



# HILL TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Monday 21 November 2011**

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**Term 4 Week 7**

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From the Principal's desk:



## Musica Viva

Last Friday The Hummingbirds visited Hill Top Public School as part of the Musica Viva program. The concert was interactive and was enjoyed by students. The Hummingbirds sang the songs that students have been learning in class. We joined them in body percussion that accompanied their songs and learnt about the range of voice talents. We were entertained by a lucky few students who were chosen to dance while The Hummingbirds entertained us all.



## School Representative Council Executives 2012

Some of our Year 5 students have expressed interest and have been nominated to run for Executive positions, on our SRC for next year. Each of these students will be delivering a persuasive speech to convince the rest of the school why they should be considered and possibly elected. These speeches will be held in our school hall on Friday 23 November at **9:15am**. **N.B. Please note that this time has changed from last week's newsletter.** A voting process involving all students and staff will then take place and the successful applicants for the four SRC Executive positions for next year will be announced at our End of Term Assembly.

## Kindergarten Orientation

We look forward to seeing our 2012 Kindergarten students again in our third and final session of Kindergarten Orientation this **Wednesday 23 November**. Guest speakers will be discussing different aspects of school life including Scripture, After School Activities and involvement in the Canteen and P&C. The parents attending will be given a tour of the school and will be provided with an informal morning tea from our P&C and some of our students. It will be an opportunity for new parents to meet existing parents and to be able to ask any questions in an informal manner. This session will be from 10:00am-11:30am this week and new students will have the opportunity to bring a light recess and a hat with them on the day. Mrs Therese Bird, our Canteen Manager will kindly be giving each child a chocolate or strawberry milk drink on the day.



## School Evaluation Surveys

Each year we are required as a school to write and publish an Annual School Report which reflects and describes our school year. As part of this process we are required to evaluate two key areas that we have had a strong focus on for the year. This year Hill Top P.S. would like to evaluate our focus on developing language and problem solving skills in Mathematics and our student welfare programs including our positive behaviour incentives and our peer support program with the focus on addressing anti bullying programs. Staff, students and parents all need to be surveyed to represent feedback from our whole school community. I will be sending a survey home to parents on these two key learning areas this week. Your feedback and thoughts are valued and appreciated. Thank you.

## P&C Meeting and School Disco

Our final P&C meeting for this year, scheduled for this Thursday 24 November has unfortunately been **cancelled** as some of our members are unavailable to attend.

It was wonderful that we encouraged three new members to our P&C meeting last time, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Martin and Mrs Van Eck.

We hope to encourage more members along again early next year.

Our P&C school disco is coming up soon on 1 December.

K-2 Disco - 5.00pm-6.00pm

3-6 Disco - 6.30pm-7.30pm

We would like to invite any interested parents to come along on Wednesday 30 November between 2.00pm-3.00pm to help decorate our hall with Christmas decorations.

We will be having a sausage sizzle from 6.00pm-6.30pm. **Please fill out the sausage sizzle order form attached to this newsletter and return to the office no later than Tuesday 29 November.**



## Learn To Swim Scheme

A note from Mrs Doust (Learn To Swim Scheme Coordinator) has gone home 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. **N.B. Mrs Doust will be on long service leave for the next week. Ms Hofman will be able to answer any questions you may have about this Learn to Swim scheme.**



## Gold Class Cooking

Congratulations and thank you to all of our Gold Award students who registered their interest in having a Gold Award cooking session in our new cooking room. I will hold two age based sessions this week.

I would like to run the first cooking class on Tuesday 22 November from 11:30am with registered Stage 3 students. Their shared goal as the eldest students is to produce some yummy treats for a morning tea the following day to welcome the Kindergarten Orientation parents. They will have the opportunity to make a plentiful supply of food so that they can also take some home to share with family. I will then run another cooking class on the following day on Wednesday 23 November from 11:30am for the registered Stage 1 & 2 students simply for fun.

### DIARY DATES

### REMINDERS

23 November	Kindy Orientation 10am-11.30am
24 November	Kindergarten Cave Creek Walk Excursion <b>cancelled</b>
25 November	School Assembly SRC 2012 9.15am

## LIBRARY NEWS

Stocktake time is fast approaching. This week (Week 7) is the last week for borrowing. The next week (Week 8) is returning week and the last week for library lessons.

Could parents please ensure that their child returns their library books during Week 8 as stocktake will take place during Week 9 & 10.

