

# St Helens News

## Learning with Friends



### IMPORTANT DATES



Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Dress up day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	P&C Meeting 5pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of term 3
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 4

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another busy week has passed with our students continuing their commitment to learning both in and out of the classrooms. Students are currently completing end of term assessment tasks across a number of subject areas.

### BOOK WEEK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Friday is sure to be a fun day at St Helens with our Book Character Dress Up Day. This year's theme is 'Reading is my Super Power.' Students are invited to dress up on Friday and will have a chance to show off their costume at our morning parade. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Classes have been decorating their classroom doors to add to the fun. The tuckshop also has a special Super Hero menu for the day. Be sure to get orders in by Wednesday!

There will be a prize for most creative boy and girl costume in each class. Costumes can be of any favourite character or something created around this year's theme.



### STRINGS PERFORMANCE

Our strings students will be putting on a special performance at our parade on Friday morning. This is sure to add a great atmosphere to our special book week parade. Please come along and enjoy the performance.

### Junior Readers Cup

Last Friday two teams from St Helens competed in the Junior Reading Challenge at Central State School. These students had been preparing for the challenge over the last two months by reading 5 set books and meeting once a week to discuss these books. Students competed against other schools in the region by answering trivia style questions about the books. St Helens Magical Muggles, Felicity, Finnley, Emmet and Manning, finished 3rd. The Reading Remarkables team consisting of Abigail Kerridge, Lilly, Dane, Zahli and Cailin finished 4th. It was a great day and all students enjoyed the challenge. Congratulations to all students.



### ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Please call 4120 2222 if you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child/children at St Helens next year. We have positions available in prep and various year levels for the 2020 school year.

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### Gala Day

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 students who represented our school with pride on Friday at the Interschool Sports Gala Day. Our students displayed exemplary behaviour with a number of comments being made to me about their great sportsmanship and lovely manners. They played a range of sports, including cricket, basketball, softball and touch football. Thanks to Mr Robert and our Year 5 & 6 teachers for their organisation of the day.



### Sustainable Schools Symposium

Last Wednesday students from 3C, along with Mrs Crawford, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Hyne had the pleasure of attending a Sustainable Schools Symposium at Tinana State School. This annual kids teaching kids event is an educational program that focuses on our local and wider environment and raises awareness of how important sustainability is for us all. Many students from local schools presented entertaining workshops that encouraged us to think as well as participate and respond to challenges facing our environment. Peer education is an effective way of motivating students to take responsibility for their learning and actions. Others presenters from our local community allowed us to explore what we already do well and how we can do better by reducing our waste, recycle more and using less energy and water. We won the

award for the school group that produced no waste at lunchtime. Well done 3C! St.Helens State School is leading the way with our waste free lunches! On our bus trip back to school, students all agreed the day was fun, motivating and inspiring, leaving us to wonder what little bit more we could all do to make sure that our environment is able to support us and all living creatures now and forever.

What 3C students said about the excursion:

Melanie; Sustainability means not much rubbish going into landfill and it also means recycling.

Noah; Sustainability means we need to use reusable containers which equals less rubbish.

Charleigh; Sustainability means only take as much as you need.



### ALDRIDGE ASPIRING ACADEMICS

We have had a number of Year 5 & 6 students selected to attend the Aspiring Academics program this year.

These students have been attending some lessons at Aldridge High, together with other like minded students from surrounding schools. This is a great opportunity for these students to extend their learning and challenge themselves.

### Aldridge Primary Scholars Program

Eight talented year five and six students from St Helens State School are currently participating in the Aldridge Primary Scholars Program. These students are working with ASHS staff on the SPECTRA Science Awards project. The students have chosen their area in science to study, including chemistry, space science, animals, oceans and sight, light and colour. The students are researching, designing and participating in experiments for their



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projects, such as exploring bones, what makes steel rust and what ants prefer to eat. They will be working towards a 'Science Fair', where they will share their projects with others. Congratulations to our Primary Scholars and keep up the great work!

#### P&C MEETING - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm

The final P&C meeting for the term will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. During this meeting we will be finalising the decision about student reports. The proposal is to simplify the reporting process by issuing grades only for effort and achievement in each of the subject areas. A personalised overall comment and a behaviour comment will be written by class teachers. Additional Information about what students are learning will be disseminated to parents at the beginning of each term, rather than through the report card.



Parent teacher interviews will provide opportunities for parents to discuss student progress in more detail, prior to reports being issued.

A review of the Family Field Day is also on the agenda for this meeting.

#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Teachers will be conducting parent teacher interviews at the end of Term 3 and/or the beginning of Term 4. Please be sure to make a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.



#### Technology Challenge

Best of luck to Jordan, Kai, Jill and Jonte who will be competing at the Maryborough Technology Challenge on Saturday. This group of students have been learning how to manoeuvre a drone through an obstacle course and will test their new found skills against other competitors at Central School Hall on the weekend. Thanks to Mr Fraser who has been working with these students and best of luck on the weekend.

