



Helidon State School

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Week 1 Update – 23rd April 2025

Well, Easter has come and gone and we're already into Term 2. It's nice that the rain has cleared for now and that there's a nice crisp Autumn feeling in the air. We have another big term ahead of us.

The end of last term was frenetic with our Cross County Carnival and Barn Dance, on top of the business in our classrooms to get Term 1's work completed. Thanks to the parents and the P&C for supporting our events, and for the continued hard work and professional dedication of all of our staff.

ANZAC DAY Commemorations – 24th and 25th April

Thursday April 24th, 9:00am

- ✓ Our school will hold its annual ANZAC Day commemoration at school at a special parade.
- ✓ This short commemoration will be organised and led by a team of staff and students.
- ✓ Parents and family members are welcome to attend.
- ✓ Each class will lay a wreath. Family members are invited to lay their own wreath at our commemoration.

Friday April 25th, from 12:00pm

Our school will join the Helidon Sub-Branch RSL to commemorate ANZAC Day at the war memorial stone in Railway St Helidon. As in previous years, our students and staff have been invited to join the official march along Railway St

- **12:00pm** Meet at the old Helidon railway yards (across from the Spar supermarket and Pub).
- **12:15pm** The ANZAC Day march commences.
- **12:30pm** Commemoration service at the war memorial stone. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on.
- All attendees are invited back to the Helidon Community Hall in Arthur St for refreshments and to catch up with friends.

Parent-Teacher Meetings – early Term 2

Letters have been sent home inviting you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress at school so far this year. This opportunity is an important pre-cursor to your child receiving their end-of-semester Report Card on or about June 26th.

P&C Meeting – Wednesday April 30th, 5:30pm

To contact the P&C call Peta on the number above or email to secretaryhsspandc@outlook.com.

All parents and friends are welcome to attend P&C meetings.

School Times & Absences

- Just a reminder that we ask that children DO NOT arrive at school before 8:30am. There is limited staff supervision available before this time.
- Our school day is from 8:50am – 3:00pm. Please check in at the school office if your child is ever late or needing to be collected early.
- To report a student absence there are a few options to notify the school:
 - Via the QParents App – please contact the school to register and for help to get set up.
 - Text message 0436 932 399
 - Call the office on 4612 9222
 - Send an email to admin@helidonss.eq.edu.au
- Access to school grounds outside of school hours (IE weekends and school holidays) is not permitted without the formal consent of the Principal. Please contact Mark if you have any enquiries at 07 4612 9222 or principal@helidonss.eq.edu.au.

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

Medications

There are very strict rules and procedures for administering medications to students at school. Please contact Mr Robertson or Mrs Kugel at the office if your child needs medications for any purpose. In short we require the following:

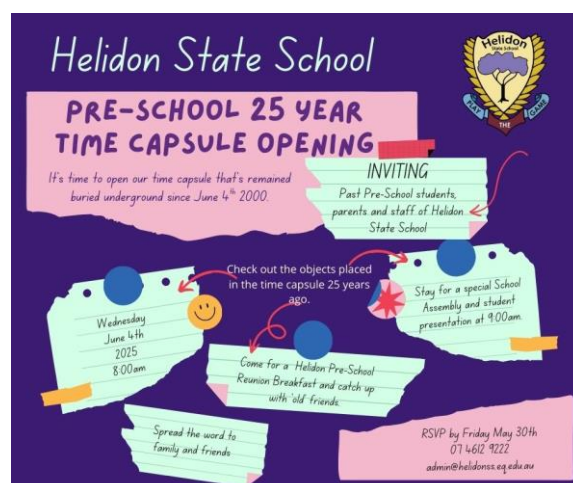
- A signed consent form – available at the office
- Medicines must be in the original container and sealed.
- Medicines must have been prescribed by a suitably qualified medical or pharmaceutical professional.
- Medicines must have a pharmacy label with the child's name and details of the dosage and frequency for being administered.
- Parents only may come to the school to administer medications to their own children if they wish.

'Latest News' – school website

- In 2025 we will be issuing three (3) newsletters each term, typically in weeks 3, 6 and 9.
- In between, we will be adding news updates to the school website under **'Latest News'** which has links on the homepage → <https://helidonss.eq.edu.au/>
- We will also be using SMS messaging (texts), E-Flashes (emails), and posts to the school's Facebook page → <https://www.facebook.com/HelidonSS> in between newsletters.
- **Please make sure you keep us up to date with any changes to your phone number, email address, home/residential address, and emergency contact people.**

PreSchool 25 Year Time Capsule opening Wednesday June 4th

- In 2000, the then Helidon Preschool prepared and buried a time capsule with a date of **June 4th 2025** as the date to dig it up.
- Well, it has remained intact and the contents will be revealed and displayed on Wednesday June 4th. There will be a special breakfast and school assembly from 8:00am – 9:30am.
- **Past preschool students, staff and parents (especially from 2000) are invited to attend our special breakfast.** This will be a great opportunity to relive old memories and rekindle old friendships.
- **Spread the word!**



Dates to Remember – Term 2

More dates and information about listed events will be sent home in due course.

Thursday April 24 th	School ANZAC Day Commemoration parade at 9:00am
Friday April 25 th	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY – see details above about Helidon RSL events
Monday April 27 th	Parent-Teacher Meeting window opens – see upcoming letter
Wednesday April 30 th	P&C General Meeting, 5:30pm in the Library
Monday May 5 th	Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday May 7 th	School Photo day
May 15 th – 20 th	Book Fair – in school Library
Wednesday June 4 th	Helidon Preschool 25 Year Time Capsule Opening – 8:00am – 9:30am.
Monday June 16 th	Athletics Carnival – middle distance races (schedule being planned)
Wednesday June 18 th	Reader's Cup at Fernvale – our crack year 5 and 6 team will be competing
Monday June 23 rd	Athletics Carnival – whole school track and field events
Tuesday June 24 th	Prep vision screening (free to Prep families)
June 24 th – 25 th	Life Education Van and 'Healthy Harold' visiting our school
Thursday June 26 th	Semester 1 Report Cards are emailed home
Friday June 27 th	Last Day of Term 2

As always, please contact the school office (Terri Kugel and Mark Robertson) if you have any questions or concerns.