Schools tend to be an environment where students have a number of opportunities to demonstrate commitment. At St Helens we have students who display this value in a wide variety of activities including choirs, art programs, sporting endeavours, drama and chess club and of course academic pursuits to name just a few. The value of commitment was selected as a key concept for our students because it is integral to success, for our students to achieve their goals they need to recognise the importance of showing commitment. It’s important to realise that we practice and enhance our understanding of commitment even through the smallest of tasks. We often refer to commitment in other ways, students should recognise that dedication, determination and fortitude are all words that describe and encompass the value of commitment.

“St Helens Super Stars show commitment. Commitment is pledging your time and effort into the completion of any given task to the best of your ability. We demonstrate commitment by dedicating our whole self to the task no matter the degree of difficulty”.

Students with commitment:
- Listen.
- Follow instructions.
- Always try their best.
- Try harder when presented with a challenge
- Inspire others to also achieve their best.
- Undertake and complete tasks with dignity and pride.
- Encourage themselves and others.

A reminder about school uniform
With the cooler weather approaching we have noticed a number of students wearing clothing not part of the endorsed school uniform for St Helens State School. We encourage students to wear jumpers and jackets in navy blue, St Helens jumpers and jackets can be purchased from B&H Design or Sauers Clothing. You may also purchase plain navy blue jumpers and tracksuit pants from Big W or Best and Less.
A reminder that school shirts and navy blue shorts/skorts are to be worn on a daily basis. Female students also have the option to wear the checked formal dress. Jeans and coloured jackets are not part of the school uniform.
A school uniform reflects the school community’s standards and expectations. We all have a role to play in encouraging our students to show school pride in their appearance. Thank you for assisting us in this endeavour.

Eisteddfod News
On Saturday and Monday our Drama club participated in the Maryborough Eisteddfod, our group has worked exceptionally hard during and after school to be prepared for this event. Saturday evening was a success with our Dramatic Performance Group of 12 years and under coming 1st place with the adjudicator commending us for our unique and entertaining efforts.

On Monday we entered in group and individual improvisation groups. We had our eight girls split into two teams, competing against 9 teams in total and with the improvisation topic of ‘trouble on a school excursion’ our groups came 1st and 3rd in this event, taking home the Group Improvisation Maryborough Eisteddfod trophy. For the individual improvisation Emma Newman placed Highly Commended, Phoebe Parker placed 3rd, Holly Jenkins placed 2nd and Jasmine Price placed 1st. The effort, commitment and enthusiasm the girls demonstrated over the course of the two days was tremendous.

This Friday at parade our 1st place drama team will be performing, drama students will need their theatre blacks. We welcome back parents, families and friends to attend this performance.
St Helens News

Red Cross Australia
We would like to thank Margaret for coming and speaking on parade about the great work the Australia Red Cross have done of the past 100 years. We were lucky enough to have a book donated to the school about the history of the Red Cross.

P&C News
There will be a P&C meeting tonight in the library at 6pm. The major topic of discussion will be the upcoming Family Field Day. All are welcome.

Family Field Day
Family Field Day is fast approaching and I would like to take the time to congratulate the staff and parents who have shown an outstanding level of commitment to the organisation of this event. The classroom stalls have been arranged and I feel confident that guests will find a number of extremely entertaining stalls to visit on the day. A map will be sent out with next week’s newsletter showing where all of the excitement can be found.

Thank you for the great response with the cake stall donations. We are still in need of desiccated coconut, standard size marshmallows and wafer biscuits.

Field day is from 10am to 2pm on Saturday the 20th of August.

Pre-paid ride passes are available from the office for $30 each. Or on the day for $32.

Year 5/6 Camp Information
Please note that permission and medical forms are due now and final payment is due Wednesday 17th August.

News from our Adopt-A-Cop
Recently I’ve been attending the school and talking to the students. Prior to the holidays I spoke to a number of classrooms about internet safety. It was interesting to learn how much access some of the students have to the internet and the sites that they are visiting. Facebook and Pokemon have a minimum age of 13. I discussed with them how their online decisions can affect their future as anything posted on the internet is permanent.

As parents you can reduce the risks while your children are online.
- Communicate with your children
- Consider software that monitors use
- Be interested and involved in their internet use
- Be in charge of the internet and mobile phones
- Set guidelines and rules. Have consequences if they don’t follow the rules.
- Have the internet in communal areas of the home

As students REMEMBER THE 5R’S
REALISE – Realise people you chat with may not be who they say they are.
REFUSE – Refuse requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.
REVIEW – Review your contacts, It’s not ‘kewl’ to have contacts you don’t know.
RESPOND – Respond quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable while on-line. Close the program, tell your parents or a trusted friend.
REPORT – Report any suspicious or dangerous on-line contact to the police.

Helpful links
- www.bullyingnoway.com.au
- www.education.qld.gov.au/actsmartbesafe
Interschool Chess Tournament
Tomorrow is the last interschool chess tournament for the year. It will be held at Tinana State School Hall and we wish all the St Helens chess players good luck!

Queensland Cricket Regional Player Blitz
This Friday the school will be visited by two state cricketers. Brisbane Heat, Qld Fire & Australian cricketer Grace Harris will be one of the stars. She will be joined by Heat & Bulls player Jason Floros. Students in Year 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in some activities with them. After school at the Maryborough Cricket Grounds, all students are invited to a meet & greet and game session from 4:00 – 5:00pm. See attached flyer for more information.