### End of Year Picnic and Ten Pin Bowling Day

A note will be going home to all students about this special event this week. To celebrate a successful year at school this year we would like to invite all students to participate in a picnic and ten pin bowling day at Mittagong on Tuesday 13 December. It will involve Stage 2 and Stage 3 students going by bus to Highlands Ten Pin Bowling centre first for a game of ten pin bowling and then walking to Lake Alexandra for a picnic with parents and teachers. ES1 and Stage 1 students will picnic at Lake Alexandra first and then go by bus to Highlands Ten Pin. We have been fortunate to have been offered the same price for ten pin bowling and drinks as we were last year. We have been informed that there are currently some renovations being completed at Lake Alexandra but have been reassured by Wingecarribee Council that these renovations will be completed by the 13 December. Parents are warmly welcomed to attend this special day however, similar to last year, it seems unlikely that we will have the capacity to have parents bowling with the students as we book up most of the lanes to group the students in small groups.



### School website

You may have noticed some changes to our school website. This is due to the DEC merging the school website pages with a new technology 'Liferay'. This process has taken a number of weeks to complete and made it difficult for us to upload photos, information and newsletters. Some data was also lost on our website as part of this process including photos, dates and newsletters. I have now uploaded many of the newsletters and photos and more importantly, re-entered all key dates onto the calendar. I have also provided a link to the **NSW 2012 School Planner** from the NSW Teachers Credit Union if you would like to look ahead to gain information on next year's terms and dates for school holidays. Simply click on the last school day of the calendar you see on the website (16 December) and you should be able to open an attached file of the 2012 School Planner.

To get to our website simply Google 'Hill Top Public School' or go to [www.hilltop-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.hilltop-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/).



### 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.

**SILENT AUCTION WILL BE ENDING SOON, DONT MISS OUT ON MAKING YOUR BID FOR ONE OF THE MANY GREAT ITEMS ON DISPLAY IN THE FRONT OFFICE!**

### Salvation Army

We are currently asking for donations of food items to fill our class Christmas hampers which we will be presenting to the Salvation Army at the end of term assembly. Each classroom should now have a hamper where students can put these donations. All food donated needs to be in date and preferably packaged to last over the Christmas period e.g. canned or bottled foods are ideal.



### Together for Humanity

Stage 2 and 3 and children will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop run by Together for Humanity on 1 December. Children will work through educational activities designed to help them look at their own behaviours and focus on understanding, respecting and accept cultural diversity. They will have the opportunity to interview and ask questions of four Australians with very different heritages and cultural backgrounds. A gold coin donation is requested to support the work Together for Humanity does in schools.

### Year 6 Farewell Dinner

All Year 6 students have received a note inviting their parents to the Year 6 Dinner and informing families of the organisation for the evening. Please see Mrs Griffiths if you did not receive one. If you are able to assist in the organisation for the evening please see Mrs Griffiths.

### Parent Helper Thankyou Morning Tea

The staff at Hill Top P.S. appreciate the help and support received from all parent and community helpers throughout 2011 in areas such as scripture, reading groups, classroom support, excursions, special events, sport and transportation to events. All support given enhances the programs run at the school. The staff wish to thank all helpers by providing morning tea after the Christmas scripture service on Monday 12 December. Invitations are being sent home this week. Please see your class teacher if you have missed out on your invitation.

### Plans for 2012

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 by the end of this week. Thank you.

### Short film competition

Bicycle NSW is calling all budding film makers to submit a three-minute video to promote bike riding as a sustainable, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation. The film does not have to have dialogue and is free for all schools and students under 16. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Entries close 3 February 2012.

For more information and to register:

<http://bicyclensw.org.au/content/calling-all-budding-film-makers>



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



# Silent Auction 2011

*Items will be on display in the office until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The last bids will be taken on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Items will also be on display at the Year 6 Fair. All bids need to be placed in the book at the front office or by bidding slip. Any questions please see Mrs. Griffiths. Thank you for your support of our Year 6 Fair. All monies raised will be going towards a gift from Year 6 to the school.*

