story and the message they are trying to convey.

Year 5H – Students are investigating our solar system in Science. Ask your child which planet has the most moons and which planet is the hottest.

Year 6P – What is solar energy? How do solar panels work? How does this benefit the environment? These are questions we will be investigating this week in science. Ask your child about this subject this week. See you on the dance floor Friday night.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE

2 x size 6 dresses, $10 each. Phone 4121 2563.

1 x size 6 jumper, $5
Please enquire at the office.

2 x size 6 boys dress shirts, very good condition. $15 each or 2 for $20. Please enquire at the office.

Size 13 Mary-Jane school shoes (very good condition) $15
Please enquire at the office.
# Star of the week

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<td>Neve Straker</td>
<td>For excellent reading and spelling in group time.</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Cienna Wagner</td>
<td>For showing excellent commitment to learning in Maths.</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Noah Scheikowski</td>
<td>For his wonderful effort to improve the neatness of his writing!</td>
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<td>Year 1B</td>
<td>Rachael Bosustow</td>
<td>For an amazing improvement with your writing.</td>
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<td>Year 2B</td>
<td>Madeleine Forrest</td>
<td>For your committed effort towards the writing of your imaginative narrative.</td>
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<td>Year 2C</td>
<td>Chantelle Faithfull</td>
<td>For your calm commitment to your learning and your ever cheerful presence.</td>
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<td>Year 3F</td>
<td>Blake Ransome</td>
<td>For showing commitment to improve your handwriting. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 3N</td>
<td>Ethan Baker</td>
<td>For consistently being such a pleasant and helpful member of our classroom. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 4M</td>
<td>Ryan Winnett</td>
<td>For striving to achieve his personal learning goals during Term 2 by showing commitment to his classwork.</td>
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<td>Tobius Price</td>
<td>For the outstanding commitment you demonstrate in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Aleyce Tindale</td>
<td>For your outstanding effort towards your writing.</td>
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<td>Olivia Barratt (4M)</td>
<td>For always listening to instructions and behaving well in the library.</td>
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Under 8's Day

Party Games   Music

Celebrating 60 years of Under 8’s
Date: Friday 3rd June
Time: 9-11am
St Helens State School
All Under 8’s and their families are welcome.

Junior Choir   Sporting Activities

Craft Activities