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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Helensvale SHS Uniform Policy was endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association at a meeting on Tuesday night. Helensvale SHS has a school uniform to support:

- The ease of identification and the safety of our students in the school and community
- Social justice outcomes
- A positive school image in the community where our students are in regular contact with prospective employers, future parents, students and members of the general public
- A culture of high expectations for personal presentation, behaviour and learning outcomes

Our school last conducted a comprehensive school uniform review and update approximately 10 years ago. In 2014 we conducted a uniform review to modernise our uniform to coincide with the move of Year 7 to High School and the creation of a distinct Junior High and Senior High in 2015. You will find the full Uniform Policy on the school website.

Thank you to all parents and citizens that attended the meeting and gave their valuable feedback.

Our school is coming up to a very busy time for the senior students with many important milestones and functions being held. Graduation ceremony for the outgoing Year 12 cohort will be held on Wednesday 19th November at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. Students have received information regarding this ceremony.

The Year 12 Formal will take place on Friday 21st November at the Convention Centre in Broadbeach. The Formal is by invitation only as it is an extra-curricular event. This means that students must have all fees paid; all assessment completed for all their timetabled subjects, their CPR training completed, all textbooks and library books returned and have satisfactory attendance of over 92% for the year. When these conditions are met, then students will be issued with a Formal invitation.

Our annual Academic Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 4th November at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. This ceremony is to celebrate the success of our highest achieving students. Congratulations to the students who will accept an award on this evening.

Our Year 7 building 'Discovery Place' is nearing completion and will be ready to open for our local community to see. We are very excited about this state of the art facility and are very keen to open Discovery Place at the following times:

Wednesday 05/11 – 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday 12/11 – 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 19/11 – 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday 26/11 – 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Monday 01/12 – 9.00am to 10.30am

Joshua Tremelling, Qeshone and Renise Woolsey have just returned from the Club Crew Dragon Boat World Championships held in Ravenna Italy in September. They are part of the Broadwater Blades Junior team that qualified for the event. During the event, which hosted over 5,500 competitors and the best teams from around the world, Josh and his team mates received 4 silver medals. They are now the 2nd best Junior Team in the world. They competed against teams from Canada, Germany, Iran and France. Last April at the Australian National Titles they also received 3 gold and one silver. Congratulations to these students!!



VAFAs Awards

On Thursday the 23rd of October, the red carpet is being rolled out for Helensvale finest film students and special guests. Held at the Helensvale Culture Centre, the VAFAs will celebrate the many successes of our senior film students. With guest presenters from the New York Film Academy and TAFE Queensland Gold Coast, this will surely be a night to remember.

The Visual Art Department would like to thank our sponsors for the evening, The New York Film Academy of Australia, The Honourable Stuart Robert MP Federal Member for Faden and TAFE Queensland Gold Coast. The continued support

from our wider community demonstrates the trust and belief in our sensational film students. We wish all finalists the best of luck and cannot wait to see them on the red carpet being photographed by our own paparazzi.

Miss Michelle Braun
Vafa Coordinator



Vafa LIST OF FINALISTS - Vafa Ceremony Thursday October 23

Vale Arts Film Awards shall be given annually to honour outstanding achievements in multiple genre of motion pictures, and to honour other achievements as provided for in the rules and by the Board of Governors.

