I would like to take this opportunity to invite as many parents as possible to come along to the P&C meeting this evening to vote for the school council constitution. Last meeting attendees were given a copy of this document and tonight we will vote to see if parents of our community are happy to endorse the proposed constitution. This means St Helens will be progressing to the next phase for our School Council.

A big thank you needs to be given to Hoses for the wonderful benches we now have out at the front gate. They were gifted to the school and will be a wonderful addition for our students to use when waiting patiently in the afternoons.

I wanted to take a moment to remind students to always be conscious of stranger danger when traveling to and from school. There are a number of paddocked areas that several students frequent when walking home, this is not a good idea. I would like students to utilise the main roads in housing areas as much as possible to ensure that adults are close by for assistance if required.

Early Warning Signs – when we feel unsafe, our bodies tell us through physical sensations that something is wrong. We need to encourage our children to recognise their feelings of safety in different situations which may be butterflies in their stomach, sweaty hands, goose bumps or a racing heart.

Safety Network – Encourage your child to develop a safety network of trusted adults who will listen to them, believe them and help them if they need help. They should also be willing to take action, if needed, in order to help the child feel and be safe again.

Networks of trusted people should be people children can talk to about all things, whether they are good or of a concern to them.

**Orchestra News**
Extra practice on Tuesday the 24th of May for Strings students as they will be missing the Friday before due to Show holiday. Starting at 8am in the hall.

**P&C News**
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library tonight, Tuesday 17 May at 6pm. All welcome!

**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.

**Curriculum Corner**

**Wrap-around Support**
Earlier in the year I discussed the new ‘Wrap-around Support’ system that is in place at St Helens this year. Two important arms of that system are our Student support (Mrs Govers) and Student extension (Mrs Thiele). For the first part of the year, these teachers have been working closely with our year 3 & 5 students in preparation for NAPLAN. For the remainder of the year this support will be directed to all areas of the school. Central to these arms of support is the classroom teacher. Through their careful planning, your child will be receiving the support they need to improve their learning. Whether it be support or extension, our primary focus is to allow students to achieve their goals.
Moderation
Yesterday our staff participated in a Cluster Moderation of English assessment pieces. The goals of this moderation are to reflect on how we as teachers determine the results for students and to have some commonality across the cluster. It’s important that a ‘C’ at St Helens looks the same as a ‘C’ at Tinana SS. We hosted the Year 3 teachers from the Maryborough schools and a big thank you needs to go to Miss Nicholson who facilitated the afternoon. The feedback from all staff has been positive about the experience and one that reaffirmed the good practices here at St Helens.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Congratulations to all those parents who have already taken the time to meet with their child’s teacher. This is an important opportunity for your child’s teacher to share with you how they are progressing and to discuss their learning goals. If you haven’t had the chance to meet with your child’s teacher, please do so at the earliest convenience.

Tuckshop
The next tuckshop will be on Tuesday 24th of May. Information will be in next week’s newsletter. Please refer to end of newsletter for order form and details.

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.

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.

Talking Sport
You may have noticed that the oval is starting to take shape in readiness for our Athletics Carnival this year with Mr Schultz marking out the running track. As the school has grown, the pressure of time has become more of an issue on our Sports day. The one event that takes the most time is High Jump. This year, to assist with time management on the day, we are going to run the high jump competition prior to the carnival. All students will jump for participation points on our Sports day. Parents are most welcome to come and watch these competitions at the following times:

- **High Jump Events:**
  - Monday 23rd May 11:00am – Open (12 & 13 years)
  - Friday 27th May 11:00am – 11 years
  - Monday 30th May 11:00am – 10 years
  - Friday 3rd June 11:00am – 9 years

- **200m/400m/800m Events:**
  - Monday 6th June 9:00am – 8 years to OPEN

- **Athletics Carnival:**
  - Friday 10th June 9:00am – whole school

Step into History with Year 2
Monday morning in the Year 2 classrooms was a journey back in time. We had the “Step into History” team come to our school from Brisbane to show us how people lived in the past. The children did an old fashioned dance with a partner, learned to shave (on inflatable beach balls!), squeezed orange juice, made butter, played with old toys, experienced old telephones and typewriters and did some washing using a washeboard. They also got to dress up in old style clothes and took part in a tea party. We were very proud of our St Helen’s children and how they followed instructions perfectly. They had a great morning and many couldn’t decide what their favourite activity was. Thank you to all the parents who came in to help these activities run so smoothly.
Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possums & Wombats – We have been learning how to retell a story. Read your child a story this week and ask them to retell it in their own words. What happened at the start, middle and end.

