TERM CALENDAR

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<td>Wednesday 24th August</td>
<td>5/6 Camp 7:30am</td>
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<td>Friday 26th August</td>
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<td>Monday 12th - 16th September</td>
<td>Book Week</td>
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A huge thank you must be given to everyone who made our Family Field Day such a wonderful success. I was impressed with the number of people that we had on the day, the perfect weather meant that we had a continual stream of community members coming to enjoy the festivities. Each of the classroom stalls performed wonderfully, it was great seeing our students past and present enjoying themselves with carnival style games. A big thank you to all the P&C members who put in the extra effort to make our Family Field Day such a success. I would also like to thank our major sponsors, Councillor Paul Truscott, Maryborough Gas and Camping World and Station Square Shopping Centre. I know members are already talking about how they can assist the school with the profits that were made.

I also wanted to congratulate our students, on the day I witnessed a number of children demonstrating fantastic behaviour. It is clear that the continual work of parents and staff members to instil the values of Respect, Integrity and Commitment are having a profoundly positive impact.

The Golden Rule
I spoke last week about the golden rule that we like to live by here at St Helens. It encompasses each of our values and strengthens the sense of community that we strive to achieve. I wanted to continue this philosophy more by delving into the well-utilised quote:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

For our students this statement should mean that they need to focus less on punishing those who cross them and choose to guide them into a better frame of mind. Teach them not only the error of their ways, but the error in their thinking. This is not a lesson in condescension but a way to understand the progression from thought to action. If someone believes they are doing the right thing by trying to control another or become invasive in another’s life, first try to understand how that person feels their actions will get him from a desire to a result. Then, help them evaluate the consequences and perhaps choose a better way to achieve their goals and consider the goals of others.

These are certainly lofty heights for our younger classes but it could start with simple encouraging our students to always be open to seeing the other side of a situation.

Curriculum Corner
Have you completed your Census?

Just as it’s crucial to collect data at a national level, data collection here at school is also very important.

Each week your child’s teacher is collecting data on how your child is tracking to reach their goals. Most importantly, data is utilised to guide teaching. Teacher’s make decisions as a result of what students already know and the areas for improvement.
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Then, just like at a national level, resources and then focussed on the areas of need, whether that is support or extension. At St Helens State School, that is called ‘Wraparound Support’.

Adopt-A-Cop News

This week is road safety week. It is a great time to talk to your children about ways to keep safe around roads, at school drop off/pick up and when catching the bus to and from school or for excursions. Road trauma affects too many people in Queensland. By considering your actions, sticking to the road rules, and sharing the roads courteously with others, we can all make our roads safer.

It is pleasing to see the majority of parents doing the right thing for drop off and pick up, however, there are still a few parents stopping their vehicles on the yellow line during drop off and pick up times. This is a no standing area and is marked this way for the safety of all the children at the school.

**Speed** — Put the brakes on speeding

**Distractions** — Take action against distractions

**Seatbelts and child restraints** — Show some restraint

**Fatigue** — Wake up to fatigue

**Sharing the road with others** — Drive/ride a safe vehicle, safely

**Drink Driving** — Plan not to drink and drive

Just a reminder to enter your child’s artwork in the ‘Road Safety in My Town’ competition by 28th August, for a chance to win a mini iPad. You can enter direct or I will be at the school on the 25th August and can collect any entries from the classrooms.

Maths Team Challenge

Students have received notes with regards to the Maths Team Challenge on Friday 2nd September at Hervey Bay. Please complete and return to Mr Hansen as soon as possible.

Mary Poppins Literary Competition

Just a reminder for those students in Year 3-6 that have taken a form from their teacher and are participating in the Mary Poppins Literary Competition. All entries are due back to the school by Monday 29th August. They can be handed back to either Mr Hansen or Mrs Thiele.

Impact Students

In Term Two and Three, a group of students from Year Five and Six participated in an online STEM course called DesignIt. Our students were introduced to the process of design thinking and were given various online design challenges to solve. In their final weeks, the students were introduced to the ‘Scratch Coding App’ and ‘Makey Makey Electronic Kits’. They enjoyed using these tools to experiment with design challenges, and are photographed using the Makey Makey Kits to create music and/or move the cursor on the computer screen.

Library News - Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our book fair last week and at the field day. We totalled $3109 of sales. This means the library now has $777 dollars to spend on books from book club. This definitely helps keep our library books new and exciting for the students. Thank you.

Choir News

Congratulations to all the Senior Choir students who performed on Family Field Day. Preparations now continue for our End of Year concert and small tour. A reminder to students who are interested in performing a solo or small group piece, auditions are early next week.

Father’s Day Stall

Next Wed, Thus and Friday the Father’s Day stall will be open in the hall. Prices range from $1 to $5.
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Uniform Reminder
I would like to take this time to remind parents and students of our uniform expectations. In the past I spoke about the requirements of each student to ensure they come to school wearing the appropriate, endorsed school uniform. I ask that parents continue to be vigilant and appreciate your continued support with this expectation.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is back!!! The next full tuckshop will be 30th of August. The meal deal will be nachos and a drink. Please find the order form attached to the newsletter.

Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possoms & Wombats – We have been learning about rhyming. Spend some time coming up with up with some funny rhymes.

Year 1A – History interviews are due back this week.

