From the Principal

Helena Valley PS is Wakakirri crazy! Tonight is our big performance at the Regal Theatre, best of luck to our star students, staff and parents! Thank you to key staff Ms Ferguson, Ms O’Reilly and Mrs Young for their enormous efforts towards the performance. Thanks also goes to all the school staff who have supported the students; and the amazing parents who have given up hours, if not days, weeks of their time.

Thank you to Thyme Out Cafe for the great dinner meal deal they provided to the staff and students attending.

**Faction Names**

A very exciting announcement was made at our recent assemblies.

In term 2 all classes were asked to work on sets of names that may represent the factions. Classes submitted their names to the Positive Behaviour Team who looked at each set, considering the link to the local area and suitability to be used as a faction name. The reasons for the faction names is to build a greater sense of belonging for students to identify with factions and to use these as part of the new whole school reward system. The School Board also discussed this as a suitable avenue to build onto our school vision and Business Plan. The renaming will come at a minimal cost to the school and no extra cost to parents as there is no need to make changes to faction shirts.

The new names are:
- Stratham – Formally known as Red
- Drummond – Formally known as Blue
- O’Connor – Formally known as Gold
- Forrest – Formally known as Green

Thank you to all our students who participated in the new naming of our factions.

**Have your say**

This year we are asking Parents to complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey; it is a series of questions about how well the school caters for your child/ren and how effectively the school is led. I ask that you only complete the survey once and with your oldest child in mind. All you need to do is cut and paste the below address into your address bar to start. I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/jaDA9RDQ

**Behaviour Management Questions…… come and hear**

On Wednesday the 24th of August, I will be holding the next Principal information session on Behaviour Management. Like last week’s session on class construction, it will be both theory and hands on. Please RSVP through the front office.

**Garden Project**

If you have time on the 26th of August, Mrs Weir and our Bunning’s volunteers will be calling out for parents or community members to help build the garden bed for the new garden. Please RSVP through the front office if you have an hour or more to assist on the day.

**Science team**

Congratulations to our Interschool Science team, Emile Spring, Maya Leano, Jordan Curry and Morgan Smith, who went to Mt Helena PS with Mrs Lydiate, today, as part of the annual Hills Community Network Science Quest. We finished in 7th place.

**School Improvement Updates**

Over the next few months we will be having the toilets repaired and repainted. The girls has been painted and looks amazing! Thank you to Mr Holloway, from Nathan Holloway Private & Industrial Painting.

The Library renovation has slowly begun with Quotes being obtained and Mrs Thoms has been very busy ‘de-junking’ the room. The plan will ensure it looks amazing!

Tamala Wilkinson
Principal
HILLS CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to our Cross-Country team on their spirited performance at the recent Hills Cross Country Championship, where we finished 8th overall out of the 11 schools competing. The winning school was Gidgegannup. Our year 6 girls’ team and year 5 boys’ team both earned fourth placing in the team events. Several of our runners finished in top ten positions and with 44 runners in each event these were exceptional achievements. All our athletes showed terrific endeavour and endurance. They should all be very proud of their efforts.

FREO KWIK KICK SUCCESS
On Friday, 5th August, 20 of our students travelled to Fremantle Oval after school to participate in the Freo Footy Skills Competition, which is an annual event attracting competitors from schools throughout the state. Our students performed exceptionally well, with several earning a place in the State Grand Final, which was held last Sunday at Subiaco Oval, prior to the AFL match between Fremantle and Adelaide. Once again we had some great results with Lauren Davey winning the year 4 Girls Long Bomb and our Year 4/5 girls’ team of Emma Grant, Ella Curry, Siobhan Sudholz, Holly Davey, Lauren Davey and Emma Smith winning the Freo FastBall. Congratulations to all students who participated in both competition days and thank you to parents who supported this event.

FACTION ATHLETICS
The children have been training keenly for the forthcoming Faction Athletics Carnival. The Jumps and Throws Day is on Monday, 5th September at School and the main Carnival Day on Friday, 9th September at Darlington Oval. To ensure these events run efficiently, we need several parent helpers to assist with official duties. On the Jumps Day we require 12 volunteers for measuring, raking and recording. On Carnival Day, we need 5 volunteers for judging and as many helpers as possible for setting up faction shelters in the morning and packing up after the carnival. If you can assist on either or both days, even for an hour or two, please let the office staff know. Thank you in anticipation. Excursion permission forms and further details will be sent home next week.

SCHOOL RUN4FUN
From Friday, we commence the School Run 4 Fun Fundraising Program which is a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The event will take place on Thursday 22nd September. All funds raised will be used to purchase technology resources for the students.

