

Hill Top Public School

Honour 1884 Trust



Term 4 - Week 3

Security Phone: 1300 88 0021

Wednesday 24 October, 2012



From the Principal's Desk

Mrs Leicester is at a State Principal's conference for the rest of this week. Please contact Mr Egan or Mrs Gee if you need assistance while Mrs Leicester is away.

P&C Meeting—Date Change

Our P&C meeting originally scheduled for Week 3 has been rescheduled for Week 4. Our next P&C meeting will now be held on **Thursday 1 November at 3.15 - 4.00pm** in our school library. We warmly welcome all parents to attend this meeting as we would like to continue to collaboratively discuss as a community, proposals to amend our Student Welfare Policy. We are currently trying to gather input from students, staff and parents to ascertain possible changes to this policy and current procedures particularly in the area of **discipline**. We understand that not all parents can get to our P&C meetings on November 1 and yet seek feedback from the whole school community. We therefore are including a 'parking lot' sheet with this newsletter for all parents to complete with their own feedback and contributions and to be returned to the office before the next P&C meeting. A 'parking lot' is easy to complete and an effective tool for gathering information. It contains four sections for you to make any comments in:

- + = What you think we are doing well currently in the area of discipline?
- = What are the negatives impacting the area of discipline?
- Δ + What do you think are the areas of discipline at our school for improvement ie as a school community what are some ways we could improve our discipline policy?
- ? = What questions do you have about discipline at our school.

We appreciate your time in completing and returning this 'parking lot'. It will give us wonderful feedback and will give us a good starting point for discussion at our next P&C meeting based on valued parent input as part of our school community based decision making process. For the parents who can attend this important P&C Meeting, we like to offer free child minding on Thursday 1 November between 3.00 - 4.00pm. Simply register on the slip provided in this newsletter.

Selective High School Placements for Year 7, 2014

Applications are now open for Year 5 students who are wishing to apply to a Selective High School for Year 7 in 2014. Selective High Schools cater for high achieving, academically gifted students. If you wish to apply for a Selective High School in 2014 please contact the office for more information.

Loopline Masterminds

On Friday we will be sending two teams to Colo Vale P.S. to participate in Loopline Masterminds. Students will work cooperatively in teams of six students to solve a team challenge task. We wish them well on the day.

World Teachers' Day

This Friday is World Teachers' Day. This annual event celebrates the teaching profession and honours all teaching professionals. We would like to acknowledge all of the wonderful teachers at Hill Top P. S.

Kind regards

Rebecca Gee

(for Sarah Leicester)

Diary Dates

Term 4 Week 4

Monday	29 Oct	AASC 3.00 - 4.15pm
Wednesday	31	Gymsport
		AASC 3.00 - 4.15pm
Thursday	1 Nov	P&C Meeting 3.15pm
Friday	2	Assembly K/1 12.30pm

Term 4 Week 5

Monday	5	AASC 3.00 - 4.15pm
Wednesday	7	Gymsport
		AASC 3.00 - 4.15pm

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SISA Visit

We are fortunate to have had a visit today from Sport in Schools Australia (SISA). SISA provides students with the opportunity to utilise a range of resources that schools can not provide. They use unique and innovative resources that are specifically tailored to the development of a wide range of skills.

Next week we will commence Gymsports again. Please remember to pay your \$4 by next Wednesday if you are paying weekly.

Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Program

Invitations were recently sent out to all new Kindergarten students for next year who have already registered their names at our school office. As a school community, we ask you to share the following information to anyone you may know who is still considering enrolling at our school.

Week 6:

Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 November
Preschool visits

Week 7:

Thursday 22 November
Kindergarten Orientation session 1 10.00 - 11.00am

Week 8:

Thursday 29 November
Kindergarten Orientation session 2 10.00 - 11.00am

Week 9:

Thursday 6 December
Kindergarten Orientation session 3 10.00 - 11.30am
(children bring recess to this session)



SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 2

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

Brooke Maddock
Amy Winnel

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS TERM 4 WEEK 2

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

Lexton So
Abbie Zwickl x 2
Dominic Guido
Lilly Lacava x 2
Kasey Mount x 2
Maddison Meadows
Kaylee McDonald
Emma Johnson
Georgia Simpson
Lachlan Zwickl

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WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

HILL TOP WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Sat 27 October - KARAOKE - 7.00pm
Admission: gold coin donation

