



Saint Helena's Catholic Primary School

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Something Beautiful for God

Important Dates

Thursday	27 August	Faction Sports Day
Tuesday	15 September	Edu-Dance Concert Yr2-7 2.00pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St. Helena's Feast Day. Yesterday, Tue 18 August, was the Feast of St Helena. The students were all involved in a whole school collaborative art activity which will be displayed in the undercover area once it has been completed.

We will be celebrating St Helena's Feast Day as a community on **Fri 18 September** and more information will be forwarded via the Newsletter in the following weeks.



St. Helena was the mother of Constantine, the emperor who embraced Christianity and put an end to the persecutions. Her most famed exploit was the discovery in Jerusalem of what was taken to be the cross on which Jesus had been crucified. According to one legend she found all three of the crosses used at Calvary and tested them by touching each to a sick man. When the touch of one of the crosses healed the man, she knew it was the True Cross.

- † **Bishop Sproxtton Visit.** Bishop Sproxtton visited the school last Friday and had lunch with the school staff and then met with the school's Leadership Team. This meeting was very productive with the Bishop being informed about the close working relationship that exists between the school and the parish. Following this the Bishop met with the Year 6/7 students which concluded his visit to the school.
- † **Staff Professional Development.** Members of the Leadership Team have spent two days attending the Australian Council for Educational Research Conference at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre entitled Assessment and Student Learning. The conference has provided us with understanding about how we can more effectively use student assessment information to improve learning outcomes for all students. This is part of the school's ongoing commitment to improving students' learning and enhancing teacher instruction.
- † **Alert.** The following information has been forwarded to the school regarding an incident that took place in Willetton at 8.35 a.m. on 13 August. The incident involved a yellow work type vehicle. Once again all parents are encouraged to remind students to be vigilant and alert when travelling to and from school. This information is provided not intended to create panic but to raise the awareness of parents of the need to ensure safe travel for children between home and school.
- † **Fire Evacuation Drill.** An evacuation drill will take place this Friday. This is part of the school's ongoing program of maintaining its ability to respond effectively to any future emergency circumstance. If you are within the school at the time of the drill please ensure that you comply with instructions that staff are required to give you.

ST HELENA'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ELLENBROOK

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Pastoral Assistant – Rev. Ivan Sands (0439 919 585)
masses

MASS TIMES

Sat 8am & 6.00pm, Sun 8am & 9.30am

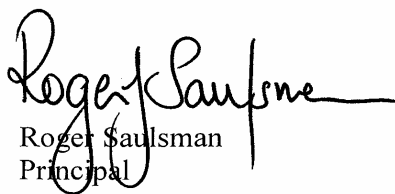
Weekdays Mon-Fri 7.30am

Reconciliation prior to all weekend

- † **School Fees** - Fees are now due. Reminder accounts have been sent out. If you are experiencing problems with paying your fees, please contact the office as soon as possible.
- † **School Uniform.** Although the vast majority of parents ensure that their child/ren do wear the appropriate school uniform, at times some children are coming to school not appropriately dressed. At particular times a parent, due to circumstances, may be unable to meet the uniform requirements on the day. If you have this difficulty could you please write a short note advising the classroom teacher?
- † **2010 Kindergarten Enrolments.** We have received a large number of enrolment enquiries (currently at 75) for the school's 2010 Kindergarten program. I have applied to the Director of Catholic Education for approval to operate three classes of Kindergarten in 2010 to cater for the increased demand. This will raise our enrolment capacity to 90 students.
- † **2010 Three Year Old Program.** I would anticipate that this program will be over subscribed as this is the case with this year's program. If you know of any family that may be interested in enrolling their child could you please advise them to contact the school immediately. Interviews for this program will take place at the completion of the 2010 Kindergarten interviews.
- † **Student Free Days.** The first two days of Term 4 (Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 October) will be student free days. Children will commence Term 4 on Wednesday 14 October.

St Helena's School Prayer

*Father in heaven,
 Help us to be a community in faith and trust.
 Help us to provide a nurturing and safe environment for everyone in the school
 community.
 Help us to provide an environment where our children contribute to the development of
 the kind of world envisaged by Jesus
 by living the ideal of doing something **Beautiful for God.**
 Help us to nurture a Jesus-centred environment,
 where Gospel values are actively lived and practiced.
 Help us to promote an active sense of justice and equality for us all.
 Help us to enhance and encourage the role of parents in the learning process as the first
 educators of their children.
 Help us to encourage an awareness of and desire to respect and care for self, others and
 for all of creation.*



Roger Saulsman
Principal

There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.
[Mother Teresa](#)

Attention - To all those wonderful people who volunteered to help out with the sausage sizzle this Thursday, our **St Helena's Feast Day Celebrations have been postponed till the end of Term 3** (more information soon). **Therefore we no longer require your help this Thu, 20 Aug.** Thanks for offering your time and we hope you will be available again later this term. **Cathy Byrne.**

Pupil Free Days - Please note that the pupil free days which were scheduled for the end of this term, September 24 & 25 have been **cancelled**. They will **now be on** Monday 12 October & Tuesday 13 October (start of Term 4)

Uniform Shop - Open every morning from 8.20am to 8.45am or orders can be taken. The new track pants have now arrived and are available for purchase. They will cost \$30.00

Helping Hands - Helping Hands is held on Tuesday Mornings after drop off. Nothing too difficult and no experience is needed. Children are welcome, so come along and have a cuppa and a chat. It is held in the Staffroom. For more information, please contact Maria Pradhan on 0432 845 060 or Geraldine Nolan on 0419 964 268.



