Show Display
We are delighted to announce that St Helens was awarded 3rd place in the school displays. Well done to all the students and teachers for the wonderful work on display. Hopefully you had the chance to see our display while you were at the show last week. A big thanks must go to Mr Schultz and Mrs England for the construction of our display boards, they looked terrific!

Under 8’s day
Next Friday 3rd June we celebrate Under 8’s from 9:00-11:00am. This year we celebrate 60 years of Under 8’s Week. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. We invite parents to attend and enjoy the morning with their children. The morning will commence with a performance from our Junior Choir followed by the cutting of the birthday cake!

Leadership breakfast
Yesterday our School & House captains attended a Leadership breakfast at Maryborough High. This was a great opportunity for our students to listen and participate in leadership activities with leaders from other schools in Maryborough.

Pheobe Parker wrote about her experience: Mr Done from Maryborough discussed leadership skills such as delegation. He also discussed this quote: “Fear has two meanings, Forget Everything And Run or Face Everything And Rise. Mr Done explained the second meaning is harder to do than the first, but by doing the second it makes you a better leader. As a leader of a school we have responsibilities. I think you have something that you are afraid to do like speaking on parade or writing for the newsletter, then you can face your fear and then your fear will disappear. I think the leadership breakfast was an exciting and informative experience.

Maddison Doblo & Candyce Leigh went on to say: Mr Done asked the question, “now that you have a badge, what are you going to do with it?” Mr Done discussed the importance of setting goals are we are going to make an impact on the school. We have 124 days left to make a difference in our school.

Walk Safely to School/Traffic Lights
Last Thursday, students and staff walked to school together to demonstrate the importance of doing this safely. This is even more important due to the location of our school along a very busy road.

Safety of both students and parents has also been enhanced with the construction of the traffic lights now complete. This is a wonderful result of campaigning for many years from parents past and present. The support from Bruce Saunders MP cannot go unmentioned also. I’m sure parents have certainly appreciated the easier exit from the carpark each morning and afternoon.
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It's great to see the students enjoy the experience, now the ball is in their court to decide what direction they will take with these new skills.

Chess Tournament
Yesterday 16 students participated in the second interschool chess tournament for the year. It was held at Tinana State School with teams participating from all over the region. St Helens Team 1 finished 6th out of 22 teams. Merit ribbons were won by Mitchell Whitaker, Zeak Johnstone and Rhegan Bailey. All students had a fun and challenging day and can't wait for next term's tournament.

Strings News
Tomorrow our Beginner Strings and the String Orchestra students are competing in the state-wide Department of Education’s competition “Fanfare”. Admission is free and parents/caregivers are most welcome in the audience to support our young musicians.

Students will need to bring their instrument, music, rosin, shoulder rest (for violin only), morning tea, lunch and water bottle. Beginner students need to wear their full school uniform. Orchestra students are to bring their music polo shirt, long black pants, black socks and black shoes. All students will be traveling by bus, to and from St Helens.

The beginner Strings perform at 12:30pm and Non-beginner Strings perform at 1:30pm (approx.)

Maryborough Speech and Drama Eisteddfod
Any students wishing to enter solo events in the Maryborough Speech and Drama Eisteddfod can register online. The Maryborough Eisteddfod program can be downloaded on their web page or Facebook page. Chappy Amanda is happy to coach students in the lunch times. Registrations close June 1. Please see Chappy Amanda for more information.

Tuckshop
The next tuckshop will be on Tuesday 7th June. The Meal deal will be Nacho’s.

Next Tuesday drinks will be available for $1 and treats for 50c from the tuckshop at the first break.

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.

Chappy Week Fundraiser
Next Tuesday 31st May chaplains from Maryborough schools will be here as part of our Chappy Week celebrations. A number of chaplains will be working with students in classrooms in the morning session. At morning tea students can donate $1 for a piece of duct tape that will be applied to Chappy Amanda to stick her to the wall in the hall! The more money donated, the more duct tape and the better chance we have of keeping Chappy attached to the wall after we take the box away she will stand on. It would be great if all students could support this fundraiser.