Sat 3 November - CAR BOOT SALE
8.30am - 1.00pm

Sat 17 November - TRIVIA NIGHT
Admission: \$5 per person over 12
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Please come and join in the fun
Friends of Hill Top War Memorial

SCOUTS Australia 1st Mittagong Scouts

Girls and Boys Welcome
Fun and Adventure
Learn new Skills
Make new Friends

Joeys 6-8yrs
Thursday 6-7pm
Cubs 8-10.5yrs
Wednesday 6-7.30pm
Scouts 10.5-15yrs
Fridays 6-8pm
Call Jenni; 4889 4214
Website: 1stmittagongscouts.com
Email Inquiries:
1stmittagongscouts@gmail.com
Hiking, Camping, Outings, Being
Part of the Community
9 Louisa Street Mittagong
Would you like to try Scouts?
First month free

"HALLOWEEN & BANDTIZ"

The next **Blue Light** will be held on
Saturday 27 October at Mittagong RSL Club 4pm to 7pm
4-14years cost \$5.00 (mums and dads free)
Come dressed up as your favourite **HALLOWEEN** character.
There will be special guest appearance by a young group of
performers called "**BANDTIZ**", who have appeared on the TV
show Young Talent Time.

Indoor Soccer

ALL Ages Registration
5pm - 7pm
Wednesday 24 October
Wednesday 3 November

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Highlights and written excerpts from recounts on the Wingecarribee School's Environmental Day



On Tuesday 16th October 2012 Year 5 and Year 6 went to the Environment Day at Lake Alexandra where we did many activities. Year 5 and Year 6 lined up waiting for the bus, which was late, and when we got on the bus we got to enjoy a bus ride through scenic Mittagong, stopping at Lake Alexandra. We walked over to our spots and sat down. Liam Cleymans

Illawarra Environmental Education Centre

We made lights go on by pedalling a bicycle which was a little trick for the short people who couldn't quite reach the pedals on the bike. Jenny Kearnes

...we set up a solar power cooker in groups of 5 and checked the temperature after 3 mins. It got up to 38°C. After that we got to play around with some wind, solar and energy powered things like lights and a radio. Erin Stephens

Ben talked about how we can reuse energy by using wind turbines, solar panels and solar appliances. Billy Grose

Insektus

Next we went to Insektus where we met Bugman. He had heaps of insects and spiders. He had a stick insect called Rosy, a black house spider, a bird eating spiderit was very interesting. Lachlan McKenzie



There was a bird eating spider which was big, brown and hairy. The red back that we saw was staying on her web and didn't drop. We saw a huntsman. It was big, grey and hairy. I thought it's fangs were cool. Dylan Harris

Leap Fish Theatre

It was very funny. It was about time travellers. The Professor made a steam machine and was trying to find out why the steam machine was making the frogs die. Rebecca Risteska

Guided Nature Walk

...Year 6 went on a guided nature walk. We went on a 3km track. The scenery was wonderful. We even saw a waratah flower. We had a checklist to tick off the things we saw. Brent McKeown

Feature Creatures

...it was about different types of reptiles like snake, frogs, spiders, lizards and more. I held the snake but Mrs Griffiths did not. Brittany Kelly

Feature Creatures was filled with many reptiles and insects. We were all eager to touch and hold the creatures but first we had to find out about what they eat, where they live and so on.... the best activity without a doubt. Matthew Bates





Parking Lot – School Discipline

Dear all parents. Can you please complete this 'parking lot' to provide us with important input from a parent perspective, as we are in the process of reviewing our school discipline policy? We only require feedback regarding discipline at this stage of evaluation. There is also a P&C child care registration form below if you are able to come along to our P&C meeting as well. Can you please return one or both of these items to the front office?

Thank you. Mrs S Leicester.

N.B. A parking lot is an information gathering tool created by David P. Langford where participants can 'park' notes suggesting positive comments, needs for improvement and general concerns, questions or insights, for review at a later time.

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- What do you think are the negatives impacting the area of discipline?

△ What do you think are the areas of discipline at our school for improvement? (i.e. as a school community what are some of the ways we could improve our discipline policy?)

? What questions do you have about discipline at our school?

P&C Meeting Thursday 1 November 2012 3:15-4pm in the school library

Yes I will require child care to attend the P&C meeting.

I have _____ child/ children

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Please return this to the front office no later than Friday 26 October. Thank you.

