



HILL TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 24 October 2011

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From the Principal's Desk:

P & C meetings this term

We hope to encourage new members to our P & C meetings. We will trial a Thursday afternoon meeting from 3.15-4.30pm this week and reevaluate its success at the end of this term. We are willing to support this change by paying to provide supervision at this time. Any parents who are intending to attend these Thursday meetings and need childcare need to fill out and return the registration slip attached to this newsletter by tomorrow to the front office so that we can ascertain exactly how many people we need to employ to provide that child care. We will only be able to cater for the children registered this way due to the strict guidelines of adult : children ratio.

Year Six Fair

This Friday, 28 October, we will be holding our annual Year Six Fair. We would like to invite all parents and community members to come along and join in on the fun. It will begin at 11am and conclude at 2pm. Don't forget to pre-order your sausage sizzle. The order form is included in today's newsletter. The silent auction will commence at the fair and conclude on Friday 25 November. A separate note will be sent home this week with further information and starting bids. All monies raised go towards the Year 6 gift to the school. Hope to see you there.

Bike Safety

I have been receiving an alarming number of phone calls and comments from parents and community members about some of our Hill Top P.S. students riding their bicycles dangerously and recklessly to and from school. I share their deep concerns for the safety of the students riding their bicycles and also have concerns for the safety and wellbeing of parents and community members driving in the local area. An accident resulting from such dangerous behaviour would have devastating implications for our community. Could you please discuss road safety rules with your child / children and in particular, rules regarding the safe riding of bicycles. We as staff will also be discussing this at school and have invited the local police to come and discuss this with all of the students. Miss Packer is also implementing a road safety program this term with many of the classes as part of her RFF program.

Hill Top Memorial Hall

Last Saturday Hill Top celebrated the handing over of the Memorial Hall back to the Hill Top community. The school was well represented by the choir singing 'In Flanders Field' and an art work display. Thank you to all the families who supported us on the day. A special thank you to Glenda McKay for sewing the ties for the girls' dresses. The children looked and sounded wonderful.

Local Schools Local Decisions

On August 11, 2011, the Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced that the Department of Education and Communities would commence consultation on empowering local public schools to make local decisions. A document 'Local Schools, Local Decisions' has been released to outline this in more detail and this initiative is now in a consultative process. Staff from Hill Top Public School will be attending a staff consultation at Moss Vale Public School as part of this process on Monday 24 October between 4:00pm-6:00pm. **All parents are invited to attend a Parent Consultation Meeting at Moss Vale Public School on Monday 24 October between 6:30 and 8:00 pm.**

Loonline Masterminds

On Friday 14 October some very excited and talented students from Hill Top P.S. attended Bowral Public School to participate in the semester 2 Loonline Masterminds challenge. Our Stage 2 team of : Abbie Zwickl, Andrea Ayoub, Rebecca Risteska, Dylan Errington, Bradley Grose and Alica Borg had to solve a problem of transporting a 'Very Important Thing' through the Southern Highlands. Our incredibly "shy" Stage 3 team of Lauren Beasley, Chelsea Alcorn, Alex Bates, David Hastings, Matthew Bates and Racquel Morris had to work cooperatively with a theme of fractured fairytales. Congratulations to both teams who did a fantastic job and were fabulous representatives of Hill Top P.S. I would like to say a special thank you to all of the parents who attended the presentation and provided transport on the day. Special thanks also to Mrs Gee who assisted the teachers and students at Bowral P.S. in the preparation of the challenges.



DIARY DATES

REMINDERS

Thursday 27 Oct	P&C 3.15-4.30pm in library
Friday 28 Oct	Year Six Fair 11am-2pm
Friday 18 Nov	Canteen Closed

**FRIDAY
18 NOVEMBER
CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED**

Open / Expo Afternoon

Last Thursday we 'opened' the school to the community to encourage people to come and have a look at our school in action. We welcomed parents and children who are possibly looking to enrol at our school next year with a heart warming performance by our school choir. Parents were then given the opportunity to walk around our expo information stalls to meet key school personnel. Thank you to all of the staff and community members who set up these stalls and dedicated their time to this school promotion. Thanks also to the kindness and generosity of Mrs Therese Bird, all of the children were given a free jelly cup to eat and were gently encouraged outside by our Year Six students to participate in some fun activities. I would like to congratulate our Year Six students who all displayed excellent leadership and organisational skills in enthusiastically participating in the activities with the younger children and in sensibly providing guided tours around the school. Thank you also to all of the teaching staff and students at Hill Top P.S. for kindly allowing all of our visitors to come into your classrooms. The positive feedback from the visiting parents and children was outstanding!

Enrichment Day – Digital Animation

We would like to wish Dylan Errington and Lucas Carpenter all the very best for this coming Tuesday 25 October. They will be attending a Stage 2/3 day with students from other schools at Bowral to learn about digital animation. They will be making a movie which they will be able to bring back to school to share with us.

Academically Gifted Class

A final reminder that the Southern Highlands one day a week Academically Gifted Class is now taking applications for 2012. The testing day for students wishing to apply will be November 1. Please see me immediately if you would like some more information on this.

