

St Helens News

Learning with Friends



TERM CALENDAR

Friday 6 th August	Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 6 th August	Zone Athletics
Saturday 22 nd August	Family field day
Friday 18 th September	Last day of term 3

UNIFORM SALES

When purchasing uniforms please ring through with a phone order first. We can get it ready for you and have it up in the office for you to collect.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Possible Strike Action

As you would no doubt be aware, the strike action has been **cancelled**. School will resume as usual.

World of Maths

The exciting and educational World of Maths will be at the school on the Monday the 10th August. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to participate in solving a variety of problems from large, hands-on displays and puzzles. Problem solving is an important part of all topics throughout the mathematics curriculum. All students would greatly benefit from this experience as it caters for all ability levels. The displays show some applications of mathematics to real-life situations. The program also shows how maths can be a lot of fun!! This will be available to all students at no cost.

Zone Athletics

The following students have been selected to represent St Helens at the Maryborough Zone Athletics trials on Friday. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Jake Nielsen, Kyle Power, Brandon Hunter, Khan Turner-Pavey, Chelsey Sorensen, Pippa Allanson, Tatum Turley, Michael McAlpine, Sean Murphy, Dylan Tarlinton, Luci Allanson, Luke Barry, Cooper England, Sam Porter, BJ McAlpine, Skye Said and Taylah Browning.

Sensational Strings

On Wednesday 26th August, the St Helens String Orchestra is competing in the Inaugural Maryborough Music Festival at the Brolga

Theatre. We would greatly appreciate some audience support on the day, so come along and ENJOY! The performance starts at around 10am.

Jeans for Genes Day

This **Friday** is Jeans for Genes day.

This is a major fundraiser of the Children's Medical Research Institute. The scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try to prevent diseases before they occur in our children, or where that is not possible to develop better treatments.

It's so much fun and real easy to get involved.

It's a day where everyone can wear jeans and simply make a gold coin donation. The money you raise goes towards the work of these scientists.

P & C News

The P&C is very excited about the upcoming Family Field Fun day to be held at the school on **Saturday 22nd August**.

The day will involve: A display of antique engines from across the Wide Bay Region, Antique cars on display, rides for the kids, candle making, face painting, a variety of stalls and food.

As this is the first time the P&C have tried this venture they would love to see as much support from the school community as possible. As an added incentive for the students, the P&C will be running a special competition just for students from St Helens. Attached to every newsletter for the next 4 weeks will be a special token.

Students are encouraged to collect all 4 tokens, place them in an envelope and then into a special box on the 22nd. One envelope will be drawn and a special prize will be given on parade to the lucky student.



Tonight there will be a special Family Field Day meeting at 7pm at the school. If you would like to contribute to the planning of the day you are more than welcome to attend.

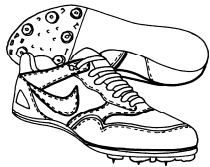
Prep News

The prep classroom is holding a raffle to raise funds for resources. We are raffling off a 3 day Johnno's Camper Trailer Hire, worth \$220. (Conditions apply). Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10 and can be purchased at the office or from participating Prep parents. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 22 August at our Family Field Fun Day. We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Johnno's Camper Trailers for donating the prize!!



Active After School

The Active After School program will commence today. This term Mr Rober't will be holding the Tuesday afternoon program and Wednesday afternoon will be a "Kids Only Boot Camp". This is a fun and original Boot Camp style fitness program that has been designed specifically for kids. Each session has Boxing, Strength training, boot camp style fitness games and of course high cardio super FUN fitness activities.



Emergency Contacts

Please ensure that the school has been notified of any changes in contact details. It is vital that the school has up to date contact information at all times in case of emergency. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop



Orders can be submitted at each **classroom** (please do not send tuckshop orders to the office) no later than **9am each Thursday**. Orders are to be written on a clean paper bag, with students name and class. **No late orders can be accepted.** Helpers please note you are required at tuckshop by **12pm**.

Theresa Hatchman & Lyndal Winnett

DINNER TABLE TOPICS

Prep – Ask your child what coin we are using in our fruit & vegie shop.

Prep/1 – Practise take-away sums at dinner! Eg count how many peas on the plate, eat two, how many are left?

Year 1/2 – Talk to your child about the different parts of the Cinderella story.

Year 2/3 – Ask your student about their circus stories.

Year 3/4 – What units do we use to measure mass? What is your mass?

Year 4/5 – How are your child's independent disaster activities progressing?

Year 5/6 – Is your child enjoying participating in the drama activities in class?

Year 6/7 – Ask your child about how Igneous rocks are formed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Athletics Sign-on

Maryborough Amateur Athletic Club has its sign-on for all athletes from ages Under 6 to Veterans on Sunday 30th August 2009. 1pm – 4pm in the clubhouse at Jock Anderson oval, Gympie Road, Tinana. Anyone interested but uncertain if athletics is for them, can sign-on for a 2 week trial. New athletes need to bring their birth-cert for confirmation of age. Registration fees are U6-\$70, U7-U15-\$80, U16-U30-\$130. The season commences on Friday 4th September at 6pm. Enquiries to Kevin Reville Ph 4129 7158 ah or Paul Main ph 1423 1127.

Creative Writing Workshop

Fraser Coast Regional Libraries is hosting a creative writing workshop at Maryborough library (in the seminar room) on Saturday 15th August 2009 from 9-11am. This free workshop is presented by Marcia McPherson (Master of Letters, and high school teacher) and is open to children aged 8-14. The workshop is sponsored by the Cherry Tree Foundation and Zonta International (Maryborough branch). 4123 5457.