Library Book Week Information

We will be celebrating **BOOK WEEK** in Week 6, Mon 24 August – Thursday 27 August. The children will be involved in activities using mainly the Children’s Book Council Short Listed Books, which all the students have been getting familiar with in the Library.

The theme for 2009 is ...

“BOOK SAFARI”

DRESS UP DAY FRIDAY 28 AUGUST - On Friday we encourage the children to come dressed as part of the theme “Book Safari” – representing something from the African Jungle or a book character from your favourite book or a **literary character based on one of the Short Listed books we have been working with**. Please pop in and have a browse at the Short Listed books so you are able to assist your child in their choice of dress for the day. Please have a chat to one of the Library Staff, who will be only too pleased to assist, if you still need ideas.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT COSTUMES ARE CREATED FROM CLOTHING YOU ALREADY HAVE AT HOME & NO MONEY IS SPENT UNNECESSARILY ON HIRING OR BUYING. Our DRESS UP DAY PARADE will be on Friday 28 August - 8.30am.

BOOK FAIR 2009 - As an extension of our BOOK WEEK activities we are holding a **BOOK FAIR** in the library. Books from the BOOK FAIR may be purchased (eftpos facilities will be available but **cash/cheque is preferred**) before school from:

8.00 – 8.30 or after school from 2.30 – 3.15 from Monday 24 August – Thursday before school only.

After-school Sport - After-school sport are participating in a 1.5million sporting passes challenge this Wednesday afternoon. They are also trying to do bonus passes at home from 19 August to 28 August. How many passes can you do at home? How many different sporting passes can you think of? Go outside today and have a go!

Faction Athletics Carnival – 27 August 2009: We still need parents to help out at the carnival. If you are able to help with ball games, fun games and move around with the teams, please give me a call. Help us make the carnival a great success. Katrina Bennett. 0438 314 742

Communion Photos - The photos of the Holy Communion candidates are still available in the school office for your perusal or you can go online at www.midlandphotos.com.au

School Canteen – The canteen will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to put separate money into each order bag or see Mrs Gregory at the canteen.

Scholastic Books - There was a delay in the delivery of some books. Thank you for your patience. If you have any enquiries, please contact Wendy on 0403 152 224.

Canteen Roster	
Fri 21 August	Jaki Casali Katrina Bennett
Mon 24 August	Trish Salvo
Wed 26 August	Donna Tedesco
Fri 28 August	Sharon D’Evelynnes
Mon 31 August	Carol Weir
Wed 2 Sept	Amanda Sultana



Assembly Report from the fantastic **GECKOS**

Last Thursday afternoon the Super Geckos graced the stage for their yearly assembly. After much hype and anticipation it was revealed that the assembly was cantered around Superheros and technology.

The class decided a few weeks earlier that they wanted to choreograph a dance sequence to go with their song although we didn't know where to start. So we called in the professionals – Miss Mutton, who worked with us on creating something pretty special. After many hours of blood, sweat and tears the final product was ready to go.

We incorporated technology and the superhero theme with the help of Garage band and the Apple Macs, where we put together a sound track to give each guest speaker their own personal Super hero theme song.

Jessica Healey

***Mekyla Torrens** – On Thursday the 14th August it was the Geckos assembly about Superheros. The class though it went well and so do I. Miss Mutton helped us with the dance. The Superheros that we had were Wonder Woman, Batman, Superman and Spiderman. At the assembly the Geckos won Tidy Ted. It was the first time we won with Miss Healy, we are very proud of what we've done.*

***Grace Bell** – Last Thursday our class held the assembly on Superheros. We did a dance to the 'Boys are back'. Miss Mutton helped us with the dance, she choreographed/ directed it and without her we wouldn't have an assembly.*

***Kayla Castrianni** – I thought my class assembly was really cool and I thought that my class did a good job and I had lots of fun practicing and doing it.*

***Jacob Barone** – We had our assembly in the undercover area. I think it was great. We did a really cool dance, thanks to Miss Mutton for helping us.*

P&F News

DISCO - The disco will be held on Friday, 21 August 2009. Tickets can be ordered by placing an envelope with your child's name, how many tickets are needed and the correct money in it, into the P&F box at the office. Tickets will be sent home on Friday with your child.

Times are as follows	Kindy-Yr2	5.00pm-6.15pm
	Yr3-Yr7	6.30pm-8.00pm
Costing of tickets	Kindy-Yr2	\$6.50
	Yr3-Yr7	\$7.00

This will include a drink, snack and glow stick. Other snacks such as chocolates and popcorn and drinks will be available to purchase on the night. We have arranged to have portable toilets delivered so the children will not have to leave the hall. This will mean that it is not necessary for all parents to attend the disco; however, you will need to pick up your children promptly at the end of their session. **No child will be allowed to leave the hall without being accompanied by an adult. If you are able to help on the night, please let Estelle know (0409 901 092).**

Recipe Book - This is still in progress. If you have any recipes, please send them in. We have an abundance of chocolate recipes and main courses so we are preferably looking for other types of recipes – slices, entrees, soups and snacks. A typed or written copy can be handed in at the office or emailed to admin@sthelenas.wa.edu.au