The NED Show
Thanks to the wonderful support from our school community in purchasing the NED yo-yos and accessories. The great response will certainly allow us to ‘Pay it forward’ so The NED Show can share their message at another school.

It has been great to see students learning the tricks and practising each day in the Undercover Area and remembering the key messages of NED:

Never Give up
Encourage
Do your best

Maryborough District Cricket Trials
This afternoon students aged 10-12 have a final opportunity to trial for the Maryborough District Cricket Teams for Boys & Girls. Students interested have forms and they need to be completed and taken to the trials. Students need to be at Granville State School 3:30pm. Any questions please see Mr Hansen.

Maryborough District Athletics
Congratulations to all of our St Helens students who represented the school at the Maryborough District Athletics Carnival last Friday. All students competed and behaved in a way that was an absolute credit to themselves and the school. A special congratulations to Thomas Duffy who finished 3rd in the 11 years Shot Put. Great work Thomas!

Other key results:
Molly O’Sullivan – 4th 11 years Discus
Riley Newman – finalist 10 years 200m

Coming Soon - Australia! Story Country - Book Fair!
16th-20th August

Please help support our library by coming and purchasing a book from our book fair. All books are new and with each purchase our library benefits.

Date: Tue 16th to Sat 20th
Time: 8:15am – 9am before school
2:45pm – 3:45pm after school
All day Saturday at the field day
Place: Library

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.

Tuckshop
The next full tuckshop will be 30th of August. More information about that in a few weeks.

Prep Possums & Wombats – Thank you for all our jar fillers! We still going so keep them coming!! We have had a wonderful time exploring Australia. Ask your child which place they liked the best!

Year 1A & 1B– A huge congratulations to both classes for their outstanding performances at eisteddfod. 1A came third and 1B came second overall.

Year 2B - A big thank you to those families that have been saving up all of your lids and bottle tops for our Science unit. Please continue to save these and send them in as many lids are needed for each child to make their very own toy car as the unit progresses.

2C - Thank you to the families that have bought in seedlings for our plant stand at the Family Field Day. If you haven’t already, could you please send in your seedlings by the end of this week or Monday of next week. Wednesday we are going to repot them next week into our freshly painted recycled tins ready for the 20th.
**Year 2/3R** – This week we are going to start writing our English assessment where children have to re-write the Lorax in the point of view of another character. This requires them to use an array of English features such as rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. Practice these features at home with them!

**Year 3F** – Thank-you for all the wonderful donations we have received so far for Family Field Day. Any further donations are welcomed as the more we have on offer the more money we can raise for 3F and hopefully achieve our goal of purchasing a third iPAd for the class.

**Year 3N** – Year 3N are writing a retell of ‘The Lorax’ from the perspective of another character. Telling the same story from another character’s point of view has been an eye-opening experience for students. They are finding that the same concept can apply in real life – Their happiness can sometimes mean hurt for others. Have a conversation with your child about the importance of being considerate of others.

**Year 4M** – Come and check out 4M’s display in the office.

**Year 4S** – Due to parents busy schedules we have decided to ask for a $2 donation to the class teacher for our class stall. This will enable Mrs Stepanov to purchase bulk items from the wholesalers.

**Year 5H** – As a part of our English assessment this term, your child will be creating a PowerPoint presentation. To assist with this process can you please send a USB drive to school with your child.

**Year 6P** – This week in science, the students have been analysing evidence using the Beaufort wind scale. In our next science lesson we will be learning about weather reports. It would be helpful if students can watch a few weather reports in the news this week.
## Star of the Week

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<td>Trying his best reading groups this term.</td>
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<td>Kiesha Long</td>
<td>For being an enthusiastic and hard working student. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jack Frey</td>
<td>For displaying commitment to his learning and making excellent progress!</td>
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<td>Matthew Truscott</td>
<td>For his commitment to complete all learning tasks to a high standard.</td>
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<td>Aiden Jeffrey</td>
<td>For your outstanding commitment with your procedural writing. Great work!</td>
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<td>Elliot Kent</td>
<td>For always being a responsible and considerate class member.</td>
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<td>Tazmin Fouracre</td>
<td>For demonstrating an improved confidence when answering time questions in Maths. Great job!</td>
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<td>Cody Scheikowski</td>
<td>For demonstrating outstanding commitment to your learning this week. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>For actively improving his confidence in class. Keep it up the remainder of the year!</td>
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<td>For showing an improved commitment to learning in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Jarred Farmer</td>
<td>For employing excellent vocabulary during your writing warm up.</td>
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<td>Holly Jenkins</td>
<td>For showing a huge improvement in her attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm. Awesome work!</td>
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<td>For remembering to return her library books on Library day. Well done and keep it up!</td>
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Queensland Cricket Regional Player Blitz
Maryborough Cricket Grounds
Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} August, 4:00 – 5:00pm

Jason Floros

Grace Harris

The Maryborough Junior Cricket Committee is calling on all boys and girls aged 5 – 15 to attend a meet and greet with Brisbane Heat, Queensland and Australian players Grace Harris and Jason Floros!

Get excited about the upcoming season that will feature In2Cricket (5-7 year olds) & T20 Blast (7-12 year olds) under lights on a Friday night!

Join Grace & Jason on the field and participate in games of T20 Blast! Here’s your chance to bowl out Australian cricketer Grace Harris and smash Jason’s off spin for six!

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