Welcome to our first official school newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Emma Mann who continues to work with the school as a Board member and as our Marketing consultant. The revamp of our newsletter was well over due, thank you Emma.

New Staff
Staff and students have had a great start to the year. We have welcomed our new staff:
- Ms Tracey Curtis who has taken on the Physical Education role
- Mrs Allira Keegan who is taking Kindy group A
- Mr Steven Griggs who is teaching Room 4 on Fridays
- Mrs Bronwyn Weir who is teaching room 6 on Fridays
- Mrs Kylie Bruce, Mrs Rachel Fairclough and Mrs Sue Lloyd, also return to assist students and staff
- Mrs Jaye Foster also returns as our School Officer

Parent Meetings
Parents have been invited to meet with class teachers to discuss classroom policies and curriculum expectations for your child this year. All staff have worked with our curriculum coor- dinator Mrs Lydiate in developing these expecta- tions. I remind parents that these meetings are whole class meeting, if you require a meeting about your child please make a time that is suitable for the teacher and yourself.

Student Testing
The Pre-Primary to Year 2 students have started On-Entry testing this week. This is a Department of Education requirement for Pre-Primary and a school choice to include Year 1 and 2 students. This information allows staff to profile and develop appropriate programs for stu- dents based on their needs.

Students in year 3 to 6 have school based testing that will be completed in the next week. All data is collated and discussed by staff during weekly collaboration meetings. It is also used to assess how well the school is meeting the targets outlined in our school business plan. These results will be available for discussion by appointment with your class teacher, after week 6.

Information sessions
As part of our building links with families and the community, we will be holding information sessions after each assembly. These will run for 45 minutes to and hour. So you can plan your attendance to the session that interests you the following topics will be offered this term:

22nd Feb – Resilience by Daphne Bennet, School Chaplain
Daphne will give an over view of the importance of children developing resilience, being allowed to make mistakes and how to assist them in recovering from mistakes as part of life.

14th March – WAVE intervention by Alma Lydi- ate, Curriculum Coordinator
Alma will explain how the school manages intervention of students with additional needs, wether as a high flier or poor performer. From identification to catering for your child in the classroom.

4th April – Attendance by Jo Jones, Attendance Officer
Jo will discuss why “every day counts” and give a brief overview of HVPS attendance data and policy.

Thank you all for a wonderful start to the 2016 school year.

Tamala Wilkinson.
FROM THE DEPUTY

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The faction swimming carnival for years 3-6 is planned for the afternoon of Thursday, 17th March at Bilgoman Pool. Our carnival will again focus on being a fun event, inclusive of all children. Championship events will be conducted along with novelty events to encourage greater student participation. Parent helpers are sought to ensure a successful carnival. Please advise the office staff if you can assist with judging, scoring or ribbon presenting. Event nomination forms and excursion permission forms will be sent home next week.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Hills Education Community will again be hosting the Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday, 9th March at Glen Forrest Primary School. There are two categories: Junior (Years 1-3) and Senior (Years 4-6). The junior participants are required to recite a poem of their choice and the seniors speak on a topic of their choice for 4 minutes. We can only take one student from each category; therefore on Friday, 26th February we will be conducting a school based competition to select our entrants for the Hills Competition. Students who are interested in participating should see Mr Brown or their class teacher for more information. Parents you can assist your child/ren by helping them select poems or topics according to their category, listening to their presentation and giving helpful feedback.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
In the next few weeks, students from Pre-Primary to year 6 will be honing their skipping skills and improving their fitness through participation in the Heart Foundation’s Jump Rope for Heart program. The program will be launched at the School Assembly on Monday, 22nd February and the children will spend the following four weeks learning new skipping skills during their Physical Education lessons with Mrs Curtis.

RECORD BREAKING ACHIEVEMENT
Year 6 student, Emma Smith, has had a very exciting and successful start to 2016 in her favourite sport of cycling. In January, Emma won two old and two silver medals in events at the WA Junior State Track Titles held at the Midvale SpeedDome. Emma also set a new record in the flying 200 with a time of 15.452 sec (average speed of 46.7km/h) with the previous record being 15.7 sec, which was set in 2004, 12 years ago! Emma’s achievements were recently featured in The Echo newspaper. Congratulations, Emma.

“Mindset change is not about picking up a few pointers here and there. It’s about seeing things in a new way. When people...change to a growth mindset, they change from a judge-and-be-judged framework to a learn-and-help-learn framework. Their commitment is to growth, and growth take plenty of time, effort, and mutual support.”
— Carol S. Dweck, Mindset: The New Psychology of Success
BOOK CLUB

Welcome back to what looks to be an action packed New School Year. We have some fabulous new changes to Book Club in 2016.

1. A fabulous New (ONE BROCHURE) concept for Book Club
2. LOOP online Parent orders - click on the link below.

LOOP, our Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform, allows parents to order and pay for their child’s Book Club requirements in one simple online process.

Book Club will be handed out today and there will still be a collection box in the office for those that cannot do their order online. This means no change can be given. Correct cash, cheque (made out to Scholastic) or credit card. This can be done from Monday 22nd till Wednesday 24th February next week.

Thank you to Beck Lloyd and Jess Leiper who have volunteered to be the new Book club co-ordinaters.

MONEY BOX & EFT PAYMENTS

Our preferred payment of money to the school is via EFT. Our account details are as follows.
A/C Name: Helena Valley Primary School
BSB: 016359
Account No: 340951603

Please retain receipt of EFT Transfer for proof of deposit if required.

We will also be trialling a money box. The money box will be located outside the school office for cash to be placed in. We ask you label the envelope with your Child’s/Family name, room number, excursion and amount on the front of the envelope and for the envelope to be sealed.

