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The purpose of Mount Helena Primary School is to develop the intellectual, physical, emotional and creative growth of each student.

From the Principal

Ultraman Australia

Today, Mrs Slater returned from long service leave after competing in the Ultraman Australia competition in Noosa, Queensland. Mrs Slater completed the intensive 3 day challenge which includes:

- ◆ Day 1—10 km ocean swim and 145km cycle
- ◆ Day 2—281.1km cycle
- ◆ Day 3—84.3 km run (double marathon)

Mrs Slater is truly inspirational and certainly represents our school motto of 'Aim High'. Congratulations on your amazing achievement Mrs Slater.

Thank you Miss Chitty

A huge thank you to Miss Chitty who has been our Deputy Principal over the past 2 weeks, whilst Mrs Slater has been on leave. Miss Chitty has been a significant support in the office and we sincerely appreciate all of her work during this time, particularly facilitating the NAPLAN assessments last week. Also a big thank you to Room 14 students for their wonderful work during this time.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN assessment window will continue for Years 3 and 5 this week, with the Language Conventions on Tuesday and Numeracy on Wednesday. As we have had a number of students absent for the Writing and Reading assessments, catch up sessions will be offered through until Friday 20 May for all areas.

COVID-19 Cases in the school

We are continuing to see positive cases across the school, with the majority of cases in the Carnaby Wing classes (Kindy/PP and PP/Year 1) and Year 5 over the past two weeks. We have now been advised of cases in Years 2, 3 and 4. We ask that families continue to monitor their children and keep them home if symptomatic. Please notify the school if your child tests positive to COVID-19, so we can continue to monitor the classes.

Free RAT Kits

The government has provided a free box of 20 RAT kits per enrolled child at our school. Distribution in primary schools is adult-to-adult and therefore we have arranged collection windows over the next few days. Please select a time that suits you best.

- ◆ Tuesday 17 May 2:30-3:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday 18 May 2:30-3:00pm
- ◆ Thursday 19 May 8:30-9:00am
- ◆ Friday 20 May 8:30-9:00am

If you are in isolation, we will keep your family's allocation until you are able to collect them. If you are unable to attend at one of the times listed above, please email me so we can make alternative arrangements. Thank you

Free dress day

Please note on the term planner that we are encouraging students to **free dress in blue and green** for a gold coin donation as part of our support of Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Day. This day occurs on the NAPLAN testing day of Tuesday 17 May, therefore, **we will be observing it on Friday 20 May**. As indicated on their website, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is not just a mouthful; it's also a disfiguring and sometimes painful genetic disorder, which as of yet has no cure or means of prevention. Both children and adults are living with this disorder. Awareness days such as this were created to ensure that research can continue to make a difference. We hope you are able to help us support this important work.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Students are encouraged to register for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Please go to the website www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is at 9am on Wednesday 25 May in the Music Room. This will be the first face-to-face meeting of 2022, so we hope you can join us. Also a huge thank you to our P&C for the very successful Mother's Day Stall recently.

Marathon Club

Please join Mrs Slater on the oval at 8:15am on Friday mornings for Marathon Club. The program operates in dry conditions and will be cancelled if raining.

Chaplaincy

I am pleased to advise we have a new Chaplain starting in our school in Week 6. I will release her name once the her induction training has been finalised. She will be working in all classes, with recess in the junior area and lunchtime clubs outside Mr Bielby's room.

Lunch Clubs

We have lunch clubs running operating each week, which include:

- ⇒ Drawing Club on Mondays with Ms Gilead in the Art Room.
- ⇒ Library Club on Wednesdays and Fridays with Mrs Tunnell.
- ⇒ Origami Club on Wednesdays with Ms Morita in the computer lab.
- ⇒ Games Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Week 6 with our new Chaplain.
- ⇒ Special 'movie days' when wet weather policy is enacted over lunchtimes.

HECSA Lightning Carnival Years 4-6

Students in Years 4-6 were issued with notes on Friday for the HECSA (Interschool) Lightning Carnival on Friday 27 May. We have requested forms are returned tomorrow, Tuesday 17 May to allow processing time. Mrs Gow is looking for adult team managers, so please indicate on the return form if you are available. Parents and carers are able to attend as spectators for these events.

Public Speaking Competition

Students from Years 1– 6 are invited to participate in our Public Speaking Competition. Years 1-3 students recite a poem, whilst Years 4-6 students present a speech on a topic of their choice. Classes host their own events and then selected students then go on to the school level competition. Please review your term planner for the dates of each of these competitions. Parents and carers are invited to join us for these events.

Dance with Mrs Gow

As an extension to the physical education program, Mrs Gow is teaching dances to all students, Kindy—Year 6. There is no charge to families for this program.

You will see on the term planner that Mrs Gow has planned for the students to perform their dances to parents and carers at 9am Wednesday 29 June at the Eastern Hills SHS Music Auditorium. Please make time to join us for this special assembly.

Term Planner

The term planner was held whilst dates and details of the events above were finalised to avoid late changes. A hard copy of this along with the newsletter will be provided to students tomorrow.

Leanne Alderman
Principal