

St Helens News

Learning with Friends



TERM CALENDAR

Wednesday 5 th August	Teachers Strike
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

Our school library and hall continue to take shape. This week the contractors are doing the pre slab earthwork. Once this work is completed the slabs will be poured.

Last week a note went home to all parents explaining that the swine flu had been identified at St Helens State School. There have since been a number of cases of students and staff with confirmed cases of the swine flu. If your child displays flu like symptoms please keep them home. Further information regarding



the swine flu can be accessed at <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu> or by calling 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Once again I would like to thank the school community for your continued cooperation regarding this ongoing health issue.

Possible Strike Action

The latest advice from the Queensland Teachers Union states that work stoppages will occur next **Wednesday the 5th August**. I will confirm early next week if the strike action is to occur, as negotiations between the Queensland Government and the QTU are ongoing. If strike action does go ahead next Wednesday the school will remain open but no formal instruction will be provided for students.

Parents who can keep their children at home should do so. However, adult supervision will be provided at school for children whose families cannot provide alternative care for their children.

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, rides for the kids, face painting, a variety of stalls and food.

As this is the first time that 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 lucky envelope will be drawn and a special prize will be given on parade to the children from the family whose token is drawn.



Next Tuesday 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!!



Zone Athletics

Mr Rober't has been at the State Soccer carnival coaching the Wide Bay side. On his return to school later this week he will select the St Helens students who will be able to compete at the zone carnival on Friday the 7th August. We will contact students immediately following their selection.

Active After School

The Active After School program will commence next week. 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



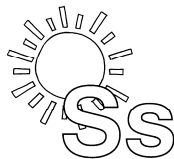
Orders can be submitted at each **classroom** (please do not send tuckshop orders to the office) no later than **9am each Thursday**. Orders are to be written on a clean paper bag, with students name and class. **No late orders can be accepted.** Helpers please note you are required at tuckshop by **12pm**.

Emily Southall & Melody Brooks

DINNER TABLE TOPICS

Prep – Ask your child what planets are in the solar system?

Prep/1 – How many "S" words can your child think of? Six? Sixteen? Sixty?



Year 1/2 – Read a fairytale with your child.



Year 2/3 – Ask your student about our circus poems!

Year 3/4 – What was very interesting about life in Ancient Egypt?

Year 4/5 – Discuss with your child some disasters that effect Australians. What can we do in times of need?

Year 5/6 – Ask your child about their portrait. What are the proportions of the face?

Year 6/7 – Ask your child about the different stages of the rock cycle.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For Sale

3 size 6 St Helens school shirts for sale. \$20 the lot. Please inquire at the office.

Free Music Afternoon

Starring Glen Fox. Woolooga P&C Fundraiser for Canberra Trip. Saturday 1st August, starting from 3.00pm at the Woolooga Hall. Free entry. Jumping Castle for kids, licensed bar and BBQ.

Rhee Taekwondo

Build your child's confidence! At Rhee Taekwondo we're about kids! We want all children to fulfil their highest potential and achieve their very best. Free trial lessons! Vacancies now available for ages 7 and above. Enquires call 41 247 835 or 0404 747 413.