I would like to take the time to welcome Mr Des Deighton to St Helens as he undertakes the acting principal position for the next week and a half. Mr Deighton visited the school on Friday and was delighted to see our hard working students and staff. Des is an experienced principal and comes to us with a lot of knowledge and enthusiasm. I feel confident that the school will be in fantastic hands whilst I’m away in New Zealand running the Queenstown Marathon.

We are exceptionally excited to showcase the student’s talents and skills in the performing arts curriculum this Friday night. Students and staff have been working hard and I can’t wait to see the culmination of their commitment. I would like to take the time to thank each of the staff members who have gone above and beyond to make this night a success. Come along and help celebrate!

**Performing Arts Evening**  
Friday 18th November  
St Helens Hall

Orchestra, Beginner Strings, Drama Club, Music performances, Senior & Junior Choir

Student Council BBQ available from 5pm  
Coffee Van  
Scoops on Bazaar Ice cream  
Come for dinner before the show!

Performances start at 6:30pm

Students performing are required to arrive at 6pm

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**Student Council News**

On Thursday the 17th November student council will be holding an ice cream/ice block day.

Ice cream in a cone with a choice of sprinkles - $1

Ice Blocks will be sold for 50c.

Ice Creams and ice blocks will be sold at first break from the tuck shop.

All proceeds will be for the purchase of stationary packs for Hervey Bay Hospital children’s ward and lots of bubbles for the children’s treatment room. Book packs from our favourite authors will be sent to Ronald McDonald House in time for Christmas.

Thank You  
Student Council

**Remembrance Day**

On Friday, three of our student leaders attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph. This was a poignant occasion to reflect on all those lives that have been lost in all wars. The students laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be tonight the 15th of November at 6pm in the library. All welcome.
Prep Excursion
Last Friday all the Prep students travelled to Hervey Bay to visit Reefworld and Wetside. We started at Reefworld where we saw all kinds of sea creatures and everybody got to feed the turtles. After a delicious sausage sizzle lunch we headed to Wetside for some fun! We had a fantastic time and got very wet! A big thank you to the parents who helped out and to all the students who made us so proud!
Mrs Dean and Miss Baker

Dear Poppy Dean,
Thank you for sausages. The sausages were yum. I saw a turtle. I slid on the slide. I had a good day.
From Charlie

Dear Mr Mac,
Thanks for the beautiful drive. I went under the bucket. I went to feed turtles. My favourite bit was the barbeque.
From Melanie

Vocabulary
Over the last few weeks I have mentioned the importance of vocabulary and how we as parents and teachers can assist our children to develop and strengthen their understanding of the English language. I thought it was appropriate to take the time to mention how the students can take ownership of their own learning, in particular how they can help themselves to broaden their own vocabulary. Here are some helpful tips on what children can do to develop their vocabulary:

* Find books to read on your own. The more you read, the more new words you'll see, and the more you’ll learn about the words.

* Look ahead in textbooks to learn new vocabulary and concepts before your teacher goes over the section in class.

* Keep a list of key vocabulary and transition words.

* Practice telling stories using the words first, then, and finally.

By practicing these essential skills students will develop confidence in both written and spoken words as well as broadening their word bank. I have included another three words to add to your vocabulary jar:

Spontaneous – performed or occurring as a result of a sudden impulse or inclination and without premeditation or external stimulus.

Reflection – serious thought or consideration.

Gruff - rough, brusque, or stern in manner, speech, or aspect

Here are some letters written by Prep Students about their day

Dear Mr Cross,
Thank you Mr Cross for letting us go on the bus. I saw a big turtle and a baby turtle. Me and Mrs Dean and Zoe went under the bucket.
From Taylah

Dear Mr Cross,
Thank you for letting us go on the bus. I saw a big turtle and a baby turtle. Me and Mrs Dean and Zoe went under the bucket.
From Taylah

The 2017 Book List is available from the office.
3 St Helens News

“St Helens Super Stars demonstrate commitment. Commitment is the state of being dedicated to an activity.” At St Helens we encourage students to display commitment in all areas of the school. This may include: to do your best, be punctual and encourage and support others. As the year comes to a close we ask students to reflect on their committed efforts and what they have achieved as a result of demonstrating this value. Staff of St Helens have confidence that the instilled message of commitment will carry beyond the school environment and students will apply this learned value in their everyday lives.

