

# St Helens News

*Learning with Friends*



## TERM CALENDAR

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Start of Science week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	RSPCA cup cake day
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Family field day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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

We have been extremely excited to have been able to offer the students a range of extra curricular activities recently. I would like to commend the teachers for organising these extra learning opportunities for the students. These opportunities stimulate student imagination and inspire a thirst for learning. Today the students in Prep and Prep/1 were visited by the performance group Toot, Whistle, Plunk and Boom. Yesterday the World of Maths spent the day at the school and next week we have organised a number of special activities to celebrate science week.

### World of Maths

Yesterday the students in Yrs1-7 were visited by The World of Maths. The students delighted in being able to participate in a range of hands on problem solving activities. The presenter was extremely impressed with the level of questioning skills displayed by the students and their general enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour.



### Science Week

Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> ushers the beginning of this year's science week. St Helens works hard to promote the fun and exciting elements of the Science curriculum. We have a number of students who are interested in careers that

involve many different elements of scientific investigation. Science week is a great opportunity for us to celebrate and continue to encourage the use of science in the real world. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in some exciting activities including a visit to Fay Smith Wetlands, various science experts coming in to talk to the classes as well as a visit from Aldridge science students who will be conducting some "flashy" science experiments.

Each class will also become experts on a particular science experiment, over the course of the week these classes will then teach the other grades – they get to be the teachers! Very exciting.

Visit the National Science Week website to find out about other interesting science events at [www.scienceweek.gov.au](http://www.scienceweek.gov.au)

### Family Field Day

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer for our very first **Family Field Day**. The P&C is very excited about hosting this event and would love to see as many families from our school community come along and join in the fun on the day.



Classes are starting to get busy and are preparing stalls for the day.

Classes will be selling animal

balloons, lollies, running raffles & a variety of competitions. There will be extra copies of the flyer at the office for anybody who would like to display them at work or drop them off in their local neighbourhood. Any help you can provide to get the message out to the wider community would be greatly appreciated. We are also asking for some parent to help run the cake and crafty stall. If you are interested please contact the office. Donations of cakes can be delivered on the Friday before or on the day.

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 22<sup>nd</sup>. One envelope will be drawn and a special prize will be given on parade to the lucky student.

### Prep News

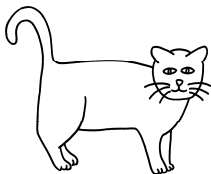
The prep classroom is holding a raffle to raise funds for resources. We are raffling off a 3 day Johnno's Camper Trailer Hire, worth \$220. (Conditions apply). Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10 and can be purchased at the office or from participating Prep parents. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 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!!



### Zone Athletics

Congratulations to the 16 students who competed at the Maryborough Zone Carnival last Friday. This was a momentous occasion for the school as it was the first time that we have represented at the carnival in our own right. Well done to all the students who competed at this higher level of competition. I am delighted to announce that Pippa Allanson has been selected in the Maryborough Zone team for long jump, after winning the event on Friday with a jump of 4.15m.

### RSPCA Cupcake Day



Next Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August the student council will be selling cupcakes to raise money for the RSPCA. 100% of the proceeds go the RSPCA. Cupcakes will cost

\$1.00 each and will be sold at big lunch. Please complete the order form on the newsletter and return it by this **Friday** to purchase your cupcakes.

### Sport News

Over the coming weeks, students within the school will have the opportunity to participate in the following sports gala days:

Yr 6/7 girls – AFL (August 21)

Yr 4/5 boys & girls – Rugby League (August 27)

Yr 4/5 & Yr 5/6 – Multi Sport Gala Day (September 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Specific notes for each of these activities will be sent home very shortly.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder for those students participating in the reading challenge to hand in completed forms to

the class teacher or myself by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Forms are still available at the library. Thanks Mr Fraser.

### 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**.

Emily Southall & Sara Allen

### DINNER TABLE TOPICS

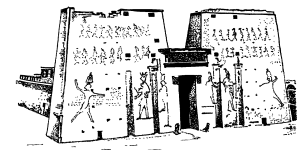
**Prep** – Ask your child about the Big Book we read today.

**Prep/1** – Ask your child about our special performance this afternoon. What was the best part?

**Year 1/2** – Ask your child about what they learnt at the World of Maths yesterday.

**Year 2/3** – What circus tricks have our students been learning this week? Did your child enjoy World of Maths?

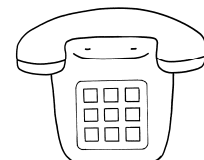
**Year 3/4** – Remember "Egypt" talks to be presented next week.



**Year 4/5** – If you haven't already done so, please provide your child with a packet of wrapped lollies for our fete day. Thank you.

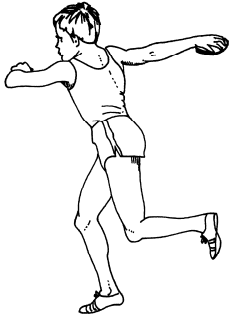
**Year 5/6** – Our chalk pastel portraits are nearly finished. Ask your child about how we created them.

**Year 6/7** – Talk to your child about the order in which each of the following inventions were invented – the light bulb, sliced bread, the computer and the telephone.



**COMMUNITY NEWS****Athletics Sign-on**

Maryborough Amateur Athletic Club has it's sign-on for all athletes from ages Under 6 to Veterans on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.