<p><u>Best Year 10 Production</u></p> <p>BULLYING by Amy Kelly</p> <p>YEAR 7s ARE COMING by Emily Thompson and Kayla Moyes</p> <p>IN THE MIND OF A FANGIRL Emily Thompson and Kayla Moyes</p> <p>THE END STARTS NOW</p> <p>THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOUR by Sunny Goldring</p> <p><u>Music Video</u></p> <p>BREAKFREE by Brooke Copson</p> <p>REDEMPTION by Jesse Glutz</p> <p>CHOCOLATE- 1975 by Bronte Price, Ashleigh Rees and Emily Flack</p> <p>RED LIGHT by Kaitlyn Wong, Danaya Withers and Sarah Hawker</p> <p>ALT-J BREEZEBLOCKS by Peter Beasley and Jarrod de Geest</p> <p>GHOST by Ashleigh Neal and Mira Gietzel</p> <p><u>SHORT NARRATIVE</u></p> <p>Losing Alice by Jade Arrowsmith</p> <p>Relapse by Kelsey Taylor</p> <p>The Key to Chess by Sarah Hawker and Danaya Withers</p> <p>Perspective by Bronte Price</p> <p>A Dance with Cancer Ashleigh Neal and Mira Gietzel</p> <p>One of those Days by Tiree Hita Fraser, Zabe Holmstrom and Jackie Ladner</p> <p>Representations</p>	<p><u>Film Editing</u></p> <p>Revolver by Chris Lowther, Jack Fellows and Ben Crisp</p> <p>Redlight by Kaitlyn Wong, Danaya Withers and Sarah Hawker</p> <p>Insurrection by Bailey Parsons</p> <p>Ghost by Ashleigh Neal and Mira Gietzel</p> <p>Aluino and Amitee by Ainsley Enders and Frankie Spear</p> <p><u>Actor</u></p> <p>Jack Fellows</p> <p>Drew Sardeson</p> <p>Elliot Cox</p> <p>Rhory Malone</p> <p>Tiree Hita Fraser</p> <p><u>Actress</u></p> <p>Frankie Spears</p> <p>Lauren Cooper</p> <p>Georgia Stratton</p> <p>Tarnequa Pettet</p> <p>Jess Crowley</p> <p><u>Best Visual Effects</u></p> <p>GHOST by Ashleigh Neal and Mira Gietzel</p> <p>Red by Georgia Stratton</p> <p>Redlight by Kaitlyn Wong, Danaya Withers and Sarah Hawker</p> <p>Aluino and Amitee by Ainsley Enders and Frankie Spear</p>
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<p>Perks of being a Health Freak by Jessica Wagstaff</p> <p>C Bynd by Brayden McKay</p> <p>High School Stereotypes: Representation vs Reality by Bailey Parsons</p> <p>Calculating Love by Lauren Cooper</p> <p>Teachers Nightmare by Georgia Stratton</p> <p>A Life of Law by Jessica Bretag</p> <p><u>Alternative Cinema</u></p> <p>Insurrection by Bailey Parsons</p> <p>Love is a Laserquest by Elliot Cox and Matoarui Boosie</p> <p>Aluino and Amitee by Ainsley Enders and Frankie Spear</p> <p>Breaking Point by Jessica Bretag</p> <p>Revolver by Jack Fellows, Ben Crisp and Chris Lowther</p> <p>Red by Georgia Stratton</p> <p><u>Cinematography</u></p> <p>Revolver by Jack Fellows, Ben Crisp and Chris Lowther</p> <p>Insurrection by Bailey Parsons</p> <p>Relapse by Kelsey Taylor</p> <p>Orthodoxy by Abby Crone and Sophie Sammes</p> <p>Breaking Point by Jessica Bretag</p> <p><u>Best Original Concept</u></p> <p>One of those days by Tiree Hita Fraser, Zabe Holmstrom and Jackie Ladner</p> <p>Ghost Ashleigh Neal and Mira Gietzel</p> <p>How they want me to be by Azaria Bell</p> <p>Revolver by Jack Fellows, Ben Crisp and Chris Lowther</p> <p>Aluino and Amitee by Ainsley Enders and Frankie Spear</p>	<p>Orthodoxy by Abby Crone and Sophie Sammes</p> <p><u>Best Cameo by a Non-Film Student</u></p> <p>Mr Burnim</p> <p>Mr Hogg</p> <p>Mrs Crowley</p> <p>Bella & Matt</p> <p>Nathan Green</p> <p><u>Best Motion Picture</u></p> <p>Insurrection by Bailey Parsons</p> <p>Revolver by Jack Fellows, Ben Crisp and Chris Lowther</p> <p>Red by Georgia Stratton</p> <p>Breaking Point by Jessica Bretag</p> <p>Orthodoxy by Abby Crone and Sophie Sammes</p> <p><u>Future Film Maker</u></p> <p>*to be announced on the night*</p>
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Helensvale State High School Sports Awards – 2014

Sports awards will be held on Thursday 13th November this year at Metricon Stadium. We are currently looking for students who may be eligible for an award. We have a large number of exceptional students participating in many external sporting activities like Ten Pin Bowling, equestrian, futsal, Roller-skating, that are not facilitated by the school. Our aim is to acknowledge all sporting achievements both within the school and outside. The nominations are so we don't miss anyone and provide the students with any information that is relevant to them.