Students will this week receive a poster size Superhero Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Apple, GoPro, Razor, Star Wars, Monster High, Nerf just to name a few. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. The greater amount of sponsorship donations you receive the better prizes you can choose.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a family holiday staying at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast including entry to the major theme parks and the choice of either $1,000 spending money or a $1,000 Virgin Australia Gift Voucher.

STUDENT PROFILE PAGE
Create your student profile page today at www.australianfundraising.com.au/profile You can record your fundraising goal and your preferred prize and keep track of the prizes you are entitled to based on the amount of sponsorship donations you receive. You also have the option to register for online fundraising and enter the Gold Coast Family Holiday Promotion.

ONLINE FUNDRAISING
A new way to help your child reach their fundraising goal is through online fundraising. Students who use online fundraising raise on average $120. Connect with family and friends in Australia and abroad simply by sharing your unique fundraising page link when you register for online fundraising.

Also, students who raise $20 or more in online donations will also receive a BONUS PRIZE of a sneaker keyring. How cool is that?

Once the fundraiser is complete, please ensure to fill out the prize request section on the back of the Sponsorship Form and return to the School Office along with your money inside an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class or preferably use the online fundraising option to deposit sponsorship money directly into the school bank account. The incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after.

We would also like to welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Happy fundraising!
Pop Tops and Batteries

Batteries and Pop tops
If you have any old batteries or pop tops at home, please bring them into school and place them in the boxes outside the photocopier room and they will be weighed, collected and then recycled. With the battery recycling programme, we have a competition between some schools in our area and the winning school gets a chance to visit the recycling centre in Red Hill which is very exciting!

Pop tops are the ring pulls on top of drink cans – they are also recycled and made into wheelchairs for disabled children.

The Wheelchairs for Kids project has seen almost 30,000 wheelchairs sent to 74 developing countries since it was created in 1998. They are sending up to 300 World Health Organisation standard wheelchairs to needy children every month.

Lost Property
During the winter months we gather a collection of jackets and sweat shirts in the lost property box. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked (initials are not sufficient) and they will be returned to the correct owner. There is also a collection of lunch boxes and drink bottles with no names on them. All uncollected items will be taken to the Women’s Refuge at the end of each term.
At the Term 3 Board Meeting, I gave a brief overview of the Parent Information Session hosted by Tamala on Wednesday 10 August that gave all attendees a true insight into the intricate exercise of Forming Classes. For all participants, this workshop explicitly outlined the necessity of split classes at Helena Valley Primary School due to numerous factors including enrolment numbers, class ratios, staff requirements and student needs and parent requests, which are all dictated by funding (or lack of funding) requirements. The final result of the school structure and class composition is heavily critiqued by many parents and after taking part in this exercise, I truly believe the School does the best it can for students, with the limited funding and resources available. The main point highlighted from the exercise is that split classes are a necessity. If you have any doubts, I urge you to attend this workshop if it is hosted again in the future, or contact Tamala for further information.

Parent Information Survey will be rolled out over the remainder of the Term. I urge all community Members to please take part. We need your feedback to help to improve our school.

The Board reviewed data relating to Attitude, Behaviour and Effort (ABE) of students in relation to the targets set in the Business Plan. The PBS Team will use class observations and a strengths based approach to look at what is working for certain year levels who have significantly improved their ABE, and how to implement these strategies in other year levels who need further support to achieve Targets set in the Business Plan.

If you have any questions or comments, please approach Board Members who are present at school assemblies and events, and or around the school grounds. We would love to hear from you!

Jenny Walters
Board Chair
Our next meeting is on Monday 29th August in the library at 6pm and runs for 1 hour. If you can’t make the meeting but see somebody with a P&C badge please feel free to stop us and say hi.

Nick Stretch

Uniform Pre Order

This is your opportunity to place a Pre Order for Faction Polos so that we can ensure there is enough stock for everyone.

Sports Carnival is on 9 September 2016 at Darlington Oval.

If needed, other uniform requirements can be placed on the same order form.

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 TUESDAY 23 AUGUST

For audit purposes, please ensure ALL details are completed on the attached form. Your order will be delivered to the eldest child, please ensure you include their classroom number on the form.

All items can be returned and exchanged if your purchase is the wrong size as long as it is in original, brand new condition, tags have NOT been removed or garments labelled.

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

Fundraising

The 5c challenge is currently happening in classrooms. The classroom with the most 5 cent coins in the jar at the end of the challenge, will win a class movie with popcorn.

On the night of the Learning Journey, the P & C will be selling soup from the canteen. If anybody has a vegetable garden with excess vegetables or if you would like to donate some vegetables suitable for vegetable soup, can you please email Katie Price at ktjprice81@gmail.com.