



# Hill Top Public School

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Term 4 - Week 7

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## From the Principal's desk

We are trialing a new newsletter format this week which we hope you will like. Please let us know your thoughts. We apologise as a result, for the later delivery of your newsletter this week.

## End of Term Celebrations

There is indeed a lot to celebrate here at Hill Top P.S. at the end of this busy and productive year. Our hard working students and staff have all applied themselves to the full in achieving educational outcomes in a range of learning activities and experiences. We sadly soon have to farewell our Year 6 students as they prepare themselves for their transition to high school.

Year 6 Gala Day at Bowral High School will be held on Friday November 30. All Year 6 students are invited to attend this day. A note went home yesterday providing information to these students about this day.

- Year 6 Farewell Dinner. This evening will be held at Highlands Golf Club Mittagong on Tuesday 12 December for all of our Year 6 students and their parents. A meeting next week on Monday 26 November will be held in our school library at 3.10pm to discuss the organisation of this special event. All Year 6 parents are invited to attend this meeting on Monday with Mrs Griffiths.

- Year 6 Farewell Arch. Our sad final farewell to our Year 6 students for 2012 will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 19 December, the final day of term.

## End of Term Big Breakfast/Peer Support Fun Day/Talent Quest

We have decided to introduce a new event this year to replace end of term arrangements held in previous years. In previous years we have held end of year picnics at Lake Alexandra, been to the Empire Cinema at Bowral and have been ten pin bowling. We appreciate and understand that such events are often costly for parents, especially before Christmas and the holiday break. We do not feel this year, that we need to travel off site to achieve the same outcome. The aim of such a day is to have a social and fun day with the students and parents to celebrate a successful school year. We aim year to achieve the same outcome at Hill Top Public School using the beautiful grounds and excellent facilities that we are fortunate enough to have.

As part of an extra opportunity for our Peer Support leaders to organise an event and also celebrate their year in leadership, they would like to invite all students and parents to our school on Friday 14 December to:

- A free breakfast from 9am – 10am
- Organised fun games/activities in Peer Support groups run by our Peer Support leaders
- Afternoon Talent Quest in our school hall

## Skipathon

Students across all classes have enjoyed developing their co ordination, fitness and skipping in class fitness programs. As our Skipathon day approaches on the 11 December we hope to see more students bring their own skipping ropes to school to practice.

## Hill Top P.S. Weather Report

Our two week Swimming Scheme commences next Monday 26 November. This leads me to predicting the weather for the next two weeks based on previous years. The weather in Hill Top will be extremely sunny and hot or extremely rainy and cold. It is rarely anything in between during our annual swimming scheme!

## Hot Dog Day

On Wednesday 28 November our canteen will be selling hot dogs, drinks and donuts. An order form for these items should have been sent home to you earlier this week. We would like to assure our swimmers who are attending the above swimming scheme that they may still order and receive these items. Special arrangements will be made on the day for these students to receive their hot dogs earlier in the day, if they simply write "Swimming" on their order form.

## Class Organisation for Next Year

We are currently working on predicting our school enrolment numbers for next year and as a result, trying to form likely class structures for next year. This process is complicated and akin to putting a giant jigsaw puzzle together based on student need. It is looking likely based on enrolments and plans thus far, that we may be able to reintroduce our popular Able and Independent multistage class next year. More information about this class and other classes will be provided to you as soon as we have a clearer picture of enrolments after our Kindergarten Orientation sessions over the next three weeks.

## Plans for 2013

Whilst we await our Kindergarten Orientation process to conclude to be able to confirm and begin our class organisation for next year, we value your input in this process. 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 8 of this term.

## Upcoming Events

- Gymsports  
Make up day  
Friday 23 November
- Hot Dog Day  
Wednesday 28  
November
- Kindy Orientation  
Session 2  
10am – 11am  
Thursday 29  
November



## Electricity

### Electricity Work in Hill Top

Many parents and staff have already alerted me to the fact that Endeavour Energy are doing some work in the area resulting in some people being affected by lack of electricity and being asked to tune off electrical devices in certain hours to prevent electrical surges. It was also brought to my attention yesterday that this might affect our school this Friday. We have spoken to Endeavour Energy and have been assured that this will not be the case. Endeavour Energy can be contacted on 131 003 if you require any further information or fear you may be affected.

### New possible school uniforms

In our school foyer in our front office you will see displayed some possible ideas for new school uniforms to be introduced to Hill Top P.S. This idea is still in its early evaluative stages and it will be your voices/feedback that determine the decision making process. In the next few weeks we will be providing you with a survey so that all parents can provide us with their individual thoughts and feedback. The tunics being displayed in the front office and any tunic chosen will be an additional item to our school uniform for girls to wear in the colder Winter terms. A chosen tunic will not supercede as such current uniform choices. Please see Mrs Sarah Zwickl or myself if you would like more information.