Students must come to Mrs William's office in the SAC to nominate.

If you are unsure please feel free to contact Mona Williams on 55738523 or email her mwill477@eq.edu.au

Nominations will close Friday October 31st.

It is also a great honour to announce Michael Shelley, Michael Osborne and Lynsey Clarke (Armitage) have confirmed as specials guests on the night and Victoria Carthew will also be hosting again this year.



SEP Showcase

The Visual Art Department are excited to host our first ever SEP Showcase. Our students push themselves all year and we are proud of their efforts and excited to showcase their work to their families and the school community.

Miss Michelle Braun, who has taught a composite Art class of year 10, 11 and 12 students from the Special Education Unit this year, along with the supportive and caring staff from the Visual Art Department will showcase their students work on Wednesday the 29th of October. Students will be responsible for hanging and presenting their work in a gallery style and inviting their families to share in their success. We hope to continue this tradition in the future as we continue to build a strong relationship with the Special Education Department.

Miss Michelle Braun
Visual Arts Teacher

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude"

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

One of the SWPLBS focus areas for Term 4 is attendance and our learning value of Responsibility. Being the last term of 2014, it is important that students are here learning until the last day of term. A number of studies have shown that student academic performance is directly linked to their attendance. Therefore, high attendance (90% or above) is critical to ensure students achieve to their full potential. As a result of this, Helensvale SHS places a high importance on attendance by monitoring absences closely. You can help ensure your child's absences are explained by responding to the absent SMS alert or by phoning the absence line on 55738560. You may also advise of absences through **SMS on 0400191917**. Please include the reason for the absence in your message.



If we have not received a phone call or SMS reply, your child's roll teacher will ask for a medical certificate or note explaining the reason for the absence. Students can monitor their attendance percentage by checking the Traffic Light attendance data posted fortnightly in their roll classrooms. Students are colour coded green (90% or greater), amber (85-89%) or red (84% or less). The Heads of Learning

Community (HLC's) are also regularly monitoring student attendance. Thank you for your support and we look forward to a productive and successful term.



Uniform Shop/Finance Extended Hours 2014-2015

It's that busy time of the year again where parents and staff are preparing for 2015.

Please see our extended trading hours below for the last two weeks of term 4 2014 and the week prior to school commencing term 1 2015.

As you can see we have catered for working parents by having two late nights and extended daily hours. At this stage our new uniforms will not be available for purchase prior to the extended hour's period. However if we receive delivery of the uniforms prior to this parents will be notified.

We have **limited** stock of our **old/current** uniforms still available for purchase.

We are pleased to announce this year is the first year we are offering **stationery orders online**.

Information on how to order on line is included in this newsletter and on our school website.

The Uniform Shop will continue to sell standard stationery items e.g. Exercise books, visual art diaries, calculators and start up packs etc.

The new uniform price list is now on our website.

Our uniform convenor Sally Todd is happy to assist with any enquires you may have with both the new and current uniforms. The uniform policy outlines the schools uniform expectations for 2015, 2016 and beyond. If you have any uniform policy enquiries please email them to stodd38@eq.edu.au

FINANCE & UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

The normal operating hours for the finance department are:

Tuesday to Friday 8.00 am to 1.45 pm

The normal operating hours for the uniform shop are:

Monday to Thursday 8.00am to 12.00pm

The uniform shop is closed during the school holidays and on public holidays.

