



HILL TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk:

Year Six Fair

Congratulations to all of the Year Six students, the parent helpers, the staff and all of the Hill Top P.S. community who made our annual Year Six Fair such a success last Friday 28 October. We have currently raised about \$5,200 from the day but expect to raise more from our Silent Auction that will continue to run in the next month. A special mention of thanks needs to go to Mrs Griffiths (Year Six Fair organiser) and also to Glenda McKay, both of whom worked tirelessly to organise this successful event.

Please visit our Hill Top P.S. website to see some wonderful photos taken on the day.

Stop Work Meeting – Wednesday 2 November

There will be a stop work meeting for teaching staff this Wednesday, 2 November from 8:30am until 11:00am. The majority of class teachers will be attending this meeting so there will only be limited supervision. Lessons will continue as normal after recess at 11:30am.

N.B. The 6 Magpies excursion to Wollongong this Wednesday, for the Science Fair will still go ahead exactly as originally planned. Please return these permission and transport arrangement notes to Mrs Griffiths by tomorrow if you haven't already.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

There will be a meeting on Thursday 10 November at 3.00pm for any parents interested in being involved in the organisation of the Year Six Farewell dinner. This dinner is being held on Monday 5 December at Highlands Golf Club at Mittagong.

Learn To Swim Scheme

A note from Mrs Doust (Learn To Swim Scheme Coordinator) will be coming home this week to invite students to participate in the Learn To Swim Scheme at Mittagong Pool in Week 9 of this term. It will focus initially on students in Stage 2 (Years 3/4) and in Year 2 who are unable to swim 25m unassisted. She may extend this invitation to Year 5 students later if places are left over. Allocation for students to attend will be on a first come, first served basis based on return of notes and money.

Plans for 2012

Just a few considerations or thoughts for you as we try to look ahead to next year:

- ◇ We are still seeking enrolments for next year. If you know of anyone in the community who is intending to enrol their child/children at Hill Top Public School next year we would like you to ask them to come to the front office to fill out an enrolment form. These forms will greatly aid our planning for next year in forming classes. Similarly but sadly, if you know that your children won't be here next year, please let us know.

- ◇ If you have any special requests regarding class placement for your child/children for next year, these need to be sent directly to me in writing in a sealed envelope. All requests will be kept confidential and will be considered where they are practical and achievable. Please send these to me as soon as possible and no later than Week 7 of this term. Thank you.

- ◇ We are currently ordering our stationery supplies for next year. We will be selling organised book packs appropriate to each stage level at the beginning of next year. As we buy in bulk we have the capacity to hopefully get the quality at the cheapest price. We are aware that exercise books can be bought cheaply from other shops, however the books often do not have many pages and need to be replaced more regularly or might not be the appropriate book for a particular curriculum area and this can make classroom organisation difficult for the teacher. We therefore are asking parents to refrain where possible from buying their own exercise books next year. An added advantage of our book packs is that a one off payment at the beginning of the year ensures that all books are replaced by the school throughout the year at no further cost to the parent. Please see me if you would like some more information about any of these thoughts.

Gold Award Winners Cooking Class Registration

To reward all of our Gold Award winners at Hill Top P.S. to date, I would like to organise a special event for them. I would like to invite all Gold Award holders to come to me if they are interested in registering for a cooking class in our new cooking room with non other than the self nominated chef extraordinaire, 'myself'. **N.B.** Any interested parents who more than likely are more skilled in the kitchen than myself, are also warmly invited to attend and help on the day. Simply show me your Gold Award and see me to register your interest. If I have a high number of Gold Award students interested I may break it into two or more groups. If it is a success, I may also consider doing some more cooking classes down the track for Silver Award winners. We would also like to establish a 'vegetable patch' at our school in front of the cooking classroom. This may take a while longer to organise but we may also look at award winners to help in the establishment of this. Any parent helpers are again warmly welcomed to assist with this initiative.

DIARY DATES

REMINDERS

Friday 4 Nov	Assembly - SRC - 12.45pm
Tuesday 8 Nov	G & T
Wednesday 9 Nov	Kindy Orientation 10.00am-11.00am
Wednesday 16 Nov	Visiting Artists
Friday 18 Nov	Canteen Closed

A special congratulation to Briyahn

Briyahn Luck from 4/5 King Parrots received a special invitation on Friday to attend a special event in Batemans Bay. She will be a recipient at the 2011 Illawarra South East Region Aboriginal Education Awards.

Prac student at Hill Top P.S.

We would like to welcome Robert Carter who is starting his three week practicum on 3/4/5 Honeyeaters today as he is training to become a teacher through Wollongong University.

