The Power of Hello
Last week I had a parent approach me and happily commented on how friendly and welcoming students at St Helens are. I have a huge amount of pride when I hear positive remarks about the pleasant and respectful way that students at St Helens greet each other and adults. On a daily basis I walk around the school and have students happily say good morning or good afternoon with smiles upon their lips and happy demeanours. The simple and kind act of saying hello can have a million positive repercussions. I wanted to take the time to acknowledge the students who regularly, excitedly and happily greet people as they pass. I also wanted to let them know that their respectful act has had a positive impact on the person they have kindly said hello to. What a fantastic way for visitors to remember our school, once again well done!

Integrity in the Classroom
Students have been encouraged this week to continue to demonstrate integrity in the classroom. Students are aware that staff are looking for the following behaviours:
★ I own my own actions.
★ I take responsibility for my own learning.
★ I encourage and support myself and others.
★ I am honest.

Integrity is a fantastic value which is all about strengthening our students’ sense of self responsibility, self-accountability and of course honesty. Mr Hansen spoke on parade about the importance of ensuring our actions and our words match – this is at the heart of what integrity really means.

Galaxy Award
Starting next week we will be handing out the school Galaxy Award again. This fantastic trophy is given to the class who have demonstrated the values of Respect, Integrity and Commitment whilst lining up preparing for lessons. I look forward to seeing which of our classes receives this prestigious award.

Chess Champions
Yesterday 15 students competed in the Wide Bay Interschool Chess Tournament at St Marys Primary School. Team 1 consisting of Mitchell Whitaker, Rhegan Bailey, Catherine Bowe and Kyle Hemming won the primary school division. This is the first time a team from St Helens has achieved this. Merit ribbons were also awarded to the winning players as well as Harrison Doherty.

Congratulations to all St Helens players for a terrific day.

P&C News
Thanks to everyone who has been selling cookie dough and supporting our fundraiser! Forms for the cookie dough orders are due next Friday (March 3) at the office, or you can pay online at www.cookiedough.com.au by searching for ‘4650’ and ‘St Helens’. Funds raised will contribute towards air-conditioning for the remaining classrooms, so we're grateful to the whole school community for supporting this very worthwhile project.

Student Absence Line: 4120 2260
When I first went to the GRIP leadership day I was very anxious about going on stage and talking to people I didn’t know. Then the day turned into a fun hilarious game that showed us how to be a leader. I wasn’t actually scared at all and I built up my confidence to go on stage. I did the chicken dance and that made me smile. It was an amazing, tremendous experience. I wish I could do it again.

Regan Bailey

Last Wednesday Aleyce, Rhegan, Kyle and I went to the Brogla Theatre for a student leadership conference. It was amazing! So cool and different. It put us out of our comfort zone, especially me. But if I had to do it again I would. We stood up on stage and read out ideas and played games to win a badge. We learnt that being a good leader is to not to be bossy, but to think outside the box and to step out of your comfort zone.

Evie Ross

Last Wednesday I had the privilege of going to the GRIP Leadership conference. It was an amazing opportunity and it gave me many new ideas for how to display leadership qualities. It was fun and entertaining but also challenging and pushed me out of my comfort zone. Especially when I had to go up on the stage alone. I learnt that the 4 key points of responsibility are:
1. Role modelling values
2. Upholding the trust of others
3. Responding to needs
4. Developing our strengths
I will take all of these on board with me and hope they can help me become a better leader. Lastly I would like to thank Ms Dorrington for sharing this experience with us and also the school for giving us this opportunity.

Aleyce Tindale

It was a fun and entertaining show at the GRIP Leadership conference. We got to play games, earn badges and that made learning really fun. From that I learnt about leadership and how to be a good leader.

Kyle Hemming

Bingo Club
Today was our very first ‘Bingo Club”. We would like to congratulate Ryan Worthington on his wonderful initiative and commitment as he planned, set up and managed bingo today. We would also like to thank his helpers for giving their time. As a result everyone had a great time and bingo will be held again next Tuesday.

Well Done

Inter-school Sport
Students in year 5 & 6 will attend inter-school sports this Friday. Please ensure forms and money are handed to the office by 9am Friday morning.

Sporting Schools – Tennis program
This year the school has received funding through ‘Sporting Schools Australia’ to run coaching sessions with students. This term students in year 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in tennis lessons. Permission notes have gone home and if your child wishes to participate please return the forms to the office.
What are personal learning goals and why are they important?

Personal learning goals are about improving students’ learning and achievement and building students’ capacity to learn. They are about students becoming active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential. Previous research into the motivation and efficiency of students has indicated that students who set their own working goals tend to achieve more than when working on goals set for them by the teacher. Students who set their own learning goals have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Each class at St Helens devotes specific time each week to student learning goals. The classroom teacher and student have 1 on 1 conversations discussing the following:

- their own learning and thinking processes and challenge them to articulate the way they have gone about learning
- what their next steps might be
- how they are going to proceed with those next steps
- how they are going to know they have achieved success
- whether or not the method of learning was effective
- what they need more help to understand
- how they might achieve better understanding.

