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Friday 12th December 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Final one for 2025

It seems that if you blinked, you missed it. The school year 2025 has come and gone.

Thankyou to the parents and the members of our school community for the support you have provided to my staff and me to deliver the best possible educational opportunities for our students.

There have been many highlights this year, from all of the sporting events, chess comps, Reader's Cup and the Lego Challenge, the Barn Dance and Christmas Concert, the P&C discos, Rewards and Treat Days, special days like ANZAC Day and Remembrance Days, Helidon's Got Talent and the Spelling Bee, the astronomy night, student leadership days, and this week the amazing graduation and badge presentations mornings. PLUS, lots and lots more.

In term of learning, our Read Write Inc and Spelling Mastery programs supplement our curriculum plans. The results have seen tangible improvements in student learning outcomes in all learning areas across all grade levels. The teachers have done an amazing job and have been ably supported by our teacher aides and other support staff.

At this time we say farewell not only to our Year 6 class, but to Mrs Carson who is moving to Fairview Heights State School, Miss Lithgow who has been supporting special needs students in Prep, and our speech language pathologist Mrs Graham who is taking maternity leave. Next year we welcome Heather Litzow as your new Principal.

For me, it's farewell too.

On October 17th 2022, I sat at the Principal's desk for the first time. In all honesty it has been the highlight and honour of my career to hold the responsibility and privilege to be your Principal at Helidon State School. The three years have gone far too quickly, and I have mixed feelings about leaving. However, for my family it's the right time, and I am excited about the changes in lifestyle and priorities that await my partner Joanne and me next year and beyond.

I have thanked all of my staff and the P&C executive and members at various events and meetings, but I wish to acknowledge them publicly. You have a professional, smart, highly dedicated, and hardworking team of education professionals and support staff, all committed to improving the educational and wellbeing outcomes for your children. ***I am super proud of them.***

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful 2026. I'll be cheering Helidon State School on from a distance.

Kind regards,

Mark Robertson
Principal

We pay our respects to the traditional owners of the land on which our school is situated.