HONOUR BOARD

Thankyou to Mrs. Young and Mrs Gornall and the Pre Primary/Year 1 students from Room 11

2017 Scholarships

Any parents wanting information on Scholarships available for year 7 in 2017 please contact the office for more information.
Dental Therapy Van is now open and operational.
Open from 8am-4pm, Monday through Friday (barring any closures for meetings, public holidays etc).
School holiday appointments can be requested by parents if preferred.
Currently located at Glen Forrest Primary School, until roughly week 5 term 1, this will be followed by Clayton View PS then Helena Valley PS.
Darlington Mobile DTC I Dental Health Services
Glen Forrest PS, Tillbrook St, Glen Forrest WA 6071
Ph: 0407594254

The School Banking Program teaches children smart saving habits and lifelong money skills and provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.
To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token & once they have collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.
This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings. There are 8 new reward items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range:
Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set, Mud Splat Handball, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Backpack Eraser Pen, Jump & Skip Rope, Bush Fly Fan & Wriggly Glow Worm
School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
You can get involved in the School Banking Program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.
Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!
This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.
students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.
If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
Our School Banking day is Tuesday from 8.30am each week in the office, we look forward to seeing you then.

FROM YOUR P & C
Welcome to the new school year and we trust you all had a lovely summer break!
Just a reminder that the first P&C meeting will be held next Monday 22nd February at 6pm in the library.
New families and old, ALL are welcome. Please come along to see how the P&C functions and operates and to help support our children and our school.
We are presently looking for a new President and Vice President and All positions will be vacant at the AGM, to be held by the end of this term.
Hope to see you there!
Regards,

Canteen News
Thanks to canteen helpers who have volunteered thus far. Great to have a new mum Sulli help on Tuesday along with Lucelle Oliver, Tracey Healy and Catherine and Bethany Swanton, and Bianca Johns on Thursday.
PLEASE remind children not to share money or be buying items for other friends. Year one children particularly.
Please find time to volunteer when it's your class roster, many hands make light work. You can SMS me on 0456060064.
Thanks Jackie
Due to overwhelming popularity, the Monday session is now full! A new session on Wednesday has just started and we are looking for new members.

Helena Valley Primary School Playgroup operates on a Monday and Wednesday morning from 8.50 am - 10.45. Children enjoy arts and craft, outdoor play and mums enjoy a cuppa. Fees are $30 per term, plus annual Playgroups WA Insurance $30.

Please contact us via email Helena_valley_primary_playgroup@yahoo.com if you would like any further information.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop

Thanks to everyone who placed uniform pre orders last year. This significantly helped us to distribute orders effectively.

New Dress -

After a successful trial period, and with some minor alterations, the new dress will be available after 25 February. The new dress is $45

New Reversible Faction Hats -

Faction hats with new logo will be available also after 25 February. Limited numbers are available in the first order. The new hats are adjustable with a toggle. Pricing will remain the same at $16 per hat.

Discounted Stock

All uniform items with the old logo have been significantly discounted to $4 per item. This includes jumpers, faction polos, bucket hats. This stock cannot be returned for a refund or credit. It can be exchanged for a similar item.

Opening Times for Term 1, 2016

Wednesday 2.30pm - 3.20pm

If you have any queries, please email us at:

hvpsuniformshop@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Swan United FC Registration Dates for 2016 Soccer Season

All players new and old welcome
Sunday 21st February 9-11am at Swan IC Francis Street Midvale
Please contact Jenny Hill 0412 948 292 or Penny Borzechki 0413 017 555 for further Details.
Helena Valley Netball Club

Registration Day

25th February 2016
3.00pm - 4.15pm

Helena Valley Primary School - Undercover Area
3700 Helena Valley Road, Helena Valley.

For email Registrations contact the committee:
helenavalleynetballclub@mail.com or Dave on
0457 414 596

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Apply now to be a 2016 Census Area Supervisor!
The Australia Bureau of Statistics is seeking motivated and community
minded project managers to work on the 2016 Census and make a
difference in your community.

Area Supervisors are:
• Non-office based positions requiring travel
• Casual temporary positions, with flexible working hours.

As an Area Supervisor, you will:
• Recruit, manage and train a small team of temporary Census field staff
• Implement and manage the Census delivery and collection processes and procedures
• Undertake a range of administrative tasks, including the receipt, handling and storage of a range of Census materials
• Earn $54.76 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

As an Area Supervisor, you must:
• Know your local community
• Hold a current driver’s licence
• Be comfortable using computer, tablet and mobile devices
• Comply with ABS work health and safety policies
• Hold Australian Citizenship or have the legal right to work in Australia.

Job seekers from diverse backgrounds, including non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, are encouraged to apply.

More information is available from the ABS website.
Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers

Consumer Forum
Hosted by Speech Pathology Australia

Do you have a child with a specific language impairment (SLI)?
Are there gaps in the services available for children with SLI?
Are there sufficient services available to support your family?
Would you like to hear the experiences of other parents of children with SLI?
Would you be interested in a support group for parents of children with SLI?

Please join us for a forum to scope the interest in the establishment of a parent run support/advocacy group for parents of children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI) and identify the role that Speech Pathology Australia can play in supporting this.

Wednesday, 2nd of March 2016
6PM – 8.45PM
North East Metro LDC - 18 View Street Dianella

This facilitated forum will enable parents to come together to:
- Meet with other parents and share experiences
- Discuss current support available for children with SLI
- Learn about other support services available in Australia and internationally
- Develop a plan for action

RSVP Essential to secure your place
Jodi (Professional Standards Portfolio Leader SPA WA) and
Lucy (Public Affairs Portfolio leader SPA WA) at
ps.spa.wa@gmail.com

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