Term 1 Week 9

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To Be Returned ASAP

- Year 6 Excursion Permission Note
- Permission and Nomination ($3) for Cricket, Kanga, Softball Carnival

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Children focused! Explicit teaching! Knowledge absorbed! Where was this happening? Right here at Helidon State School.

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to visit the classrooms. It was wonderful seeing how well the students are working, both individually and in groups. Good teaching and productive learning was evident in all of the classes. I always enjoy walking through the library in the mornings seeing our teacher aides working with the younger students developing literacy and numeracy skills. I value the professionalism of all of our staff in ensuring that quality teaching and learning is occurring here at Helidon.

On Saturday, Mr Clair, Miss Coulton, Miss Hughes, Mrs Graves, Mrs Dorge, Mrs Hobl, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Johnson and I attended an extremely beneficial workshop – 7 Steps to Writing Success. During the workshop we discovered ways to make writing more interesting, meaningful and fun. I even used a ‘sizzling start’ for this section of the newsletter. This workshop will be presented again in June. I am hoping that the staff members who were unavailable last Saturday, will be able to attend the June workshop. I will discuss this program at the next P & C meeting.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our target is 94% attendance. Below shows the percentage for each class up until today. This is not a weekly attendance rate, but a progressive rate over the weeks.

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Remember that ‘Everyday Counts!’

BARN DANCE

Tomorrow night! Come along and enjoy a fun dance. BBQ kicks off at 6:00pm and the first dance is the Preps at 6:30pm.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Shoshana for her hard work in class this week, especially in learning her sounds.
Year 1 – Zoe for consistently displaying a positive attitude to learning.
Year 2 – Jazmine for working really hard in Maths by having a go at independent tasks.
Year 2/3 – Lachlan for working hard in class and his enthusiastic contribution to class discussions.
Year 4 – Skye for always being a pleasant and cooperative classroom member.
Year 5 – Lachlan for being a great member of the class.
Year 6 – Wyatt for doing some great work in Maths and for his interest and participation in this subject.
Music – Lilli for and excellent attempt at learning the ukulele.

SPORTING SCHOOLS (previously AASC sport)

Sporting Schools will officially commence in July this year – Term 3. As we have participated in the Active After-School Communities program, we have been invited to participate in the transition program during Term 2. This is great news!

The funding model and organizational structure of the program is different to AASC, but from the students’ perspective nothing will change. We will continue to run the program on Wednesday afternoons. At this stage, the commencement date has not been finalized. There will be more news next term with dates etc. I will also discuss this program at the next P & C Meeting.

FREE DRESS DAY

The last day of term is traditionally free dress day. Please ensure that appropriate clothing is worn to school – tops/shirts with sleeves (not shoestring straps),
appropriate footwear. Caps are not permitted. Students will still need a wide brimmed hat.

**SPELLING BEE / MAD HATTERS’ TEA PARTY**
On Thursday 2 April (last day of term), we will be holding the annual Spelling Bee. The students have been given the lists. Next week we will find out who will be representing Jacaranda and Wattle. Although the Spelling Bee is a competition between the two houses and there are grade level champions as well as an overall winner, the Spelling Bee is primarily about participation. Classes hear spelling to identify the class representatives. They are encouraged to do their best as every word correct is a point towards their house.

You are invited to come along and cheer on the students. You are also welcome to stay and view the children’s hats for the Mad Hatters’ Tea Party.

All classes are making hats for the Mad Hatters’ Tea Party. If they wish to make a hat at home, they can do so. There are no prizes for the hats.

Students will not need morning tea that day, as the Student Council is providing morning tea.

On Tuesday afternoon, Kayleigh, Cody, Riley, Domini and Ella (Student Council members) stayed after school and cooked pikelets for the morning tea. Next Tuesday, a group of students will be baking some cupcakes.

PBA (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)
Our PBA winners this week were Felicity Shanks (Jacaranda) and Sean Gaffney (Wattle). Congratulations!
Our winning team this week was Jacaranda!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
This week, we are again doing a lesson on the ‘High Five’. This is a five step problem solving strategy that can be used in the classroom, in the playground and for perceived bullying incidents. We want our students to develop the skills to build their self-esteem and empower them to take responsibility for themselves and give them the power to practice these skills.

Do the High Five

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**STUDENT ATTENTIVE AWARD**
During parade, the teachers choose a student from each class who has sat and listened attentively during parade. The winner gets to sit on stage next week, in the ‘best seats in the house’.

Prep – Izaiah
Year 1 – Chloe
Year 2 – Nevanna
Year 2/3 – Chiara
Year 4 – Skye
Year 5 – Jude
Year 6 – Lauren

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD**
Congratulations to Mia Michal-Bax for receiving the School Captains’ Award.

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING**
Tutoring for our Term 1 students will finish next week. Morning tutoring will continue until Thursday morning. The afternoon session will finish on Tuesday afternoon. This term the focus has been on spelling. Next term, the focus will be on writing.

The teachers have selected students that they would like to invite into the tutoring program. We will be in touch with those families before the end of the term to discuss times etc.

Thankyou to Mrs Forbes, Mrs Hobl, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Dorge and Mrs Brocherie for being involved with this program.

**YOUNG LEADERS’ CONFERENCE**
On Friday, Cody, Billy, Kayleigh and Daniella attended the Young Leaders’ Conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre. A big thanks to Wendy Rogers for taking the children to this event. This is what our school captains had to say about the conference: Kayleigh – listening to Bindi Irwin talk about wildlife and life with her dad.
Daniella – seeing James Morton throw very creative paper planes from the new movie ‘Paper Planes.’
Billy – seeing the actual wildlife from Australia Zoo.
Bindi had a lizard, snake and cockatoo with her.
Cody – listening to Coen Ashton’s story about his life. He had a lung transplant and he spoke about his life. He was really inspiring.

**SPORTS’ NEWS**
Our Cricket, Kanga and Softball teams travel to Gatton tomorrow to compete in the annual carnival. A big
thankyou to the parents (and staff) for driving the students to and from the venues. Without your assistance, we wouldn’t be able to participate in these events.

**STUDENT COUNCIL TREAT DAY**
Thanks for supporting Treat Day!

**DOMINOES FROM WOOLWORTHS**
If you have Woolworths’ dominoes that you don’t want, please send them to school – great for Maths activities.

**LOCKYER VALLEY LIBRARY VAN VISITS**
Next visit is 23 April.

**P & C NEWS**
Parent survey - in the coming week we will be sending home a P&C survey. We would like as many as possible filled in and returned so we can make a solid plan for 2015. Look out for it!!

Barn Dance - if you can help out with some preparations on Friday morning or on the night, please see Donna or Angela. Many hands make light work!

Ride the Range – thankyou for the donations! Very much appreciated. Angela and her group of helpers have been busy baking today.

P & C Membership Forms – were attached to last week’s newsletter. Please return these forms. By being a member of the P & C, you are covered by insurance when assisting with P & C activities.

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**Pies and Iceblocks**
50c
Fridays

**Early Years Group**
Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00
No Cost
Lots of Fun

**Barn Dance**
Friday 27 March
6:00 pm
Come Along
for a
Great Night
of
Dancing

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50/50 raffle tickets
$1
available from the office
will be drawn at the Barn Dance