

St Helens News

Learning with Friends



TERM CALENDAR

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| Tuesday 18 th August | P&C Meeting 7pm |
| Friday 21 st August | Premier's Reading Challenge due |
| Saturday 22 nd August | Family field day |
| Friday 28 th August | Book Week Dress up Day |
| Friday 11 th September | Student free 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

Science Week

Students in all classes will this week be celebrating Science Week. Every class has designed a science experiment to conduct for the other classes in the school. This will be occurring over the next 3 afternoons. Yesterday the Prep class demonstrated to the rest of the school how a volcano erupts and the Yr 2/3 class showed how archaeologists uncover hidden secrets beneath the earth's surface! Today the Yr 1/2 class conducted a Magic Milk experiment and the Yr 4/5 class created a rainbow in a bottle.



On Wednesday we look forward to the Prep 1 class floating paper clips and the Yr 6/7 class putting an egg into a bottle. Thursday will see the Yr 3/4 class create electric circuits and the Yr 5/6 class will carry out water sultana experiments. It is wonderful to see these budding scientists at work!

Visit the National Science Week website to find out about other interesting science events at www.scienceweek.gov.au

Wetlands visit

Next week every class will be travelling in to the Fay Smith Wetlands to conduct a number of experiments and activities based around this natural environment. This excursion is free of charge. The Fraser Coast Wildlife Preservation Society has generously provided bus transport for the school. There is a permission form attached to this newsletter that will need to be returned to the school no later than next Tuesday.

Family Field Day

A reminder that our Family Field Day is being held **this Saturday**. On display will be a number of antique tractors, engines and antique cars. The students will be holding 5 stalls and there will also be face painting, candle making, rides and food and drinks for sale. Please come on out and support the school this Saturday at what promises to be a memorable.

We are also asking for some **parents to help** run the cake and craft 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 a named 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.



Sports News

16 of our Yrs 6/7 girls will be participating in a Gala AFL Day this Friday. We hope these girls have a fantastic day of competition.

The following sporting activities will be taking place in the coming weeks.

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

Yr 4/5 & 5/6 – Multi Sport Gala Day (September 3rd). Notes have gone home today for students involved in these activities.

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!!



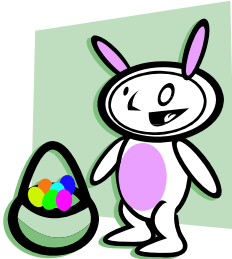
Student Council News

The RSPCA cup cake day was a great success!! The school raised \$306 for the RSPCA. A big thank you goes to Lisa Pickel for icing all the cupcakes and the staff and student council for making them. It was great to see so much support.

Book Week Dress up Day

Friday 28th August

To help celebrate children's book week this year, your child has the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. These will be judged on a special book week parade on the day and the best costumes in each class will win a prize. There is no cost to enter.



The theme for this year's book week is Book Safari so an animal costume would be appropriate, particularly an animal from a book. I look forward to seeing as many kids (and teachers) in costume on the day!

Reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge forms are due this Friday 21st August. Thanks Mr Fraser.

Strings News

Our Strings Orchestra will be performing at the very first Maryborough Music Festival next Wednesday. The students have been practicing very hard and have all made excellent progress under the guidance of Mrs Hodgkinson. We wish these students all the very best of luck at next week's competition.

P&C News

There will be a P&C meeting tonight at 7pm. We will be finalising everything for the field day. New faces most welcome.

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

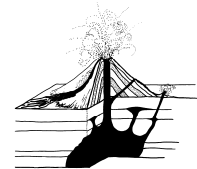


Orders can be submitted at each **classroom** (please do not send tuckshop orders to the office) no later than **9am each Thursday**. Orders are to be written on a clean paper bag, with students name and class. **No late orders can be accepted.** Helpers please note you are required at tuckshop by **12pm**.

Joanne Murphy & Tracey Richardson

DINNER TABLE TOPICS

Prep – Ask your child about their science experiment they conducted yesterday.



Prep/1 – Which has been your child's favourite science experiment so far? Ask your child what we are doing tomorrow.

Year 1/2 – Talk to your child about science week. How did our magic milk experiment work.

Year 2/3 – What a great job we did with our science activity. Well done everyone!

Year 3/4 – What is our science experiment about? What new science words have you learnt?

Year 4/5 – Happy science week! What experiment did your child do? What did they learn?

Year 5/6 – Science Week! Ask your child about our raisin submarine experiment.

Year 6/7 – Talk to your child about the history of science, can they explain to you how our egg in a bottle experiment works?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tombola

Special School Tombola Fundraiser at the St Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday August 22nd. Doors open 12.30pm for a 1.30pm start. Over 200 great prizes. All proceeds will go to Maryborough Special School.

Six-A-Side Hockey

Maryborough Junior Six-A-Side Hockey sign on, Wednesday 7th October 2009, from 3.30 – 4.30pm. MDHA Hockey grounds in Woodstock Street. Registration is \$20 per child (inc. 8 weeks of hockey games). Games commence on the 14th October – 2nd December. All new players welcome so bring a friend. All enquires ph Cheryl Brown on 4121 6737 or 0421 227 309.

Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club

Our season is about to begin. Our sign on and information days are Saturday 19th September, from 2-4pm and Sunday 20th September from 9-11am. Junior Activities (7-13years) include surf safety, board paddling, swimming, beach activities, basic rescue and first aid skills. Emphasis is on fun and participation. Birth certificates must be sighted at sign-on if under 18 years. For further information phone the club on 4125 1718.

Literary Award

The 2009 Mary Poppins \$1100 Literary Award is now open. This is an annual award for young writers to mark the birth in Maryborough of Mary Poppins' creator, P.L. Travers. Participants are asked to write a fantasy story: 500 words for primary school



students and 1,000 words for high school students. Entries close on 17th September and should be left at the Fraser Coast Chronicle offices in either Maryborough or Hervey Bay.

The 2009 Mary Poppins Art award is also open. Students are asked to submit an art work in any medium. The art work should be on paper and about a fantasy subject. Entries close on 17th September and should be left at the Chronicle offices in either Maryborough or Hervey Bay. For more details contact the Maryborough library on 4190 5788.

Uniforms for Sale

1 size 6 shirt and 4 size 4 skorts. \$10 each. Please see office if interested.