Reminder to Parents and Carers

Just a friendly reminder to all parents and carers that if your child is having a problem with another student or students at school, please contact your child/children's class teacher or stage supervisor. Mrs Gee is currently the stage supervisor for ES1 and Stage 1 students and Miss Hill is the Stage supervisor for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. If the problem continues please come and see me, Mrs Leicester. It is the staff's responsibility to ensure that the school is a safe area for all students and any issues that arise need to be dealt with by the staff of the school. This is part of the Inclosed Lands Act.

Under no circumstances is a parent permitted to speak to someone else's child in the playground regarding a problem that your child might be having with that student/ s.

Thank you.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Points

Thank you to everyone in our community who brought in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Vouchers. We managed to collect 11368 points and as of Saturday afternoon our school had collected the most points in our local area! With these points we have purchased eight sets of small whiteboards to be used in the classrooms for Literacy and Numeracy activities, a set of calculators for Stage 2 & 3, parts of speech bingo, alphabet games, rhyming games, sight word magnets and some Visual Art books. We would like to thank everyone who brought in vouchers and would also like to thank Louise Haskins who spent many hours entering the voucher codes into the computer.

Talent Quest and End Of Year Concert

Mrs Kelly is organising a **Talent Quest** in Week 10 on Monday 12 December. Students are invited to audition for the talent quest. Auditions will take place in classrooms in the next few weeks. Students will need to organise their own practice times out of school hours as classes will already be busy rehearsing class item for our End of Year Concert which will be held the week before on the 9 December. Both of these events are simply for fun and we are trying to keep them low key. An invitation will come home soon about the End Of Year Concert which all parents, grandparents and community members are warmly welcomed to attend. Our theme for this year's concert is "Celebrations" and each class is doing an organised item.

Health Warning

Thank you to a parent who rang in last week to let us know that there is a possible 'Hand, Foot and Mouth' health concern in the area. Please consult your local GP / medical practitioner for more information.

SRC

A reminder to all Year 5 students, that we will be starting our SRC Executive nomination process soon and to start getting prepared if you are interested. All interested Year 5 students will be able to present a persuasive speech at an assembly currently scheduled for Friday, Week 7 of this term. I would also like to remind parents of Year 5 students to lodge their application for the selective high school tests for entry in 2013. (See last week's newsletter for information on this).

We will be having an SRC assembly this Friday 4 November at 12.45pm in the school hall.

Local schools, local decisions

You have until Friday 18 November to contribute to the online forum of the NSW government's 'local schools local decisions' planning process.

The NSW Government wants to hear from people about giving schools greater control over decision-making in order to improve teaching and learning, and achieve the best outcomes for students.

Everyone with an interest in public education is invited to contribute ideas on five areas of reform:

- ◇ making decisions
- ◇ managing resources
- ◇ staff in our schools
- ◇ working locally
- ◇ reducing red tape.

To have your say go to the online forum at:

<http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/localschools>

World Diabetes Day

November 14 is World Diabetes Day.

The day aims to raise awareness of the disease and ways to prevent lifestyle-induced (Type 2) diabetes, which is increasing in our society.

Adopting a healthy diet, high in protein and low in sugar and simple carbohydrates, and incorporating regular exercise, is a good start.

For more information on preventing and living with diabetes, including help in different languages, go to the Australian Diabetes Council website:

www.diabetesnsw.com.au/

Kind Regards
Mrs Leicester
Relieving Principal

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Stay cool.

Stand tall and tell them to stop.

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



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.

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

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

Kookaburras	Brooke Maddock
Kingfishers	Cassie Beasley
Honeyeaters	Andrea Ayoub
Magpies	Zara Hamilton

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

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

Rosellas	Hayley Byrnes
Lorikeets	Amelia Harris Haylee-Jean McKenzie
Kookaburras	Thye Hamilton Riley Smith
Wrens	Calum Fraser Luca Squires
Kingfishers	Khallil Ayoub
Honeyeaters	Matthew Bates Zoe Bird
Magpies	Alexander Bates



Visiting Artists -

The Hummingbirds will be performing at Hill Top School on Friday 18 November.

The cost is \$6.50 per student.

To assist with organisation we request that last day for payment be Wednesday 16 November.

The Hummingbirds are united by their love of the voice, and they delve into the realms of popular singing from gospel to soul, blues to folk and doo-wop to lullabies - all performed in fabulous four-part harmony.



Humming Birds sing without accompaniment to showcase the emotional power and flexibility of the voice. With a wealth of knowledge and experience from diverse musical backgrounds, ranging from jazz and other African American vocal traditions to Eastern European singing, Humming Birds will keep all students inspired and informed about the joys of creating music with the one instrument that we all have.

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'Year 6 Fair Thank You'

Thank you so much to Mr Dave Hastings, Mrs Lesslie, Wariapendi Nursery, Tahmoor Nursery and others who so kindly donated plants for the plant stall.

We made \$392.00

Mrs Van der Meer

