FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Tomorrow is the last day of Semester 1 – hard to believe that we are half way through the year. This has been an extremely busy time for the staff (and students) with testing, report card writing and organising work samples etc for parent/teacher interviews. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making such a positive contribution to our school during this semester.
Thank you to those who:  
- Attended and made positive contributions at P & C meetings  
- Organized and supported our fundraising activities  
- Attended our Parent/Teacher interviews  
- Supported our students in music, sporting events and class excursions  
- Supported our school and students by effective communication and support of our staff  

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE  
Keep up the reading during the holidays!  

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK  
Prep – Madison for always being a friendly and responsible class member.  
Year 1 – Tanaya for achieving wonderful results with her reading.  
Year 2 – Nikita for working hard and achieving good results in spelling this week.  
Year 2/3 – Lexie for working hard on her oral presentation.  
Year 4 – Ella for always being a friendly class member.  
Year 5 – Declan for his enthusiasm with the ethical dilemma task.  
Year 6 – Chantel for creating an excellent health message and poster.  
Music – Sam, Alex and Jude for excellent participation and singing in choir.  

STUDENT ATTENTIVE AWARD  
During parade, the teachers choose a student from each class who has sat and listened attentively during parade. The winners get to sit on stage in the ‘best seats in the house’.  
Prep – Myles; Year 1 – Kurt; Year 2 – Jacob; Year 2/3 – Hayley; Year 4 – Skye; Year 5 – Noah; Year 6 – Lucas.  

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS  
The Grand Final of the Speed Competition is on Friday. Thanks to the Student Council and Miss Hughes and Miss Coulton for organizing this activity.  

MOVIE NIGHT  
Thanks to everyone for attending (and the parents for supervising and helping with intermission). There were 91 students present!  

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING  
This week we are discussing ‘Travel Safely’. We want the students to travel safely to school; cross the road safely; wear a helmet while riding a bike/scooter or skateboard; wear a seatbelt while travelling in a car; don’t talk to strangers; and to go straight to your destination after school. We want everyone to have a safe holiday!  

PBAs (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)  
Our PBA winners this week were Alex (Jacaranda) and Rohan (Wattle). Congratulations! Our winning team this week was Jacaranda!  

SPORT’S REPORTS  
The Helidon netball teams played two competitive games against Withcott over the last week. Both teams did extremely well considering it was the first full games of netball that many of the girls had ever played.

The Netball A girls matched their opponents with their skill falling just short of victory in both games. Daniella’s height and Lilli’s movement in the shooting circle were a positive for us. The shooting from both girls has improved over the last few weeks. Domini also played well as centre. She was always involved with the action and passed the ball well into the shooting circle. The final scores in the two games were 7-5 and 8-4 with Withcott winning both games. Well done to all the girls.
including Kayleigh, Lilli, Domini, Daniella, Chantel and Trixie.

Netball B had mixed results. Many of the girls are still learning the game, but all play with enthusiasm. Netball B was the only Helidon team to achieve a draw. They did this in the first game. After being down 4-1 at half time they fought back to draw 5 all by the game’s end. Aleesha and Mia led the way with their accurate shooting. The second game wasn’t as competitive, but the girls never gave up. Mercedes and Rose led the way with their energy and hunger for the ball. The final score was 16-4. Well done to all the girls including Emily, Nikayla, Leah, Amber, Rose, Aleesha, Mia, Mercedes and Ella.

The girls will continue to train for the Netball carnival next term.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD
Congratulations to Amber!

EARLY LEARNERS’ GROUP
The Early Learners’ Group will be taking a break over the holidays. Come along on Wednesday 15 July from 9:00 – 11:00.

FACEBOOK
Remember to like Helidon State School on Facebook to receive up-to-date information about school happenings.

GIRLS’ DAY / BOYS’ DAY
At lunchtime on Friday, the girls from Years 4 – 6 will be pampered – they will have their nails painted, have foot spas and their hair done. This has always proven to be a fun lunchtime activity for the girls. All we ask is that they bring along a brush for their hair.

At lunchtime on Friday, the boys from Years 4 – 6 will be having a great time playing games on the oval with Mr Clair and Mr Collingwood.

A big thankyou to the staff for giving up their lunchtime to organise these activities for the students.

FREE DRESS DAY
As it is the last day of term, it is free dress day. Please ensure that the children wear appropriate free dress – school shoes (joggers) and wide brimmed hats will still need to be worn.

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY (NCCD)
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. According to the broad definition in the Disability Discrimination Act students with a disability may include children with a diagnosis like ASD, ID, PI; some children seeing paediatricians, psychologists, therapists; some migrant children, some children with significant health needs.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. Your child's teacher discusses adjustments with you during parent teacher interviews and at other times they meet with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

GATTON SHOW
We will be sending along entries from some of our students to the Gatton Show. There is no cost for the entries. If you do not want your child to enter items in the show, please see his/her teacher. The Gatton Show is on from 16th – 18th July.

SCHOOL SURVEYS
It is that time of the year again. The school opinion survey is undertaken each year by the department's State Schools Division to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve. Information regarding parent surveys will
be sent home after the holidays. Each family will be requested to complete an online survey. If you do not have access to the internet, the survey can be completed at school. Staff and students (Year 4 – 6) will also complete their survey next term. The online surveys will open on the 29 June and close on the 31 July.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
We are again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Please collect the stickers and send along to the school to be placed in the box in the office. The more stickers we earn, the more items we get for the school.

PARENT TALK MAGAZINE
Click on the link below to view the Parent Talk Magazine.


COMMUNITY NEWS
HOLIDAY BASKETBALL BOOT CAMP 2 DAY CLINIC
This is for boys and girls aged 9 – 11; 12 – 14; 15 – 17 being held at the Gatton Sports Centre, 136 Spencer Street, Gatton. Cost is $35 for 1 day and $60 for the 2 days. Further information phone 0474819323.

P & C Meeting
On Tuesday
14 July

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday

School resumes on Monday
13 July

Pies and Iceblocks
Fridays - 50c