From the Principal

Talented and Musical Students
Watching the school choir perform on stage is always a joy and makes me proud of our student achievements. Last night’s performance at the WAGSMS was no exception. The choir performed two songs: ‘Glorious’ and ‘Que Sera’. As always the choir was superbly conducted by Mrs Subotic. Thank you to Ms Spence who joined Mrs Subotic and the choir at the Crown theatre.

Congratulations again to the Wakakirri team! For being awarded ‘Best Global Awareness’ story by song on the night. They have been invited back to perform at the awards night. Tickets for the presentation night are available through the front office, at $35.70 each. Best of luck to all on the night.

Nature Play Area
WOW! What a transformation! Thank you to Mrs Weir who organised a range of people from Bunnings (who donated all the materials and plants), Mr Jones (Her Dad), Mr Davy and Mr Fry (who donated machinery from Coats Hire) to build an orchid and a vegetable bed area. The students from room 14, 15, 2, 6 and 5 all assisted in either making garden beds or planting the seedlings. Thank you again to Mrs Weir who has taken this project on. We are seeing the amazing affect it is having on the nature area. I believe the next step is a chicken coup.

Parent Survey
Thank you to the 43 families who have completed our Parent Satisfaction survey. If you have not had a chance to do so here is the link https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/jAD9RDQ. The survey closes at the end of term.

Principal Information Sessions
Thank you to the lovely parents who attended the Behaviour Management Principal Information Session. During this talk I was joined by Rebecca O’Reilly the Schools Positive Behaviour Team leader, who discussed our positive behaviours approach and our intervention cycle for students with expected and unexpected behaviours.

The next Principal Information session is titled - Bullying... or is it? On Wednesday the 7th of September at 2pm. Again my aim is to make these sessions informative and interactive where possible. Please RSVP at the front office.

Trees
As I have reported to the Helena Valley Community in the past, the trees over the Nature Play area are notorious for dropping boughs randomly. We have these trees checked every 12 months, but last week I noted a crack in one of the forks of a tree directly over the play area. This was reported to the Department of Education who have had two people assess the tree as not being safe for students to play under and it will be removed for OHS reasons. We will be able to keep the trunk to add to the nature play space and have started to work with Mr Fitzpatrick, our gardener, to determine a well established and school safe tree to replace the one being removed and a few additional trees in that area.

Class Placement Request
Today you will receive your class placement request letter. It is not compulsory to complete but these are taken into consideration when class lists are compiled for next year.

I hope you are all studying for the P&C Quiz night this Saturday night.

Sincerely
Tamala Wilkinson
Principal

Quote:
Spectacular achievements are always preceded by unspectacular preparation.
Roger Staubach
From the Deputy

FACTION ATHLETICS
The Faction Athletics Carnival is on next week. The Jumps, Throws and Distance Running are at school on Monday, 5th September with the Main Carnival starting at 9.30am on Friday 9th September at Darlington Oval. Excursion notes were sent home last week and we urgently require your child’s permission slip and bus fare payment by early next week please. The timetable for Monday 5th September Jumps day is shown below and will be adhered to reasonably closely, depending on the weather and the number of helpers we have.

Urgent request: Thank you to parents who have already volunteered to help. We are still in need of 8 helpers for the jumps and throwing events on Monday 5th and 4 helpers for the main carnival on Friday 9th September. The success of the faction sports and enjoyment for the children relies on parent volunteers and we would be most appreciative of any help you can provide. Please notify the office staff if you are able to assist. Thank you in anticipation.

SCHOOL RUN4FUN
The School Run4Fun fundraising pamphlet went home with all Pre-Primary to Year 6 children a fortnight ago and it’s great to see that many families have started to attract sponsors for their child/children. Remember that there is an online facility for fundraising which, besides being a simple way to donate, enables families to enter the Gold Coast Holiday competition and receive a bonus prize if $20 or more is raised (go to www.australianfundraising.com.au/profile).

If your child did not receive the Schools Run4Fun pamphlet, please collect one from the Office. The Fun Run will take place on the school oval on Thursday, September 22nd starting at 1.45pm.

HILLS EDUCATION COMMUNITY SCIENCE QUEST
Congratulations to our Year 6 Science Team who recently competed in the Hills Education Community Science Quest, which was held at Mount Helena Primary School. Our team of four smart scientists – Maya Leano, Morgan Smith, Emile Spring and Jordan Curry performed very well, finishing a creditable 7th place.