Our **extended trading hours** for the December 2014 to January 2015 period are as follows:

	FINANCE	UNIFORM SHOP
1 December 2014 to 5 December 2014	Monday Closed Tuesday 8am to 6pm	Monday 8 to 12 and 2 to 4pm Tuesday 8 to 12 and 2 to 6pm

(2nd last week of school 2014)	Wednesday 8am to 1.45pm Thursday 8am to 6pm Friday 8am to 1.45pm	Wednesday 8 to 12 and 2 to 4pm Thursday 8 to 12 and 2 to 6pm Friday 8 to 12 and 2 to 4pm
8 December 2014 to 12 December 2014 (final week of school 2014)	FINANCE CLOSED ALL WEEK	UNIFORM SHOP Monday 8 to 12 and 2 to 4pm Tuesday 8 to 12 and 2 to 6pm Wednesday 8 to 12 and 2 to 4pm Thursday 8 to 12 and 2 to 6pm Friday CLOSED
12 December 2014 to 18 January 2015	CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION <i>Please note: Students are to supply their own stationery & consumable items e.g. pens, rulers, exercise books, etc. Available at Uniform Shop.</i>	
19 January 2015 to 23 January 2015 (1 week before school returns 2015)	FINANCE Monday 8am to 4.00pm Tuesday 8am to 7.00pm Wednesday 8am to 4.00pm Thursday 8am to 7.00pm Friday 8am to 3.00pm	UNIFORM SHOP Monday 8am to 4.00pm Tuesday 8am to 7.00pm Wednesday 8am to 4.00pm Thursday 8am to 7.00pm Friday 8am to 3.00pm
26 January 2015 to 30 January 2015	FINANCE Monday Closed Tuesday 8am to 1.45pm Wednesday 8am to 1.45pm Thursday 8am to 1.45pm Friday 8am to 1.45pm	UNIFORM SHOP Monday Closed (public holiday) Tuesday 8am to 3pm Wednesday 8am to 3pm Thursday 8am to 3pm Friday 8am to 1.45pm

Online Ordering for the Canteen is here!

Our school has now introduced a great new online ordering system for the **Canteen** called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also made online, so **less paper bags, cash, cheques, and envelopes are sent via your student to school.** As well as being convenient for

parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for the school coordinator to process - so it makes everyone's life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click "**Register Now**". You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit) and Bank Transfer. The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you no longer have to worry about the manual process of sending payments into school, and you can easily budget your students spending and expenses throughout the year.

The system is now available, so we look forward to seeing your next order online!

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask the school office for more information.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER NOW
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT BOOK PACKS FOR 2015 - ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

Kookaburra Educational Resources will be supplying our Student Packs for the 2015 School Year. You will find that their prices are extremely competitive, with most stationery items being under the recommended retail price.

There are THREE convenient ways to complete your order:

1. Online -

A prepaid system for those who wish to place their order online via secure credit card payment (before the cut-off date of the **Friday 19th of December 2014**):

www.kookaburra.com.au Username: HELEN010
Password: studentpack (lowercase)

2. Mail Order -

Fill out the order form complete with payment details and mail to (at least three working days before the cut-off date of the **Friday 19th of December 2014**).

****You can collect a hard copy of the form from either the Finance Department or Administration.**

Kookaburra Educational Resources
PO Box 265
KEMPSEY NSW 2440

3. Hand in to School Finance Office –

Fill out the order form complete with payment details and **HAND IN TO SCHOOL FINANCE OFFICE** (at least three working days before School closes on **Friday 12th of December 2014**)

Delivery:

All Student Pack orders placed by the online cut-off date of the Friday 19th of December 2014 are to be delivered to your nominated delivery address (signature required) by Friday 16th January 2015.

