The Power of Positivity

I was thrilled this week to have the opportunity to visit Mrs Akers class and witness the year one students handing out positive comments and pictures to their fellow classmates. After chatting with the school on Friday’s parade regarding the power everyone has to make individual feel positive, it was refreshing to hear that the younger students in Mrs Akers class took this literally and decided to become proactive and positive members of the school community. These students have taken it upon themselves to hand each other kind, considerate words that are designed to uplift and make another person’s day enjoyable. I wanted to take the time to ‘fill the buckets’ for these wonderful students and congratulate them on a job well done! I enjoy hearing about students looking after students and Mrs Aker’s class have taken this to another level.

“St Helens Super Stars are respectful. To be respectful means showing regard and appreciation for the worth of someone or something. We demonstrate respect every day by valuing the opinions of others whilst being caring and considerate of their feelings and beliefs”.

Students with respect:
- Listen
- Keep unkind thoughts to themselves.
- Speak kindly to everyone.
- Share
- Play fairly and wait their turn.
- Raise their hands before talking.
- Use their manners – “Please, thank you and excuse me”
- Clean up after themselves.
- Show tolerance and acceptance of others.
- Are safe
- Care about themselves and others.

New Flag Pole

A big thank you needs to be given to Mr Schulz for taking the time to move our flag pole. Parents who come along to parade would have noticed that we have our senior students raising the flag during the anthem, this was made possible by the hard work of our groundsman. It’s great for our students to now acknowledge and display respect towards the national flag whilst singing the anthem.
### Curriculum Corner

**Aldridge UNI Trip**

Last week I had the pleasure of participating in a trip coordinated by Aldridge and Maryborough High Schools with 3 students from St Helens. These students were selected by the High Schools to visit 3 different University campuses. These girls represented St Helens with exemplary behaviour and were a credit to the school.

I was so amazed with this opportunity it really inspired me to continue working hard and achieving my best. The universities were great fun to explore and I learned so much about what it’s really like out there after school. Each one of the universities had up to date technology and had multiple classrooms and lecture theatres for all different degrees and courses. We also travelled by city cat to the UQ University. We also got to walk over the William Jolly Bridge to South Bank at night. I am very grateful and pleased with this opportunity. I enjoyed everything about it. SO AWESOME! I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped out and made this happen.

Written by Holly Jenkins

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**On Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22nd of July Candyce Leigh, Holly Jenkins and I went on a “University trip” with Aldridge State High. We got to see how uni life works. We went to three different UNI’s USC, QUT and UQ, (USC is on the Sunshine Coast University, QUT and UQ are in Brisbane.) There we learnt about the different opportunities, courses and degrees you can get at university. All this was funded and organised by Aldridge State High. While at these Uni’s we got a real taste of what it’s like in a University community. The atmosphere was great and everyone was really nice. It was such an awesome opportunity; I loved it, I CAN’T WAIT TO GO TO UNI!**

Written by Phoebe Parker

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**The NED Show**

The NED Show is a character education programme that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: Never Give up Encourage Do your best

During the assembly, students will learn about NED’s three messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

The NED Show will be visiting St Helens on Monday 1st August at 1:45pm and is free of charge for all students. Any items purchased will help to send the NED show to another school.

There is an order form attached to the bottom of the form.

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**Maryborough District Athletics**

This week students aged 10-12 who have been selected to compete at the Maryborough District Athletics Carnival have received their event information. The Athletics Carnival is on Friday 5th August and will be held at the Jock Anderson Athletics Oval. All students will be required to access private transport to attend. Forms and $3 due to office by Wednesday 3rd of August.

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**PLease Help Logan**

On Friday 29th of July student council are holding a breakfast and free dress day for Logan Nikora. Logan is a past student of St Helens and is 13 this year. He is very sick with chronic lymes disease and as a community we are looking to support him and his family as they look toward some treatment in America to give Logan the best quality of life he possibly can. Please support Logan by coming in free dress with a gold coin and joining us for a hot chocolate and a muffin beside the prep building on Friday morning. Hot chocolate will be $1, muffins also $1. Parents are also welcome to join us. There will be picnic blankets along the grass so that students can sit and have breakfast and listen to some live music by Emma Newman to start the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!!
Enrolments for 2017
Please be advised that we are currently looking at student numbers for 2017, if you have any details regarding new siblings attending prep or if you are planning on moving from the area could you please inform the office at your earliest convenience, this information is used to help guide the number of new students we are able to accept under the enrolment management plan.

Tuckshop
The next tuckshop will be on **Tuesday 2nd August**. The Meal deal will be Hot Dog (beef sausage).

Payment is due this Friday, 29th of July.
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.