Honour Certificates

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| Room 4 | Jacinta-Rose S, Jayden S, Devlin K |
| Room 5 | Alex G, Charli K, Emma B |
| Room 6 | Ziggy P, Connor N, Tina F |
| Room 7 | Leo J, Tolle F, Kaleb B |
| Room 11 | Jimmie G, Jake S, Claire E |
| Room 12 | Jake H, Kohen A, Isobel H |
| Room 14 | Libbi W, Morgan S, Sharli O |
| Room 15 | Sasha K, Ryan A, Luke N |

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Thankyou to Mrs Young and the Pre Primary/Year 1 students from room 11 for their fabulous artwork on the Seasons and Under the Sea.
Book Fair

Not long now till our next awesome Book Fair. Starting on Thursday 15th September until Wednesday 21st September. Open night will be Wednesday 21st September 5.30pm – 8.00pm. See you there.

From the Board Chair

I was so impressed with the presentation by Mrs O’Reilly regarding Positive Behaviour Strategies. The PBS team should be commended on developing a comprehensive approach that steers away from the old school measures of discipline which assumes that children already know how to behave. When I’m talking to parents about an issue in a classroom, they often note disruptive behaviour and how this impacts the classroom at that time and ask “Why isn’t that child sent to the office?”

Helena Valley Primary School’s positive behaviour model focuses on teaching students appropriate behaviours. Children aren’t going to learn these behaviours if they are excluded from class and sitting in an admin office. Of course, in some instances, this is unavoidable if all other measures and positive behaviour teaching opportunities have been exhausted.

There are six school expectations that are explicitly taught within our school which contributes to all students becoming successful learners, and active pro social citizens. Its definitely worth attending this session if held again in the future.

Jenny Walters
Board Chair

Students Absent from/ Late to School

Please notify the office before 9.30am via:

SMS on 0437 410 293
Phone on 9294 1062
Email on HelenaValley.PS@education.wa.edu.au
The absentee form on the new HVPS School App.

LATE TO SCHOOL - would parents please ensure that children who arrive to school after the 8.50am siren report to the front office and take a red card to the class teacher.

EXTENDED ABSENCE - please notify the office in writing (via email on HelenaValley.PS@education.wa.edu.au) prior to your child being absent from school for an extended period. This is a Department of Education requirement and will be forwarded to the Principal on receipt.

Dental Van

A big thank you to all those kids who promptly returned their forms to the dental van, much appreciated. As we are approaching the end of term 3 we are fast running out of appointment time available for non-urgent treatment. All those with non-urgent treatment such as Fissure sealants, Scale and Cleans etc will be booked in for early term 4. If parents wish to have their child seen during the school holidays please contact us.

Please note that we have not yet completed all the check-ups for the kids here at the primary school. We will be remaining at this school until approximately week 6 of term 4 to ensure every child enrolled will be seen.

We are open Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th, Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th during the school holidays.
At this week’s P&C meeting the focus was on next year’s 90th Anniversary of Helena Valley Primary School. This important commemoration will be an opportunity for students past and present to come together and celebrate the history of the school. Members of the P&C will be working alongside the school staff in a special 90th Anniversary Committee.

This Saturday is the P&C quiz night at the Kalamunda Bowls Club. Last year’s event was a hoot and with even more people and prizes this time around it is sure to be a fantastic event. Please come along and enjoy a fun and relaxed night and support your school P&C. If you haven’t yet organised a table be quick and contact Katie Price at as there are still some spaces available.

Our next meeting will be on the 17th October at 6pm in the Library. All welcome.

Nick Stretch
P&C President

School Banking

Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact the School Office.

School Banking has MOVED. We are now located in the LIBRARY. Tuesdays 8.15am to 8.50am.

Fundraising

Sports Carnival is on 9 September 2016 at Darlington Oval.

Please fill out the order form. Once completed, the order form can either be emailed to the Uniform Shop hvpsuniformshop@gmail.com or returned to the school’s Administration Office BEFORE FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.

Payment is required ASAP, prior to orders being delivered.

A reminder to all parents, PLEASE label all uniforms.

If you have any queries, please email us at hvpsuniformshop@gmail.com or contact Catherine on 0400 994 883.