Orders received after the nominated cut off will receive a lower priority and will only be available for home delivery. Associated charges and fees will apply.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING PACKS ON-LINE

1. Go to www.kookaburra.com.au
2. Enter username: HELEN010 and password: studentpack (lower case)
3. Click on Student Packs
4. Select your student's year level for 2015
5. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the "Quantity" box.
6. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on "Add to Order" at the bottom of the page.
7. Review your selection.
8. Once you are satisfied with your order, click on "Complete Order" at the bottom of the page.
9. For your convenience your order will be shipped to your nominated daytime delivery address (signature required) Please ensure your student details are added to this page before proceeding.
10. Proceed to "Payment Details".
11. Select your payment method and proceed.
12. Click on "Submit Order".
13. Complete all details required to finalise your order.
14. A copy of your order will be emailed to you as a receipt.
15. Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact Kookaburra Educational Resources office on 1300 766 997.

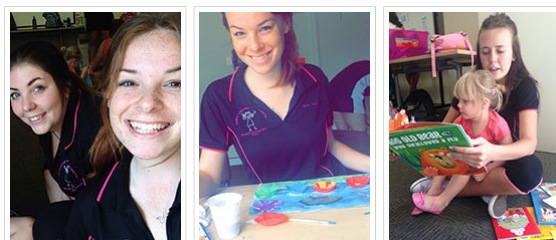
PLEASE NOTE:

* The cut-off date for all orders is **Friday 19th of December 2014** for delivery by **Friday 16th January 2015**

* **Orders received after Friday 19th of December 2014** will be given a lower priority, and may not be received at your nominated delivery address prior to Term 1 2015. Your order will be supplied as soon as goods are available to send. **Please also note that only online ordering is available after Friday 12th of December 2014**

Childhood Studies Students

On Friday 10th and Saturday the 11th of October, CDH Australia held its annual forum at the Mater Children's Hospital in Brisbane and at the Runaway Bay Sports and Leadership Centre. A group of Early Childhood Studies students volunteered to assist with the care of the children, of families affected by Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia. The 13 Helensvale SHS students organised a range of activities and games to keep the 21 children entertained, while their parents attended medical presentations and support sessions. CDH is a condition that affects 1 in 2500 babies and only 50% of those babies survive. Each year families from around Australia meet in a different city to learn of medical advances and treatments and to gain support. When caring for the children, the Helensvale students demonstrated confidence, professionalism and responsibility, proudly representing their school and helping to make the annual, national forum of a not-for-profit organisation possible.



Parents Guide to Schoolies

Is your child attending schoolies this year?

Representatives from support organisations including the Queensland Police Service, Red Frogs, Crime Stoppers, Liquor and Gaming Regulation and Queensland Health Services will help you to be more informed and prepared. This event is held in the Upper Coomera Community Centre and is free of charge.

Thursday 6 November
7pm - 8.30pm

Please attend this informative and important information session.

Year 7 & 8 enrolments for 2015

All new students joining the Helensvale SHS community in year 7 and Year 8, 2015 will receive an email shortly advising of important information about our Junior Secondary school and the upcoming transition events for your child. Please advise if your email address has changed ASAP.

Student Services Reminders

ABSENCES:

Helensvale SHS has a dedicated line to receive messages regarding student absences and late arrivals, for parent convenience. This will be a more efficient and less time consuming method of notification.

Please send an SMS to **0400 191 917** in the following format:

- Students full name.
- Date & duration of absence, or expected time of arrival.
- Reason for absence/lateness.

Please use this as your preferred method of notification and add this number to your contacts.

LEAVE REQUEST FOR STUDENT REQUIRING TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY:

Students are unable to be called out of class unless they have a "leave request" pass issued from Student Services. This pass will be issued prior to class in the morning at Student Services upon receiving a note advising of the collection time from a parent or emergency contact.

SICK BAY:

Students unwell in class are requested to advise their teacher of this, they will be directed on to Sick Bay at Student Services where if required a parent or emergency contact will be contacted to pick up the student. Students can only be allocated minimal time in Sick Bay (due to health & traffic flow reasons) if they cannot be collected they will be asked to return to class. Please note students should not contact their parent directly from the classroom but follow the above procedure.

LOST PROPERTY:

Please check at Student Services if you have lost any items eg: shoes, jumpers, books, jewellery, keys, keys, glasses, watches, etc. Unclaimed objects are donated to charity at the end of each term.