Selective High School Placements for Year 7 in 2013

Online applications for this open today, Monday 24 October and paper applications need to be returned to the Principal by 18 November. Online applications close Monday 21 November. Please see attached flyer in this newsletter.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents have always played a valuable role in our society by offering care, love and guidance to their children and grandchildren. On Sunday 30 October, the NSW Government will officially recognise this contribution with the inaugural Grandparents Day. Sunday 30 October is your chance to thank grandparents across NSW for the difference they make in our lives, so do something extra special for yours. Grandparents Day will be held annually on the last Sunday in October. For more information, go to www.adhc.nsw.gov.au.

Win an iPad

School A to Z – the department's new online school community for parents – is offering you a chance to win one of five iPad2 devices.

To be in the running, visit

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/win-an-ipad> and sign-up to receive regular updates packed with information and resources to help you support your child's learning and development.

School A to Z offers you practical help with homework and study, child wellbeing and health, technology use and keeping kids safe online.

For help on the go, download the free School A to Z mobile application: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications>

Kind Regards
Mrs Leicester
Relieving Principal

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P&C Meeting Childcare Registration Form

I will be attending the P&C Meeting on Thursday 27 October between 3.15pm and 4.30pm.

Name of adult/s attending _____

I will require childcare for the P&C Meeting on Thursday 27 October between 3.15pm and 4.30pm.

Child 1: _____ Age: _____

Child 2: _____ Age: _____

Child 3: _____ Age: _____

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Hill Top P.S would like to thank these businesses for their support of our Year 6 Fair



Year 6 Fair

Friday 28 October 2011

Helping Hands

Buy a helping hand for the Yr 6 fair and get more bang for your buck.

For only \$5.00 you will receive the following:

1 x Sausage sandwich, 1 x Drink, 1 x Ice Block,
2 x 50c Stall Vouchers and 1 x Entry into the
lucky door Prize.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, in fact anyone coming to
the fair, can buy their own helping hand - just order
along with your child.

All Orders and Money will need to be returned by
Wednesday 26 October 2011 "*Money Mouth*"

All helping hands will be distributed to the children in class
prior to the commencement of the fair.

Name	Class	Cost

Total:

Extra money can be brought to the school on the day of the
fair for raffle tickets, guessing competitions, fairy floss and
other stalls.

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY THIS YEAR!

TOY SALE

Saturday, 5th November, 2011

Tables of NEW toys costing 50c, \$1, \$2,
\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20

Front Lawn - Bowral Hospital
9.00am to 1.00pm
or till sold out.

ALL WELCOME

In case of wet weather, sale will be held in Staff Amenities Block.
Enter via carpark at rear of hospital.

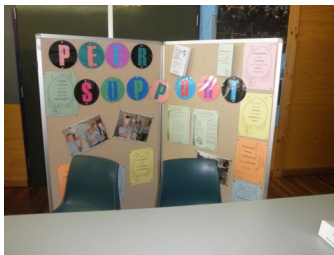
Bowral and Moss Vale Hospital Auxillaries

NSW Education & Communities
Public Schools NSW

Thinking of applying
for a Government
selective high school
for Year 7 entry in 2013?



Some photos of the Open/Expo Afternoon



TELLING SOMEONE TO STOP ANNOYING YOU

Stay cool.

Dos

Stay cool.
Stand tall.
Say their name (if you know it).
Look in their eyes.
Say firmly, and in a slightly louder voice something like “cut it out” or “No more”.
If they do it again, tell them more firmly to cut it out.
If they keep doing it you can:
Ignore them
Walk away
Ask an adult for support if you feel you are in danger. Do this only as a last resort.



Don'ts

Don't get aggro.
Don't argue with them.
Don't annoy them back.
Don't smile.
Don't use a whingeing tone of voice.
Don't try to get them into trouble.

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations, and well done to the following students who received their Gold Certificate recently.

Kingfishers	Jasmine Schoonenberg
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SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations, and well done to the following students who received their Silver Certificate recently.

Kingfishers	Jasmine Schoonenberg
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MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received merit awards.



Lorikeets	Serge Franklin Tyisha Arthur
Rosellas	Adam Ward Alessia Gargiulo
Kookaburras	Skye Campbell Thye Hamilton
Cockatoos	Jade Grose Cameron Boase
Wrens	Dallas Francis Caleb Lacey
Kingfishers	Conner Theyers Cassie Beasley
Honeyeaters	Blake Parker Alex Martin Seamus Campion
King Parrots	Briyahn Luck Amy Winnel
Magpies	Rachel Meadows Paige Worden
Scripture	Erin Stephens Jack Franklin

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received their Bronze Certificate recently.

Rosellas	Makayla Davis Dominic Guido Kyle Johnson
Lorikeets	Emma Sharpe Damon Borg Kaylee McDonald Luciah Hill
Kookaburras	Lauri Carson David Napper
Cockatoos	Brooke McKeown Bradley Malcolm
Wrens	Rhys Gilkes Beau Haskins x 2
Kingfishers	Jasmine Schoonenberg Hollie Ayoub Tarleah Carson Cassie Beasley
Honeyeaters	Andrea Ayoub x 2 Riley McKeown Brent McKeown Lauren Beasley
King Parrots	Alicia Borg Amy Winnel
Magpies	Zara Hamilton

**FINAL DAY FOR
COLES AND WOOLIES
DOCKETS
TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER**