Congratulations to our year 3 and 5 students who have tackled the NAPLAN testing admirably.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN continues to be a controversial topic in the media and around schools. Essentially NAPLAN provides parents a point in time idea of their child's achievement in year 3, 5, 7 and 9. Over the years it will also help you see if your child has progressed appropriately.

It allows the school to set targets to extend and remediate groups of students across the school based on the results. It allows staff to validate their professional judgements against an external assessment. It allows the school to track trends and assess programs.

NAPLAN also prepares students for later life as testing is part of an ongoing system of assessment in high school and university/TAFE.

**Website**

The Helena Valley Primary School Website is up and running. It is a work in progress and I would love to thank Tarryn and Brad Gibby who have been working closely with the school in creating the website. My plan is to have a group of students assist staff in managing the site. I will be meeting with The Gibbys on Friday to discuss the school app that will hopefully be ready by the end of term.

**The School Annual Report**

The School Board and Staff have ratified the school 2015 Annual Report. This can be found on the schools website or a hard copy is available at the front office.

Congratulations to room 14 on a wonderful assembly on Growth Mindset. Staff have been exposing students to the importance of having a Growth Mindset rather than a fixed mindset.

Sincerely,

Tamala Wilkinson
FROM THE DEPUTY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – CROSS COUNTRY
As part of the fitness component of our Physical Education program, all Year 1-6 children train for and compete in the Faction Cross Country events early in Term 3. To ensure the children are well prepared, we will begin morning cross country fitness sessions from next week, with Year 1-3 children running on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Year 4-6s on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The students run a course around and through the school grounds. Parents, please ensure the children have suitable clothing and footwear for running on these days. Also, please send a note to the teacher if your child cannot run on a particular day due to illness or injury.

HILLS SCHOOLS WINTER LIGHTNING CARNIVAL
Students from years 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in the annual winter sports Lightning Carnival on Friday, 20th May at various venues. The team sports being played are soccer, volleyball, basketball, football and netball. Excursion notes were sent home yesterday. If there are parents or friends who would be willing to assist with umpiring or managing teams in any of these sports, please let the school know. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

MATHLETICS/SPELLDROME
Mathletics and Spellodrome are excellent online resources for mathematics and spelling, which the school uses to support student learning. As part of the annual booklist, a 12 month subscription to the programs was requested and to date over 80% of students have subscribed. We ask if you have not paid your child’s online technology levy, please do so as soon as possible. The subscription entitles them to full use of Mathletics, Spellodrome and Book Flix, including access at home. Unfortunately we have had to suspend some accounts but these will be reinstated when payment is received.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD
Libby Guy is the April winner of this award for always being a very caring and thoughtful student who consistently demonstrates our school motto, “Help Each Other.” Libby received a $25 Australian Geographic Shop voucher and certificate. This award is donated by Earnshaws Real Estate.

SPELLING BEE
Four students from our school will be travelling to Mundaring Primary School on 1st June to compete against other students from Hills Education Community schools. In order to select the two year 3/4 students (Junior Division) and two year 5/6 students (Senior Division), we will be conducting an in-school Spelling Bee on Monday, 16th May. Class teachers will nominate 2 or 3 excellent spellers from their class to compete in the Spelling Bee.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Students who raised money through the recent “Jump Rope For Heart” program received their prizes at Monday’s school assembly. Congratulations to these participants and many thanks to the families and friends who sponsored the children and to Mrs Curtis for organising the event. We raised an incredible $5000 for children’s heart disease research.

DENTAL VAN
The School Dental Van will be at the school from week 6. A registration form for new families has been sent home. We ask that these forms be returned to the office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Thursday June 2 for Pre-Primary—Year 6 and Kindy B. Photos for Kindy A will be taken on Friday June 17. Order forms have been sent home today and need to be returned to the office by May 30.

FIRE AND RESCUE INCURSION
On Monday April 4, the year 2/3 students from rooms 5 and 6 participated in an incursion with the Midland Fire and Rescue Service. The students learnt about fire safety in their community, including key aspects of home fires —prevention, preparation, response and recovery. The students discussed topics including fire hazards in the kitchen and home, the hazards of smoke, smoke alarms and detectors, dialling 000 in an emergency, crawling low under smoke and having a safe meeting place, home fire escape plans and fire fighting equipment.

Thank you to the Fire-fighters from Midland Fire Station for visiting.
HONOUR BOARD

Thankyou to Mrs Monkhouse and the year 2/3 Students from Room 6.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

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Book Club

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 12th May till Wednesday 18th May.

Absentees

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.
FROM YOUR P & C

The Mother’s Day Stall was a big hit and a great opportunity to thank the wonderful Mums in our community. Thankyou to Ashleigh Hemsley, Katie Price, Meyah Kenny, Crystal Pearce, Kerri Edwards, Tess Healy and Fiona Robertson for organizing this important opportunity for the kids.

Following the AGM at the beginning of term we would like to say a big ‘Thank you’ to Jay and Kylie Healy for their enormous contribution to the P &C over the many years they’ve been involved. Jay has stepped back from President but continues to support the organisation as the Vice President. We’re very grateful to have such a strong position from which to continue.

The P & C is always looking for new members so if you are interested in:

- cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the general community
- assisting in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities for the school or schools
- the fostering of community interest in educational matters.

Please come along to one of our meetings. If you are not able to attend meetings but would still like to contribute towards the P&C there are many avenues to be involved. These include fundraising, assisting with running events and participating in P&C events. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our Next meeting will be held on Monday 13th June at 6pm in the school library.

Nick Stretch
P&C President

Canteen News

The P&C wishes to welcome Donna Lysle as the new Canteen Manager for HVPS. Donna has extensive experience within the food and catering industry and is very enthusiastic towards her new role and we look forward to her commencing at the start of Term Two.

This is also another opportunity to thank Jackie for her many years of service as Canteen Manager at HVPS and we wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

School Banking

Get involved in the School Banking program

Helena Valley Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program 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, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards currently available are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

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).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

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.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesdays from 8:20am in the school office.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please contact our School Banking Coordinator, Penny Sneddon on 0415 908 645 or come and see us on a Tuesday morning.