Happy and Safe Holiday
On behalf of the staff at St Helens, I would like to wish all our students and their families a happy and safe Easter holiday. Term One has been exceptionally busy, with students participating in events like Interschool sport, GRIP leadership, oral health talks, Deadly Australians, Extension art with Jo Frost and swimming. I have been very impressed with how our students have represented their school, they have demonstrated the values of Respect, Integrity and Commitment with pride.

Next term is looking to be just as busy, we have Cross Country within the first few weeks, students will also be preparing art work for their show presentations, ANZAC day march, Athletics day and of course NAPLAN for our year 3 and year 5 students.

I’d like to take the time to thank our staff for their hard work over the course of the term, I know parents and students are very appreciative of how approachable and dedicated all our staff are, this combined with our deliberate approach to school values make St Helens a great place for all our students to learn.

Deadly Australians
Students in all grades had the opportunity to come face to face with some of Australia’s creepiest creatures. Students learnt all about a number of Australia’s deadliest animals, along with a variety of first aid techniques designed to keep everyone safe if they encounter these creatures. Students were riveted as the presenter spoke about snake species like the Taipan and Death Adder along with other venomous creatures including Red Backed Spiders and Blue Ringed Octopus.

Students were happy to hear about some of our more placid neighbours including various species of turtle and pythons. It was an exciting day for all our students, we hope you had the opportunity to talk with your child about their exciting encounters.

School Banking
There will be no school banking this week.

Ice Block day is Thursday this week!

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools. Information is continually added to this app by our office admin, Emily Southall. One of the easiest ways to view our weekly school newsletter is through this app as well. For more information please look at the link below, it will assist parents with the most effective way to enable the app on your smart phone.

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.
St Helens News

Galaxy Award
Congratulations to the wonderful students in the Prep Wombats for being the latest recipients of the St Helens Galaxy Award. The Prep Wombats always try exceptionally hard to be in line before the second bell. They sit up straight and quietly wait for their classroom teacher, Miss Baker. Brilliant work Prep Wombats!

Choc Spoons
Spoons will be on sale from 8:15am on Thursday morning under the admin building.

Choir News
The Senior Choir have been very productive this term and are looking forward to performing our first song of the year after the holidays. Keep an eye on the newsletter to find out which parade we will be entertaining.

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, EFPTOS facilities are available.

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.

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.

School Absence Line:
4120 2260
If your child is sick or away please call the schools Absence Line.

Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possums & Wombats – Have a fantastic break everyone! Level 2 of Phonics Hero will be open for the holidays, but don’t forget to go back and play games again to improve your scores!!

Year 1A & 1B– Have a safe and happy holiday. We will see you back at school after the holidays.

Year 2B - Can you please ensure that your child returns their homework folder this week so that Camera Words can be updated before homework goes home next term. The children should be congratulated on the hard work they have put in this term. Thank you again to all of the volunteers that have given up their time each week to help out with our groups. We wish all of our families a happy, safe and refreshing break.

Year 2C - I would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe Easter holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers who give up their time each week to work with our children. We achieve so much more with your help. Thank you.

Year 2/3R – We will be having a cultural day on Thursday. This term we are off to Vanuatu. I look forward to sharing the culture and traditions with your child. Also I wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter holiday.
Year 3N – Thanks to all 3N students on their massive efforts during the last two assessment-filled weeks. Have a safe and happy holiday with your families!

Year 4M – The students are busy wrapping up some assessment and class activities this week. We are all really excited about the holidays – have a safe and enjoyable time with family.

Year 4S – The students worked very hard this Term with a focus on working independently on assessments and assignments. The last assessment for this Term is due this week regarding Endangered Species. Most of the students have completed this but some are still finding it difficult to work independently. Please check your child’s progress.

Year 5H – Thank you all for a wonderful first term. Remember to keep reading over the break. Have a happy and safe Easter.

Year 6P – Year 6 students are continuing to learn about the connection between fractions, decimals and percentages. Ask your child to take notice of where they see ‘percentage’ represented in the community. Once assessments are completed, we will begin some Easter art activities. We hope you all have a relaxing break with families and friends and look forward to Term 2. HAPPY EASTER!!

Community News

Creative Co Op Easter Saturday Market
A variety of Handmade, Artisan & Boutique stalls all from around your local community, all in one spot with cafe and refreshments available 9-2 at St Stephen’s Hall Sussex St

For Sale
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.
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<td>For being a hard worker and a considerate friend. Great effort!</td>
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<td>Emma Williams</td>
<td>For excellent progress in all areas of literacy. Great work!</td>
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<td>Emily Thiele</td>
<td>For always showing commitment to her learning and achieving her goals!</td>
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<td>Zac Akers</td>
<td>For his outstanding retell of the story “Rosie’s Walk”.</td>
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<td>Annika Pendleton</td>
<td>For the exceptional way you follow the three school values. Amazing work Annika!</td>
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<td>For your wonderful calm and committed approach to all that you do.</td>
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<td>Tyneele Roberts</td>
<td>For consistently showing commitment in all classroom activities.</td>
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<td>For always showing an outstanding commitment towards improving in your learning. Well done.</td>
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<td>For consistently demonstrating the three school values. Keep up the good work!</td>
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