#### True – Relationships & Reproductive Health – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 students have received a note, inviting them to participate in the My Lifecycle Program. This highly effective program incorporates 2 lessons delivered by a True educator which provide information around puberty, reproduction and body image. This program is mapped to the Australian Curriculum Health & PE strand.

Year 6 students are also invited to participate in My Lifecycle 2. It is the traditional and highly effective program that incorporates 2 lessons delivered by a True educator which provides information around puberty, reproduction and decision making.

This program is supported by our P&C and School Council, who have covered the cost for students to participate.

For more information please follow the link to <https://www.true.org.au/Education/allschool>

Please look out for permission notes and return them promptly to school.



This week students are learning about the four zones of learning – survival, trying, learning and mastery. Students will learn that at times they may move through different learning zones and understand how they may feel in each of those zones.



#### Tips to Help Your Children Learn

Playing games like "What am I?" helps children learn to sort and classify in the same way a dichotomous key classifies organisms. Try this one with your child. What am I? I lay eggs. I live in water. I have a bill. I have webbed feet. I dig for food. I build a burrow. I am covered with fur. I feed my young milk. I am native to Australia.



This is a great game to play when you're driving in the car or waiting for the bus. Children will also like trying to make up their own what am I clues.



## Dinner Table Topics

**Prep** – This week we are holding Parent Teacher Interviews. If you haven't made a time yet please see your classroom teacher.

**1H**- This is the last week of homework for the term, please check through the homework book for any homework incomplete. In week 10 and into the holidays, continue practising camera words and reading. I will be testing students in the next two weeks to see how they are progressing.

**1/2A** – Ask your child about our door display for book week. We can't wait to see everyone's costumes on Friday. Who is your favourite book character?

**2B** – This week student's will present their Marvellous Medicine procedures to their peers. They have been spending some time in class using their best expressive speaking voices to rehearse their recipes.

**3B** - We had a great time at The Twits today. Ask your child to retell the story to you. The puppets were very interesting and the actors answered lots of questions about how they prepare for the show and the different props they use. The students represented the school well and should be very proud.

**3C** – This week we are working on measurements. The children will be exploring mm, cm, metres, litres and kg. They will be using scales, measuring tapes and rulers. See what different measuring tools and measurements you have around your house. In science they are continuing to look at how heat energy moves through a series of investigations.

**4H** – The students had a great time at the Brolga Theatre today, they found the show quite hilarious. I was also very impressed with their behaviour. Some student supplies like glue, rubbers, pencils etc. are starting to run low. Please ask your child what equipment that they will require for next term. Thank you.

**4S** – Our students enjoyed the watching the performance of "The Twits" at the Brolga Theatre today. I am pleased to say that all of our students were on their best behaviour and displayed great "audience manners". Well done to Felicity, Finn and Emmet for taking third place in the inter-school Readers Cup on Friday - we are very proud of you all!

**6S** – All permission slips for the True Relationships presentation are due Wednesday morning (tomorrow). There was no homework this week due to Gala Day last Friday. Don't forget this Friday is book week dress up day.

**6H** - Please remember to return your permission slip for the Health discussions that are taking place Wednesday & Thursday. If you have misplaced yours, please drop in and see Emily in the office.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**SPARX SOFTBALL CLUB**

**"It's all about FUN"**

FREE GLOVE for all new junior players up to U16

ALL WELCOME  
EXPERIENCED OR NEW PLAYERS  
NON PLAYING ROLES ALSO AVAILABLE

**COME AND TRY DAY**  
**SATURDAY 14/9/19**  
**9AM-11AM FAIRFIELD PARK**

**Phone: 0459 932 656 (Suzanne)**  
**Email: sparxsoftball@gmail.com**



- ★ Diamond Ball
- ★ T-Bell
- ★ U12, U14, U16
- ★ A Grade Women
- ★ B Grade Women
- ★ A Grade Men
- ★ B Grade Men

Training held on Wednesday afternoon's from 4.00pm

**The Australian Army Band Brisbane**

Legacy presents

**The Australian Army Band Brisbane**

Venue: Maryborough RSL Club  
Room 1842  
165 Lennox Street Maryborough

Date: Sunday 15th September at 2.00pm

Entry Fee: \$2 Gold Coin Donation

LEGACY

# Star of the Week

Prep Possums	John H	For a fantastic effort in reading and using lots of great strategies.
Prep Wombats	Saydee B	For putting a fantastic effort into writing your rhyme. Well done!
Year 1/2A	Chase N	For improved commitment toward his school work. Keep up the great work!
Year 1H	Honey Lou H	For putting in extra effort when retelling the story 'Tiddalick'. It's great to see you show so much commitment to your work.
Year 2B	Levi S	For his entertaining and creative introduction and conclusion for his Marvellous Medicine presentation. Keep up the amazing work Levi!
Year 3C	Vincent D	For your amazing contribution to our excursion. You were a great role model!
Year 3B	Lilly O	For working hard to complete all your set tasks.
Year 4H	Charlie S	For the variety of sentence you are using in your writing. Keep it up!
Year 4S	Daniel C	For always presenting his homework neatly and completing it every week.
Year 5D	Sarsha J	For active participation and high motivation in every math lesson. Well done Sarsha!



