**TERM CALENDAR**

- **Monday 21st March**: Easter Holiday raffle drawn
- **Wednesday 23rd March**: Prep photos in local paper
- **Thursday 24th March**: Last day of term 1
- **Monday 11th April**: First day of term 2
- **Friday 15th April**: P-2 Cross Country 2pm
- **Monday 18th April**: 3-6 Cross Country 9am

**Mr Hansen**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Clinton Hansen on his acting appointment at Gundiah State School. Mr. Hansen will be out teaching at Gundiah until the school holidays, he has reported that his first day was a wonderful success. We look forward to Mr Hansen’s return in Term two.

**The St Helens Way: Integrity in the Classroom**

St Helens State School prides itself on its commitment to student education and acknowledges the fact that student behaviour plays an integral part in the delivery of knowledge and information. Because of this we have designed a clear, well-structured plan that allows the classroom teachers to audit, manage and enhance student behaviour. St Helens does not solely focus on compliance to acceptable social standards of behaviour, but on the promotion and development of self-responsibility in all school community members, encouraging personal accountability for behaviour and the ability to translate responsible behaviour throughout contexts within and outside the school environment. Students will be encouraged with intrinsic motivation that builds on their understanding and awareness of our school ‘key values’ program. Like other key learning areas in the school curriculum, social responsibility and appropriate behaviour are viewed as vital skills that can lead to success in both the workforce and in life.

As mentioned previously our three key values at St Helens are Respect, Integrity and Commitment. Students learn about these values on a daily basis as the common language and key concepts are integral to the effective governance of our school. Classroom teachers and staff work hard to demonstrate how to utilise our three values in a variety of locations both in the school and outside the school environment.

I recently spoke with students on parade about the most effective way to demonstrate Integrity in the classroom environment. I encourage parents to chat with their children about this vital value and how it can be used in the wider world, students are aware that teachers are looking for the following actions in the classroom and that if a student is seen demonstrating these then they are working effectively with the value of Integrity:

- Students with integrity own their actions.
- Students with integrity take responsibility for their own learning.
- Students with integrity encourage and support themselves and others.
- Students with integrity are honest.

**Math**

The education of mathematics has been a hot topic across the entire state. It has always been an area of education that has encouraged rigorous debate regarding delivery and concepts. At St Helens we are working as a collective staff to develop and refine the teaching of math in all grades from prep all the way through to grade six. As a school we are focused on the following key agenda points when it comes to mathematics:

- Enriching each students experience of mathematics to promote the subject and remove negative stigma.
- Utilise data to help inform when and how classroom teachers teach particular topics.
- Start with the foundations of mathematics and build on those with each student.
- Encourage and celebrate student success.
- Use new innovative techniques and concepts to help further student knowledge in this area.

Math is an exciting part of the Australian curriculum and we encourage our parents to continue to promote and talk with your children about how they can use Math in their everyday life. Connecting math concepts with the real world is vitally important in helping our students retain and develop strong connections with mathematics.

**Inter-school Sport Gala Day**

Congratulations to Lila Robert, Sophia Wischnevsky, Mackenzie Kerswell and Kyle Wischnevsky for making the Maryborough District Soccer team.

Also congratulations go to Jasmine Price for being selected into the squad for Netball in the Maryborough District.

Jacob Hey and Cooper Ambrose have been selected to try out for the Maryborough District Rugby League team next term. Best of luck to these boys.

**Cross Country**

The dates for cross country are as follows:

- Prep to Year 2 will run on Friday the 15th of April starting at 2pm.
- Year 3 to 6 will run on Monday the 18th of April starting at 9am.
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Strings News
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.

PREP LEVY
Just a quick reminder that the Prep levy is due in full by the end of term one. This will allow your children to access a variety of resources and programs throughout the course of the year. If parents could please pay this amount at the office at their earliest convenience, EFPOS facilities are available.

Deadly Australians
Next Monday our school will be visited by the Deadly Australian’s education program. Students will have the opportunity to hear from experts about Australia’s most dangerous venomous wildlife, e.g. snakes, spiders, and marine creature. Students will learn about classification. Interesting facts, curious habits and little known ‘secrets’ about these fascinating creatures. The program is designed to be both fun and educational and we are expecting some exciting interactions for our students. Students are further educated on concepts relating to ecosystems, conservation and best practice when it comes to avoiding our dangerous backyard neighbours. Parents should expect some energetic conversations on Monday afternoon as we anticipate our students to be very excited about this educational program.

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.

Chocolate Spoons
HQ is selling chocolate spoons to fundraise for our excursions throughout the year. We will be selling them for 50c tomorrow and Thursday mornings near the Administration building. Thank you for your support.

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

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.

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.
Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possums & Wombats – We have started learning our second set of phonemes! See how many we letters we know in the alphabet now!

Year 1A & 1B – This week is the final week for homework. Students are welcome to take home reading books next week.

Year 2B – Over recent weeks students have been observing tadpoles, mealworms, chrysalis’s and bean seeds. We are pleased to see many of these living things have moved onto their next life stages. Ask your child about what they have observed.

Year 2C – This week we are learning the names and locations of the continents and major divisions of the world.

Year 2/3R – Reading is an essential part of students learning and should be reading EACH night. Quiz your children on what their book was about!

Year 3N – Students are working hard on both class assessment and NAPLAN practise tests this week. Please ensure your child eats a hearty breakfast and brings a fruit snack for brain food!

Year 3F – This week is the final week for homework. Students are welcome to take home reading books next week. As we are completing many assessment tasks over the coming weeks, it is essential that the children are eating breakfast before school and getting a good night’s sleep. They have all been trying extremely hard to do their best!

Year 4M – The students have been enjoying our new Poetry unit in English. Tomorrow we will deconstruct the lyrics of our favourite songs to find poetic devices. Make sure the students bring their lyrics.

Year 4S – We have found that a lot of the students struggle with maths equations because they lack confidence and skill in number facts. Please take a small amount of time daily to quiz your child on multiplication and division facts. It can become a fun and engaging routine.

Year 5H – We had a great day at Gala Day last Friday. All students put in exceptional effort.

Year 6P – We are exploring different types of timetables eg. bus, train, planes that we see out in the community. Please discuss these with your child.

Community News

For Sale

2 x size 8 school shirts, $10 each
1 x size 8 red polo shirt (Ewart), $5
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>Zahli Walker</td>
<td>For applying herself to all set tasks! Well done!</td>
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<td>Dalin Katt</td>
<td>For excellent commitment towards sentence writing.</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Charlie Sheppard</td>
<td>For consistently displaying the St Helens values of commitment, respect and integrity!</td>
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<td>Jack Brown-Styles</td>
<td>For his outstanding improvement with his writing.</td>
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<td>Year 2B</td>
<td>Krystal Boulton</td>
<td>For the outstanding effort you put into your poetry reconstruction. Great Work!</td>
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<td>Year 2/3R</td>
<td>Isabelle Falk</td>
<td>For showing great commitment to achieve her writing learning goal!</td>
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<td>William Hanson</td>
<td>For always showing Integrity in the classroom and on the playground. Well done!</td>
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<td>Ewan Anderson</td>
<td>For making a fantastic effort towards writing tasks this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>Chloe Hodges</td>
<td>For consistently showing commitment and a willingness to learn in class.</td>
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<td>Year 4S</td>
<td>Olivia Boswyk</td>
<td>For your excellent effort, and therefore great results on your research project. Well done!</td>
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<td>William Ramsay (1B)</td>
<td>For listening well to this week's story and correctly answering questions.</td>
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