### P & C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6 December in our school library between 3.10pm – 4.00pm. Items on the agenda will include community support/donations if possible for our End of Term Breakfast, our End of Term Assembly presentation, school uniform discussion, fundraising ideas and the organisation of the P&C Christmas themed school disco to be held in Week 10.

### Visiting Artist – Musica Viva

Musica Viva's 'Outta Africa' by Teranga is visiting our school on Thursday 6 December. Teranga is a quartet who play pieces from Senegal in West Africa. Teranga play traditional percussion instruments including the sabra, drums, tama, djembe, doundoun and balafon. The cost of this excellent learning opportunity and experience is \$7.50 per student. A note will be going home regarding this and payments can now be made through the money mouth at our front office.

### Academically Gifted (AG) class at Bowral P.S. 2013

Congratulations to the following students who received acceptance to this class for next year.

- Alexander Martin Year 5
- Katie Maddock Year 4
- Lachlan Davis Year 4
- Abbie Zwickl Year 4

These students will attend the AG class at Bowral P.S. one day a week next year from Terms 2 -4.

Samantha Swan on behalf of the southern Highlands AG Class Management Committee was extremely impressed with the high standard of applicants from our school. Well done Hill Top!

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

### SWIMMING SCHEME WEEK 8 -9

In Week 9 of swimming school, the swimmers will be able to attend Musica Viva 'Out of Africa' 6 December as I have changed our swimming time from 1.00pm - 1.45pm to 12.15pm - 1.00pm just for that day.

Every other day we will leave school at 12.30pm and return by 2.30pm



### SILVER AWARD WINNERS

#### Term 4 Week 7

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

Joshua Van Eck  
Ashleigh Willebrand  
Jade Grose  
Amelia Harris  
Dusty Jenkins  
Kasey Mount

### BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

#### Term 4 Week 7

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

Billy Grose X 2  
Luca Squires  
Jade Grose  
Seamus Campion  
Jasmine Moscrop  
Makyla Irwin  
Michael shsute  
Jordan Parker  
Travis Fenn  
Alicia Borg  
Andy Parker X 6

### MERIT AWARDS November 16 2012

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received merit award

K/1	Bailey Robert April Richardson Cherise Harris Danielle Horne
1/2	Amelia Harris Ethan Shobrook Olwyn Schultzer Adam Ward
2/3	Skye Campbell Tiarna Kelly
3/4	Jasmine Moscrop Riley O'Connell
4	Kemal Beyaz Hollie Smith
5/6	Amy Winnel Racquel Morris Violet Jenkins Blake Gorrie Zac Bishop

Dylan Errington, Lachlan and Haylee-Jean McKenzie from Arthur Moulas Martial Arts in Tahmoor, competed at the Australian Martial Arts Championships 2012 Australian Titles in Lidcombe NSW. This was a two day event held on November 17 & 18. The students showed great sportsmanship and performed extremely well.

Lachlan McKenzie took out 1st place in Kata, Freestyle Sparring and Point Sparring and has been invited to join the Australian Squad and represent Australia at the 2013 Tokyo Junior Games in Japan next year.



### Audience NEEDED for

D&T Dance School's  
End of Year Concerts  
Hill Top Public School Hall  
25 November 1.30pm  
2 December 1.30pm  
\$10 Adults, \$5 Kids

Come and support your local kids!

# Year 3 / 4 Newsletter

Year 3 / 4 has had a very busy term so far! We welcomed Mr Egan as our teacher this term and since his arrival we have enjoyed working on a variety of different projects.

## Aboriginal Art



We used the work of contemporary Aboriginal artists to inspire our artworks 'Emu Dreaming' and 'Reed People'.

## Science

In science we have been learning about the property of materials. We used microscopes to examine a range of materials. We have used microscopes to examine a range of natural and synthetic fibres.



## Maths

In Maths we enjoy hands on activities to develop our mathematical understandings.



Here we are using popsticks to extend a number pattern and identify missing values.

## Information Report

Blue Tongue Lizards have a stocky body with an average length of 30 - 45cm. They have short legs and a tapering tail. Their colour ranges from grey to brown and they can have dark bands from their neck to the tip of their tail. Blue Tongue Lizards live alone and are found throughout Australia. They shelter in hollow logs under debris.

Blue Tongue Lizards give birth to live young in summer. They may have 6 to 20 young in a litter. The young fend for themselves from birth. By: Jasmine Moscrop