Same Day Absences Notification
The school will be implementing a mobile phone texting system that notifies parents when their child has been marked as absent on the school role. This system will allow parents to text back with reasons for the absence so that our documents can be updated and amended. This process is designed to keep both parents and the school informed about student absences and is in alignment with Education Queensland’s same day absences notification policy. More information will be made available in the coming weeks regarding when the system will be operational.

Year 2/3R – This week we are going to start our technology unit on creating a digital advertisement. Talk with your child about different items in your house that might have an ad on them. For example, cereal boxes and competitions.

Year 3F – Thank you to the families that have donated already to our Family Field Day stall. We are still in need of more.

Year 3N – Part of being an effective reader is understanding what you have read. Reading strategies greatly assist students with developing this skill. Year 3N students have a different reading strategy focus each week. Ask your child how they can Activate Prior Knowledge, Infer, and Predict when reading at home.

Year 4M – “Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” Thomas A. Edison. To be positive and driven in the classroom can be difficult for students (and teacher alike). It is positivity, drive and the desire to have a go that are the core values for commitment in 4M.

Year 4S – Our class is holding the Nerf Knock Em Downs stall this year for Family Field Day. We would like to ask parents and caregivers to donate cheap items that we could use as prizes for our stall. They will be wrapped individually as lucky dips.

Year 5H – In Science, we’ve been studying states of matter. Ask your child what the different states of matter are and how many they can find around the house.

Year 6P – We will be beginning the planning of our art and technology design this week (3D Pablo Picasso 3D design). Please ask students to bring in any items (recycled/new) that you are wishing to use in your design.

Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possums & Wombats – “Are we there yet?”. Not yet! But the Preps are having a great time travelling Australia. Come in and see where we have been.

Year 1A – There will be a note later this week about eisteddfod.

Year 1B – A massive thank you for the generous donations toward our Family Field Day stall!

Year 2B & 2C - Thank you to the families that have returned their permission and medical forms for the Australia Zoo excursion. If you still have your form to return, please send it in to the office as soon as possible. If your child is not coming on the excursion they still need to return their permission form. Thank you.

**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>For wonderful participation in all classroom activities.</td>
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<td>For consistently displaying respectful behaviour. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jemma Scougall</td>
<td>For being a helpful and hardworking classmate!</td>
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<td>For the commitment you show towards improving your learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>For using an array of Math strategies to answer money questions.</td>
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<td>Kayla Fouracre</td>
<td>For continually trying hard to do her best. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 3N</td>
<td>Gemma Philips</td>
<td>For your determination towards achieving your learning goals. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Peter Delphin</td>
<td>For demonstrating respect for other people’s opinions in the classroom.</td>
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<td>For having increased your effort and commitment to classroom activities.</td>
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<td>Lakota Mansell</td>
<td>For your increased effort and commitment towards your learning.</td>
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<td>Candyce Leigh</td>
<td>For putting in 100% in all areas and consistently looking for ways to improve.</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Harrison Doherty</td>
<td>For his concentration and game play during chess club. Well done!</td>
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Tuckshop is **TUESDAY 2nd August**.

This fortnight's meal deal is **HOT DOG**! (with beef sausage)

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

Orders forms and money need to be returned by **FRIDAY 29th June** 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, icy cups and drinks at first break.

Please support this fantastic **P and C** initiative!

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**TUCKSHOP ORDER FORM**

**Tuesday 2nd August**

**NAME:**

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**YEAR LEVEL:**

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**TEACHER:**

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Meal deal – **HOT DOG** + **DRINK**

$5 each

**PLEASE CIRCLE DRINK PREFERENCE:**

◊ JUICE POPPER

◊ STRAWBERRY MILK

◊ CHOCOLATE MILK

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

**Return to the office by 9am FRIDAY 29TH JULY**
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**The NED SHOW PROVIDES...**

- **45** free printables for using at home
- **23** child-friendly learning videos
- **1** unforgettable programme that creates champion attitudes!

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**Meet NED in a Video!**

Access 55 mins of yo-yo instruction for tons of old-fashioned fun after the show!

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**Use NED at Home**

- Share a story about *never giving up* on something that was important to you as a child.
- Be your child’s #1 *encourager*! Recognise something that your child is trying to be awesome at and applaud their efforts.
- If your child is excelling in a particular area, identify new challenges that will keep them *doing their best*!

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**FREE DOWNLOADS for home!**

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**The Pay-it-Forward™ Sale**

NED gear is available for purchase for 5 days after the show at our school.

Our school gets The NED Show for free because we’re hosting a Pay-It-Forward sale. When you purchase a NED item, you help send this assembly on to the next school.

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**Send order form and payment to school with your child.**

**Pupil:**

**Teacher:**

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Prices include GST.

Replacement String (10 strings) $5

Yo-Yo Holster $5

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