Here are some examples of how learning goals are presented in the classroom:

Burrumbuttock Hay Run
My name is Andy Hamilton and I am the organiser of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners from Maryborough. Wednesday 22 February our convoy of trucks, loaded with their loads of hay will be travelling to Seafront Oval to display the communities effort in donating enough funds to cover the costs of over 300 bales of hay and also the diesel costs to deliver this hay to the remote area of Muttaburra. Our team will join with over 120 trucks nationally on Friday 24 2017 at Augathella to continue on our journey to deliver relief to drought affected farmers in remote outback Queensland. This is our teams third relief run in twelve months. Our team and trucks will pass by your school on Saltwater Creek Road on Wednesday 22 at approximately 2.40pm enroute. It would be great for the kids to be able to see first hand what our community is achieving and also to offer a friendly wave to our team, and also our chance to thank the school for their previous fundraising efforts.

Sincerely
Andy Hamilton.
Burrumbuttock Hay Runners from Maryborough.

Change of Details
Please inform the school if you have changed any phone numbers or contact details. Also emergency contact details if you feel that they need to be updated. We need the correct details at all times as this assists us if an emergency arises.
Prep Possums & Wombats – We are learning all of our numbers. Help your child to practise counting and writing their numbers. How high can you count?

Year 1A – Don’t forget book talks are due this week.

Year 1R – This week your child will present their book talk, thank you for practising this with them at home. We will then be moving on from understanding characters emotions to understanding the purpose of a story, talk to your child at home about what happens in their readers.

Year 2B – In English students have been busy analysing the poems ‘Five Little Owls’ and ‘A Boy Went Walking’. Ask your child which poem is their favourite and why is it their favourite. We will be comparing the features of these poems before choosing one to reconstruct as a class.

Year 2C – We have been analysing poems and looking at syllable count and rhyming patterns.

Year 3F – Social Detectives: What is a smart guess?

Year 3N – How can you create nail-biting tension in your stories? By filling each scene with enough detail that the reader feels as though they’re really there. Ask your child at home to activate their senses to describe and turn a five-second event into an epic tale!

Year 3/4H – We are feeling proud to have the opportunity to show our support to the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners on Wednesday. The students have had discussions about where these remote places are, why this support is needed and how this affects the children living in those areas.

Year 4S – Students have been given a Studyladder permission letter today that details the Studyladder processes and procedures. Most students will prefer to complete activities at home whilst some others will be given the opportunity to work on tasks here at school. Students have been given their access codes so that they can access this resource at home for homework.

Year 5H - Your child is learning about factors and multiples in Maths. Ask your child to explain the difference between a factor and a multiple.

Year 6M – Inter School Sports starts this Friday. Permission forms are due. Please ensure the students have their equipment, water bottle and money on Friday.

Community news

Tombola
Saturday 18th March 2017
Maryborough Pensioners Hall, Adelaide Street
Doors open 11:30am for a 1pm start
100’s of great prizes to be won including:
Home baked goods, handicrafts, grocery items, fruit and veg and much more.
Complimentary afternoon tea.
## Star of the Week

| Prep Possum | Hudson Govers | For his consistent respect for others and his fantastic commitment to learning. |
| Prep Wombat | Jayden Chavez-Skuse | For working hard to learn his phonemes and letter names. Great job! |
| Year 1A | Lilly Nicholson | For being an enthusiastic student who strives to achieve her learning goals. |
| Year 1R | Leah Copland | For working exceptionally well on her book talk. Thanks for trying so hard. |
| Year 2B | Dirren Atkinson | For your commitment and thoughtful contributions with your learning. You are a Super Star Dirren! |
| Year 2C | Shaylah Manski | For the quiet and careful way you listen and follow directions. Keep working hard! |
| Year 3A | Jack Johnson | For showing great responsibility to keep others safe. Well done! |
| Year 3N | Elliot Kent | For the outstanding integrity you show each day at St Helens. We are lucky to have you! |
| Year 3/4H | Clare Slattery | For respecting all her peers and teachers. Keep it up Clare! |
| Year 4S | Nicholas Gillieatt – Jones | For making positive behaviour choices both in and out of the classroom. |
| Year 4/5H | Jill Marshall | Always displaying our school values and bringing her smiling face and positive attitude daily. |
| Year 5H | Lucy Scheltinga | For committing to your work and producing an excellent Tension Tightening scene. |
| Year 6M | Mitchell Whitaker | For responding quickly to your classroom goal by showing an improved commitment to learning. |
| Library | Noah Ramsay (4/5H) | For borrowing the most books (16) from the library so far this year. Well done! |