

Hill Top Public School

Honour 1884 Trust



Term 4 - Week 4

Security Phone: 1300 88 0021

Wednesday 31 October, 2012



From the Principal's Desk

P&C Meeting

Tomorrow afternoon we are having an important P&C meeting in our school Library at 3.10pm - 4.00pm.

We urge all parents to attend.

We seek and value feedback from the whole school community regarding school discipline. Please complete the 'parking lot' slip if you have not already done so and return to the school before our 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 i.e. 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 3.10pm - 4.00pm. Simply register on the slip provided in this newsletter.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Possible changes to our school uniform - uniform survey
- Fundraising activities to be discussed
- Introduction of a resource - a dvd on Autism
- Expansion of our vegetable gardens
- Disco this term

Please come along even if you haven't been to a P&C meeting before or for some time.

Mufti Hat Day next Tuesday

Hill Top P.S. school community sponsor a child names Alpha through World Vision. We need to urgently raise some money to sustain this worthwhile project. Mrs Doust is organising a 'mufti hat day' for next Tuesday 6 November. All students are invited to wear a different hat to school this day instead of their school uniform broad brimmed hat and to donate a gold coin to support Alpha.

Hats worn as mufti may be of the child's own choice e.g. crazy hats, decorative hats or simply a favourite cap that would not normally be allowed as part of our school uniform.

All gold coin donations for wearing mufti hats on the day will go to Alpha through World Vision

Diary Dates

Term 4 Week 4

November

Thursday 1

**P&C Meeting 3.10pm - 4.00pm
School Library**

Friday 2

Assembly K/1 12.30pm

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 5

AASC 3.00pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 7

**Gymsports
AASC 3.00pm - 4.15pm**

Term 4 Week 6

Monday 13

AASC 3.0pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 14

**Pre School Visit 10.30am - 11.30am
Gymsports
AASC 3.00pm - 4.15pm**

Thursday 15

Pre School Visit 10.30am - 11.30am

Friday 17

SRC Assembly 12 45pm

SRC Executive and Sport Captains for 2013

Later this week, letters will be going home to our Year 5 students explaining our nomination process for these school leadership positions for next year. We will be organising special sport house meetings later this term for the sport captain nominations to take place and we have scheduled a special morning assembly in our school hall at 9.00am on Friday 30 November (Week 8) for all SRC nominees to give a talk to the whole school to convince us as why they should be selected as SRC executive for 2013.

Science Fair

Today some of our Stage 3 students are travelling down with parents and Mrs Griffiths to Wollongong for a Science Fair at Wollongong University to showcase their science projects. These students include Lauren Beasley, Jack Franklin, Dylan Harris, Zoe Bird, Billy Grose, Barton Greenfield, Lucas Carpenter, Brent McKeown, Matthew Bates, Rebecca Risteska, Amy Winnel, Alexander Martin, Seamus Campion and Liam Cleymans. We wish them all the very best for the day and acknowledge the hard work they have put into creating their outstanding science projects.

We are the champions!

Congratulations to all of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 students who attended the Loopline Masterminds challenge at Colo Vale P.S. last Friday 26 October. All these students did us proud as they worked extremely well in their teams to complete the challenges together. A special congratulations to our Stage 3 team who came first in their challenge against all the other school teams in our Bowral Community of Schools. Well done, everyone!

School Swimming Scheme Reminder

If you wish your child to attend, the expression of interest notes are due back at the school office by this Friday 2 November.

Gymsports

Unfortunately due to illness of our Gymsports instructors we have had to postpone today's sessions till Friday 23 November (Week 7). Hopefully the next two weeks Gymsports sessions will go ahead as scheduled on the following two Wednesdays. If you are paying weekly, please remember to pay by each Tuesday by placing the correct amount of money in a sealed and named envelope in the money mouth.

AG class at Bowral P.S. in 2013

Each year Bowral P.S. runs an Academically Gifted class one day a week and invites applications from Stage 3 students and parents from all local schools (Bowral Community of Schools) to be able to attend.

Mr Egan, our new Assistant Principal has information and application packages regarding this.

Please see Mr Egan if you would like more information. Interested applicants need to sit for an entry test next Tuesday 6 November at St Judes Church hall in Bowral between 9.00am - 10.00am.

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.

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

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

Join us for a great night out!

Mittagong Public School's TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday November 10 starting at 7pm

Highlands Golf Club, Mittagong

Tickets \$20 per person (10% discount for group bookings of 10)

Tickets can be purchased from Mittagong School's Office

Enquiries: Jenna 0410 055 053

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 10.00am - 11.00am

Week 8:

Thursday 29 November
Kindergarten Orientation session 2 10.00am - 11.00am

Week 9:

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



SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 4

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

Luke Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Emily Johnson
Racquel Morris
Alessia Gargiulo

GOLD AWARD WINNERS TERM 4 WEEK 4

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

Lauren Beasley
Gracie-Lee Egner
Luke Johnson
Amy Winnel

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS TERM 4 WEEK 4

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

Emily Van Althuis
Brody Gilkes
Rhys Gilkes
Zoe Cole-Gee
Emily Cole-Gee
Racquel Morris
Alessia Gargiulo
Dylan Harris
Rebecca Risteska
Nicolaas Van Althuis
Tiarna Kelly

Congratulations to our Karate Champions who competed in the Uechi Ryu Tournament last Saturday 27 October.

All our students did extremely well in both Kata and Sparring. Students supported each other and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to

Jack Zagoridis -	Gold in Kata
Christopher Waddell -	Bronze in Kata
Lachlan McKenzie -	Gold in Kata and Sparring
Haylee McKenzie -	Excellent Sparring
Riley McKenzie -	Gold Kata
Elizabeth Lacava -	Bronze Sparring and Kata
Hayley Lacava -	Bronze Kata and Silver Sparring
Riley McKeown -	Bronze in Kata and Sparring
Brent McKeown -	Silver in Kata and excellent effort in Sparring



Visit our Hill Top Public School website

www.hilltop-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Loopline Mastermind

Enrichment Day

Last Friday 26 October 2012, 6 Stage 2 and 6 Stage 3 students from Hill Top Public School competed in the Loopline Mastermind Enrichment Day held at Colo Vale P.S.

The students participated against teams from Bowral P.S, Mittagong P.S and Colo Vale P.S.

The focus of the day was a Bits 'n' Bytes Technology Challenge. This challenge required students to work in their school teams to come up with an idea for a new invention. The students then had to use a variety of materials and mediums to market their new invention.

Teams had to convince the audience that their invention was necessary, functional and really well designed.



Hill Top P.S Stage 3 Team – Loopline Mastermind Champions

In presenting their inventions, teams were allowed 5-10 minutes and were required to use a combination of verbal, musical and computer elements.

The Stage 2 team from Hill Top P.S invented an Automatic Lawn Mower with the ability to mow 10 times faster than a regular mower. Our Stage 2 students put together a very creative marketing campaign and received a Participation Award for their great effort.

Our Stage 3 team invented a pair of amazing sports shoes. This team carefully justified all aspects of their design and even incorporated dance into their marketing campaign. The judges were so impressed with the quality of Hill Top's Stage 3 presentation, that they were awarded Loopline Mastermind Champions.

Our Hill Top P.S students had a very enjoyable day and impressed the audience with their creativity, confidence and teamwork. Both teams were perfect ambassadors for our wonderful school. Congratulations!



Hill Top P.S Stage 2 Team





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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<p>△ 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?)</p>	<p>? What questions do you have about discipline at our school?</p>

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.

