FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had some exciting events over the last few weeks.

Movie Night
Thank you to Ashley Hemsley, Kerri Edwards and Jenny Walters who organised the school’s first Outdoor Cinema night. It was a beautiful evening and although free for families, raised $180. Thank you ladies.

Nature Playground
Thank you to the Dad’s! Those Dad’s being, Nick Stretch, Dave Fry and Scott Edwards for their efforts in continuing the Nature Play area. The tunnels have been moved and steps have been added. They are now working on a dry creek bed in that area. It is fantastic to see this area evolve with different ideas and people taking on parts of the playground.

Thanks also to Tess Healy who has instigated contact with Helena Valley Catchment Group for input in the development of the Ridge Hill Road bush block at the end. This is a space to watch.

Canteen
It is very sad news for the school, with our canteen manager Jacquie Erdmann, moving on to different pastures. Jacquie has been with the school for 8 years and has also been part of the school's Finance Committee over the last few years. She will be greatly missed. Please ensure that you read the P&C section for more information in regard to what will happen in the canteen.

Office 365 ProPlus now available to students
Office 365 ProPlus enables each student to use their Department email address to download and install Microsoft Office software. This includes full versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, OneNote, Outlook and Publisher on up to 10 devices (five PC/Mac computers and five tablet/smartphone devices). Further information about Office 365 ProPlus is on the Microsoft website: https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/gg702619.aspx

Positive Behaviour in School (PBS)
It is very satisfying to see the students and staff engaging with the PBS team and the whole school expectations. I have been conducting observations of classrooms, looking at the classroom environments and gaining feedback from staff and students. It is very pleasing to see that the key values Excellence, Responsibility and Citizenship are being practised and developed by staff with students.

Best of luck to all our Year 3 to 6 students participating in tomorrow’s swimming carnival.

Sincerely,
Tamala Wilkinson

FOR YOUR DIARY

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Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our school’s Public Speaking Competition recently. The Year 1-3 children who entered recited a poem of their choice whilst the year 4-6 entrants had to present a four minute speech on a topic of their choice. The Junior winner was Casey McLaren who presented a humorous poem entitled, “The Attack of the Vegetables” and the Senior winner was Maya Leano, who presented a thought provoking and well researched speech on “Poverty.” Both girls were selected as our representatives at the Hills Education Community’s Public Speaking Competition held at Gidgegannup Primary School on 9th March. There were 10 schools competing and both Casey and Maya did an excellent job in front of a large audience. They spoke clearly, confidently and expressively and can be very proud of their effort. Well done, girls! The winning Junior student was from Mundaring Primary School and the top Senior student was from Chidlow Primary School.

T20 Blast Cricket Carnival

Yesterday, our school participated in the inaugural T20 Blast Cricket Lightning Carnival at Glen Forrest Oval. It was an exciting and well organised day and both our girls and boys team thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The Girls team finished in 3rd place overall and the Boys were 4th. A big thank you to Tanya Hall for doing a great job as supervisor/coach of the girls’ team. Darlington PS won the Girls competition and Mundaring PS won the Boys competition.

Faction Swimming Carnival

All is in readiness for tomorrow’s Faction Swimming Carnival for year 3-6 children. We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable afternoon of competitive swimming and fun events. The children will be having an early lunch at school (11.30am) before leaving on the bus at 12 noon. We plan to get the carnival underway by 12.30pm. We hope to hear plenty of vocal support from parent spectators. A reminder that parents should view the events from the sheltered area on the kiosk/change rooms side of the pool. The grandstand area is for the children and school staff only. Parents/carers who wish to take their child home from the pool need to have them “signed out” by the supervising teacher in their faction bay.

Lunches

Recently, we have had a number of students coming to school without lunch. Could parents/carers please ensure that their child/children are provided with a nutritious and healthy lunch every day.
Harmony Day 2016

Just a reminder that Harmony Day will be celebrated on **MONDAY, 21st MARCH**. It would be lovely to see all children dressed up, either in a costume from a different country or in the colour ‘orange’. We will begin the day with a short assembly, so all parents are most welcome to stay and watch the parade. Also, please ensure your child’s incursion money ($15.00) has been paid to the office by Friday, 18th March. Finally, if you would like your child to order a special meal deal from the canteen, last chance to order is TOMORROW. All orders are to be brought to the canteen.

Looking forward to a fun-filled, exciting day...

Thank you,
Signora Jones

HONOUR BOARD

Thankyou to Mrs Grgich and the year 4/5 students from room 5.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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Book Club

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please notify the office via email (HelenaValley.PS@education.wa.edu.au), SMS on 0437 410 293 (text only) or call on 9294 1062 before 9.30am. Please would ALL parents make sure that children who arrive to school after the 8.50am siren report to the front office and take a red late card to the class teacher.

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 Thursday 17th March till Wednesday 23rd March.
FROM YOUR P & C

As mentioned at Monday’s assembly, the P&C would like to advise that the school’s canteen manager, Mrs Jacquie Erdmann will be finishing as of the end of this term. We would like to thank Mrs Erdmann for her time running the canteen over the last eight years and we will formally thank her at the next assembly.

Movie Night
The Wizard of Oz Movie Night was a witching success! We hope that everyone who came along had a wonderful evening. Thanks to the P&C Fundraising Committee for organising a wonderful event for families.

UNIFORM SHOP

New dress and faction hats have arrived. Limited stock available. Please place an order with the uniform shop.

Discounted Stock
Please note that this is the last year students can wear uniforms with the old logo. There has been a two year phase out period of the old logo which ends in December 2016. New school uniform with new logo will be compulsory from January 2017.

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

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

Canteen News

The time has come for me to hang up my apron at HVPS. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me as a volunteer in the canteen for the last 8 years. The canteen couldn't run without you all. Big thanks to the P&C for all your support, and especially Gordon Grossman for working behind the scenes of the canteen as treasurer. I will certainly miss all your faces and all of the wonderful children at HVPS. Thanks again to all parents, teachers and students.

Please support room rosters for the next 4 weeks, and thankyou to the last fortnights volunteers. Don't forget it's HARMONY day on Monday the 21st March and the canteen will be open for treats and lunch. Only Meal Deals that day. Please SMS 0456060064 to put your name on the roster or fill in your name on your class noticeboard.

Thanks
Jackie

Playgroup

Due to overwhelming popularity, the Monday session is now full! A new session on Wednesday morning has just started and we are looking for new members. Room 3 has been transformed into a wonderful space full of toys, books, puzzles, playdough and more! Outdoor and nature play are also encouraged.

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.