Year 1A & 1B – Could you please ask you child about the boat they are making in science this week.

Year 2B – Excitement in D Block is building this week as students are starting their own science investigation where they get to create their very own lunch bag by combining two materials with particular properties. Ask your child which two materials they have chosen!

Year 2C – This week the children are continuing to write descriptive paragraphs about a familiar character from a book. The children are also continuing to look at a variety of telephones from the past and present in history.

Year 2/3R – “We said to make a vegemite sandwich you need to have bread, butter and vegemite!” Over the next few weeks, 2/3R will be looking at formal and informal procedures. Pick up a recipe book at home and see if they can make connections to what they are learning.

Year 3N – Why do we have night and day? How does Earth’s position determine the four seasons? Why does the sun rise and set in different parts of the sky? Ask your child about how our lives are affected by Earth’s movement, both on its axis and on its orbit around the sun.

Year 3F – I would like to mention how well the children are applying themselves to their work and trying their best.

Year 4M – For families heading to the Fraser Coast Show, make sure you check out the awesome St Helens SS display. There are some brilliant works samples from 4M on show!

Year 4S – The students stories have been laminated and once marked, they are excited about taking them home. They are very proud of their efforts.

Year 5H – Your child is learning about special numbers including; multiples, factors, prime, composite, triangular and square numbers. Ask your child to give you an example of each.

Year 6P – This week there is no research project, however students still have their weekly homework sheet and spelling. Please continue to check that your child has completed their homework. This homework sheet should take no longer than 15-20 minutes to complete.

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.

St Helens State School
Learning with Friends

School Absence Line:
4120 2260

If your child is sick or away please call the schools Absence Line.
## Star of the week

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<td>Levi Trevaskis</td>
<td>For always being an enthusiastic learner. Well done!</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Leiarni Murray</td>
<td>For always being a cheerful and helpful class member.</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Daniel Cameron</td>
<td>For making responsible behaviour choices. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 1B</td>
<td>Lachlan Lem</td>
<td>For his outstanding display of the three school values.</td>
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<td>Year 2B</td>
<td>Madayha Bull</td>
<td>For her positive, happy attitude and always doing her best!</td>
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<td>Year 2C</td>
<td>Lucas Gillieatt-Jones</td>
<td>For always working hard to complete your work. Great effort!</td>
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<td>Year 3F</td>
<td>Lenke Nienhuis</td>
<td>For your commitment to your school tasks this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 3N</td>
<td>Jonte Walker</td>
<td>For always coming to school with a genuine enthusiasm for learning each day. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Year 4M</td>
<td>Bailey Tindale</td>
<td>For consistently showing commitment in the classroom by demonstrating a strong work ethic.</td>
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<td>Year 4S</td>
<td>Seth Joynson</td>
<td>For your impeccable manners and respectful nature both in and out of the classroom.</td>
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<td>Year 5H</td>
<td>Sasha Ramsay</td>
<td>For your outstanding effort towards your writing.</td>
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<td>Year 6P</td>
<td>Alex Harvey</td>
<td>Listening to feedback and using it to improve his overall achievements.</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Lilly Nicholson (Prep W)</td>
<td>For always answering questions and listening politely during library lessons.</td>
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Tuckshop is TUESDAY 24th May.

This fortnights meal deal is FRIED RICE!
Meal deals will be $5 each, including a drink.
Orders forms and money need to be returned this Thursday 19th May by 9am.

All meals are made from fresh ingredients and will be handed out on a re-usable plastic plate. When students are finished eating they are encouraged to take their plate to the washing up station for cleaning. This is a great way to encourage responsibility and practice recycling. There will be older students to help out with this process.

After all meals are served, children can purchase a home baked treat or icy cup for 50 cents.

Please support this fantastic P and C Initiative.
We welcome parent helpers! Please see Mrs Southall in the office if you are able to volunteer your time.

TUCKSHOP ORDER FORM
Tuesday 24th May

NAME: ..........................................................
YEAR LEVEL: ..............................................
TEACHER: ....................................................

Meal deal — FRIED RICE + DRINK
$5 each

PLEASE CIRCLE DRINK PREFERENCE:

○ JUICE POPPER
○ STRAWBERRY MILK
○ CHOCOLATE MILK

Amount enclosed: $....................

Return to the office by 9am THURSDAY 19th May