Year 1B – Just a friendly reminder that homework is due each Friday. We will be having a special Homework Party at the end of the term to reward those students who have completed their homework each week. It would be great if all students could attend. Please help your child to achieve this goal. Many thanks.

Year 2B - Thank you to everyone that supported our stall at Family Field Day on Saturday. This week in English we are learning many facts about Northern Blossom Bats so that students can write informative sentences. See how many different facts your child can remember.

Year 2C - This week we are revising the use of calendars. We will be making sure we know the order of the months and when each season begins and ends. Thank you to all of our families for your contributions to our plant stand and raffle. Congratulations to the Mathieson Family for winning the Fairy Garden.

Year 2/3R – We have just started our new English unit, ‘Kumiko and the dragon’ an imaginative story set in Japan. So far in the unit we have looked at the reading strategy ‘visualising’ and drawn a picture using different angles to illustrate what happened in the first chapter. Ask your child what they know about visualising and how they practiced this strategy to create a picture in their mind when listening to the story.

Year 3F – Thank you for all the support with our class stall. All money raised with go towards and new ipad.

Year 3N – Year 3N are completing a Measurement Scavenger Hunt as part of their Maths assessment this week. Talk with your child about different items around your home, and whether they are measured using length, mass or capacity.

Year 4M – All students are to be commended for their oral presentations on Thursday last week. The quality of writing, speaking and courage to present were outstanding! The overall improvement from our last oral presentations was an exceptional achievement! Well done!!!

Year 4S – Ask your child if they have been rehearsing their book review or game review for our Friday presentations.

Year 5H – Year 5 and 6 are heading to camp tomorrow. Make sure you get a good night’s sleep and have nice big breakfast.

Year 6P– There will be no homework this week due to camp. The students are all excited and can’t wait to go. I hope you enjoy the quiet while we are away.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OZTAG SIGN ONS

Sign on for Maryborough Oztag 2016 Summer Season will take place at Doon Villa Football Club on Monday 29th August from 4pm until 6pm (juniors) and 6pm until 7pm (seniors). Divisions are available for boys and girls from Under 6 -15 and Mixed, Mens and Ladies for senior divisions. Both teams and individuals, or groups of friends are welcome. Let us find you a team if you don’t have one! Lots of passing, running, kicking, tagging and try scoring! Oztag can be played by everyone, not just the gazelles and greyhounds! So stop standing around thinking about it, come and join the other 150 000 registered Australian players and “GET TAGGED – YOU’LL LOVE IT” Go to www.maryboroughoztag.com or call 0414893840 for all of the info, you can even register yourself or your team online from the comfort of your lounge chair! Our Venue Coordinators are waiting to assist you in every way possible.
TENNIS

Free Come and Try Days in August and September. (Not during school holidays).
Have fun playing Doubles or Singles with your friends.
When 3-5pm Saturdays
Where Alice St courts
Am I Good Enough? Definitely. Three different stages, Red, Orange and Green. We will place you in a level where you have fun.
Enquiries please contact Bruce Rayner 0408740418
### Star of the Week

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<th>Hope Parker</th>
<th>For a big improvement in her reading skills. Well done!</th>
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<td>Kylah Greenhalgh</td>
<td>For her excellent improvement with reading. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Malcom Irwin</td>
<td>For a positive attitude and a great effort towards his learning!</td>
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<td>Bailey Cullen</td>
<td>For the commitment you have put into your learning this week.</td>
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<td>Year 2B</td>
<td>Madayah Bull</td>
<td>For always striving to achieve your best at everything that you do. You are a real super star!</td>
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<td>Year 2C</td>
<td>Natasha Keyworth</td>
<td>For the commitment she shows towards improving her learning.</td>
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<td>Year 2/3R</td>
<td>Zeak Johnstone</td>
<td>For working exceptionally hard in all subject areas. Great commitment Zeak!</td>
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<td>Year 3N</td>
<td>Charlotte Howell</td>
<td>For demonstrating an improved attitude and commitment towards your learning this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 4M</td>
<td>Ryan Winnett</td>
<td>For a confident and entertaining English presentation. You should be proud of your efforts!</td>
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<td>Year 4S</td>
<td>Samantha Steinberg</td>
<td>For your outstanding application and effort in Mrs Govers group work.</td>
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<td>Jordan Kuss</td>
<td>For your improved effort and technical language in your Tension Tightening scenes.</td>
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<td>Year 6P</td>
<td>Tiah Bailey</td>
<td>For writing an informative and entertaining letter for her English assessment.</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Oliver Collishaw</td>
<td>For his hard work helping Mr Fraser set up book fair. Thanks!</td>
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Student Absence Line: 4120 2260
Tuckshop is **TUESDAY 30th August**.

This fortnights meal deal is **NACHOS**!

Meal deals will be **$5 each**, including a drink.

Orders forms and money need to be returned by **FRIDAY 26th August** 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.

Tuckshop will be open every alternate Tuesday selling treats,

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**TUCKSHOP ORDER FORM**

**Tuesday 30th August**

NAME: ..................................................................................................................................

YEAR LEVEL: ..................................................

TEACHER: ..........................................................................................................

Meal deal – NACHOS + DRINK

$5 each

PLEASE CIRCLE DRINK PREFERENCE:

◊ JUICE POPPER

◊ STRAWBERRY MILK

◊ CHOCOLATE MILK

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