Talking Sport
We started our high jump competition yesterday with our 12/13yrs students competing. Parents are most welcome to come and watch these competitions at the following times:

High Jump Events:
Friday 27th May 11:00am – 11 years
Monday 30th May 11:00am – 10 years
Friday 3rd June 11:00am – 9 years

Remember all students will jump for participation points on our Sports day.

200m/400m/800m Events:
Monday 6th June 9:00am – 8 years to OPEN
**Athletics Carnival:**
Friday 10th June 9:00am – whole school

**Snakes Down Under**
Last Thursday the Prep students had an excursion to Snakes Down Under. They all had a wonderful time. Here are some recounts from the students.

‘I went to Snakes Down Under. I watched the snake show then held them.’ Written by Quinn

‘On Thursday I went to Snakes Down Under and I got to see a show and I got to pat lizards and I got to touch a turtle shell and I fed kangaroos and I got to see koalas.’ Written by Immeakah

‘We went on the bus and we saw a snake show. Then we had some morning tea. We saw some lizards then we had lunch. Then we saw some kangaroos and koalas.’ Written by Lilly

‘We went on the bus to Snakes Down Under. We had morning tea then we had lunch. Then we fed the kangaroos, then we went home.’ Written by Charleigh

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**Dinner Table Topics**

**Prep Possums & Wombats** – We are trying really hard to learn our camera words! Ask your child if they can write some camera words for you!

**Year 1A & 1B** – We are working on spelling camera words correctly in our writing. Please keep reviewing previous sets every few weeks.

**Year 2B** – Students have been busy testing out their lunch objects today in Science. Ask your child if their observation matched their prediction.

**Year 2C** – This week we are reading ‘Emily and the Dragon’. It is about a little girl who doesn’t believe in stereotypes and helps others to be the person they want to be. We are using this as stimulus to write a character description of Emily. Our focus this week is on descriptive noun groups and compound sentences.

**Year 2/3R** – “The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.” 2/3R are learning about making stronger sentences using adverbs and adjectives in their procedures. Test their knowledge at home and see if they can accurately tell you how to do or make something!

**Year 3N** – Year 3N are in the process of completing their Math, Science and Technology assessments over the next week. Parents, thank you for your continued support in sending your child to school well-rested and ready to learn each day.

**Year 3F** – Daily reading is extremely important if the children are to move forward in their reading ability and comprehension levels. Please record your child’s reading every time they read in their Home Reading log.

**Year 4M** – The students have a Science Assignment to complete at home over the next few weeks (due Wednesday 8th June). We will also have in class time for research on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. There will be no normal homework tasks during this time.

**Year 4S** – The students are thoroughly enjoying the experiments associated with our current Science Unit. They are very aware of materials and their properties. Quiz them about objects around the home.

**Year 5H** – Your child is examining perimeter and area in Maths. Ask them what these are and how to find them?

**Year 6P** – In science we are learning about Bio-Waste which is unwanted materials from plants and animals. Ask your child what Bio-waste is used for. Where does it come from?
Under 8's Day

Party Games  Music

Celebrating 60 years of Under 8’s
Date: Friday 3rd June
Time: 9-11am
St Helens State School
All Under 8’s and their families are welcome.

Junior Choir  Sporting Activities

Craft Activities
JOIN CHAPPY AMANDA FOR A ‘CHAPPY BLOCKBUSTER’ NIGHT AT THE MARYBOROUGH @ CINEMAS. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM & MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM ON FRIDAY 17TH OR SATURDAY 18TH OF JUNE.

TICKETS ONLY $12

TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT AT THE TINANA STATE SCHOOL OFFICE, ST HELENS STATE SCHOOL OFFICE OR DIRECTLY FROM MARYBOROUGH @ CINEMAS

(DON’T FORGET TO TELL THEM WHICH SCHOOL YOU ARE SUPPORTING). PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMS AT THESE TWO SCHOOLS. PLEASE SUPPORT THE @ CINEMAS CANDY BAR TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY.

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