Item Description	Business Details	Current Bid
1.Jenolan Caves family pass +50% off majority of caves for 12 months multiple times	Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust	\$61
2.Cockatoo Run family pass(valued at\$140)	3801 Limited	\$100
3.Hand turned wooden bowl	Linda Burgess	\$15
4.Men's cologne dress set		\$15
5.House Warehouse \$50 voucher	House Warehouse	\$30
6.Bowen Body Balance treatment(value \$50)	Christine Bird	\$25
7.\$50 voucher Classic Thai	Classic Thai Cravings Mittagong	\$25
8.Water colour painting(valued at \$95)	Ann Carney	\$45
9.Baking pack, Babuska measures, Silicone tongs	Cucina, Cucina	\$25
10.Shower pamper pack	Wild Food Health Market	\$35
11.'Knights' NRL team shorts size 12-14		\$10
12.Bath pamper pack		\$17
13.Necklace heart shaped stones	Estreich Jewellers	\$25
14.Beauty Basket	Blooms Chemist Mittagong	\$35
15.Pamper pack		\$25
16.Thermal food carrier pack & tongs	Cucina Cucina	\$21
17.\$50 Highlands stationary pack	Highlands Stationary	\$25
18.\$50 Highlands stationary pack	Highlands Stationary	\$25
19.Taronga or Dubbo Zoo double pass	Taronga Zoo	\$40
20.Wicked sister bag	John Tacey Pharmacy	\$20
21.Bowen Body Balance treatment(value \$50)	Christine Bird	\$25
22.Bowen Body Balance treatment(value \$50)	Christine Bird	\$25
23Bowen Body Balance treatment(value \$50)	Christine Bird	\$25
24.Mittagong Garden Centre voucher \$25	Mittagong Garden Centre	\$17
25.Hill Top Friendly Grocer voucher \$25	Hill Top Friendly Grocer	\$13
26.Hill Top Friendly Grocer voucher \$25	Hill Top Friendly Grocer	\$14
27.Hill Top Friendly Grocer voucher \$25	Hill Top Friendly Grocer	\$15
28.Hill Top Friendly Grocer voucher \$25	Hill Top Friendly Grocer	\$15
29.Hill Top Friendly Grocer voucher \$25	Hill Top Friendly Grocer	\$15
30.Hill Top Friendly Grocer voucher \$25	Hill Top Friendly Grocer	\$14
31.90 minute white water rafting pass(value \$89)	Penrith White Water	\$60
32.Wish gift card (value \$50)	Woolworths	\$32
33.Nutrimedics pamper pack		\$25
34.Thermal mug and hot chocolate	Gloria jean	\$17.50
35.Chocolates and recipe book		\$25
36.Rabbitohs size 6 hooded jacket		\$15
37.5x\$10 Red Dragon Vouchers	Red Dragon	\$25
38.BBQ pack, apron, tongs, bag		\$15



## IGNORING SOMEONE WHO IS GIVING YOU A HARD TIME

Stay cool, smart people know when to walk away.

### Dos

Stop looking at them.  
Try to keep all the expression off your face. Look normal.  
Turn your body away.  
Do something else or talk to others near you.  
If the other person keeps annoying you. **STAY COOL AND WALK CALMLY AWAY.**  
If they follow you and keep giving you a hard time you may consider asking an adult for support, but remember they may try to get revenge if you do, so do this only as a last resort.



### Don'ts

Don't look at them.  
Don't smile.  
Don't argue.  
Don't insult back.  
Don't get AGGRO.  
Don't try to get them into trouble.



## CANCELLATION CAVE CREEK WALK EXCURSION

Unfortunately the Cave Creek Walk Excursion planned for Kindergarten this Thursday 24 November will have to be cancelled. While the track itself is in quite reasonable condition at present, enough rain is forecast throughout this week to create problematic walking conditions for a large group. As well, the latest forecast on that day is sadly for a few showers, strong southerly winds, and low temperatures between 9 and 13 degrees.

Instead we will have a nice quiet normal day in, at school.

The school calendar is already so busy for families at this stage of the year that we are reluctant to postpone to try for a later date with the further possibility of cancellation due to weather.

A special thank you to all of the parents who gave their time to our meeting and writing notes. Your support was appreciated. A copy of the walking track notes will be sent home to Kindergarten families so that they may still possibly enjoy the experience of visiting this valuable local asset in the school holidays, at their own leisure.

Mrs Lesslie

### BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

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

<b>Kookaburras</b>	Hayden Willebrand Skye Campbell x 2
<b>Cockatoos</b>	Harrison Pheils Kasey Mount
<b>Wrens</b>	Jordan Parker Rebekah Bates
<b>Honeyeaters</b>	Brittany Kelly Blake Parker
<b>King Parrots</b>	Tristan Neate Sam Johnson Jordan Unwin x 3
<b>Magpies</b>	Chloe Waddell x 2

### SILVER AWARD WINNERS

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

<b>Kookaburras</b>	Nicholas Waddell
<b>Cockatoos</b>	Breanna Martin
<b>Honeyeaters</b>	Alex Martin
<b>King Parrots</b>	Sam Johnson Joshua Micallef

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**HILL TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCO/BBQ - Thursday 1 December, 2011**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE by Tuesday 29 November 2011**