Choir News
If you haven’t already heard the buzz in the school, St Helens Performing Arts Evening is this Friday night. This year the Student Council will be holding a sausage sizzle from 5pm (Sausages $2, Drinks $2) with the entertainment kicking off at 6:30pm. Come along to support our Instrumental Music, Drama and Choir students as they perform a variety of numbers.

*Dchoir students are asked to wear black or navy pants with performance shirts to be handed out and re-collected on the evening.

Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possums & Wombats – Stay tuned! Next week your child will be bringing home a note about a surprise excursion! What could it be?

Year 1A – Ask your child about the pigeon books we have been reading.
Year 1B – 1B have been looking at some steps to take when solving conflicts. It has been great to see many of the students trying to use these steps to solve their problems.

Year 2B & 2C – Thank you to those families who have sent in a shoebox. Please send one in with your child in the next couple of weeks.

Year 2/3R – This week 2/3R are discussing the difference Mary Gilmore made in Australia. By exploring her achievements we have brought up topics about World Wars and equal rights. Throughout the week we will further delve into some of these topics and why they are significant to Australia’s history. Discuss with your child what they have learnt about Mary Gilmore and some History about Australia.

Year 3F – Please check this week’s K.I.T. Book notes regarding end of year happenings and costume requirements for the concert.

Year 3N – Year 3N students began their poetry presentations in class today, and will continue these throughout the week. Ask your child to self-reflect on their presentation – what went well, and what would they improve on next time?

Year 4M – This week the students had a great time exploring websites advertising children’s products for their English Assessment. They were able to give a comprehensive review of the persuasive tools these websites used and how effectively each design was able to wow the target audience.

Year 4S – The students should be very proud of their efforts over the last couple of weeks with the amount of assessments they have completed. They have also finished their breakfast cereal and those laminated pieces of work will be coming home this week. Most students had very original ideas and interesting selling points. Would you eat their cereal???

Year 5H – Our ‘Word of The Week’ this week is Hypothesis. Ask your child if they can use this word in a sentence and tell you some synonyms for it.

Year 6P – Year 6 are busy preparing for our end of year concert. A class newsletter will be coming home shortly with the details. We are continuing to learn about discounts on sale items just in time for Christmas shopping. We are looking at problems such as, is it better to use the $25 voucher or take the $25% discount.

Maryborough District Junior Cricket 2016/17

All players need to be signed on using the online website: www.playcricket.com.au

- Type in Maryborough’s postcode, 4650.
- Click on ‘Maryborough District Cricket Association’
- Select the competition for your child:
  - MILO In2Cricket (5 – 8 years) $75
  - MILO T20 Blast (7 – 12 years) $100
- Click ‘Register’
- Complete the online form
- Make your payment online

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For more information, contact Clinton Hansen at school.
# Star of the Week

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<td>Alice Cherry</td>
<td>For being a friendly and hardworking classmate!</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Emmet Scrase</td>
<td>For always completing his work to a high standard.</td>
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<td>2B</td>
<td>Mathew Hughes</td>
<td>For improved listening and concentration in the classroom this week.</td>
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<td>Keep up the great work Mathew.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Natasha Keyworth</td>
<td>For the extra effort you have put into your writing.</td>
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<td>Well done!</td>
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<td>2/3R</td>
<td>Rihanna Newman</td>
<td>For demonstrating what an outstanding St Helens student looks like!</td>
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<td>Congratulations.</td>
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<td>3F</td>
<td>Imogen Tarlinton</td>
<td>For always trying your hardest and showing commitment to your work!</td>
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<td>3N</td>
<td>Cooper Davidson</td>
<td>For being the hero our class needed this week. You are a leader!</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Hailey Hughes</td>
<td>For bringing your positive attitude to the classroom everyday.</td>
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<td>Caleb Rogers</td>
<td>For showing a huge improvement in his effort.</td>
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<td>Isaiah Marshall</td>
<td>For your exceptional vocabulary in your analysis of a novel and film.</td>
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<td>6P</td>
<td>Brodie Bosel</td>
<td>For demonstrating respect and commitment at all times.</td>
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<td>Alexzander Philp</td>
<td>For staying behind after class to help tidy the library. Thanks!</td>
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