

Hill Top Public School

Honour 1884 Trust



Term 4 - Week 6

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From the Principal's Desk

Preschool visits

This week we are having two visits from Hill Top Preschool students that will be starting at Hill Top P.S. in 2013. They will be coming between 10:30am and 11:30am today and tomorrow to experience an early Kindergarten style lesson and to have some recess and play at our school.

Gymsports

Our successful Gymsports program will sadly conclude next Friday 23 November. We have really enjoyed having the Gymsports staff here and the program that they have offered. We would really appreciate some feedback from parents about this program, particularly in regards to us having it again next year.

SRC Assembly this Friday

We will be holding a SRC assembly in our school hall this Friday 16 November at 12:45pm. We warmly welcome all parents to attend this assembly.

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.

Positive Behaviour

We enjoy rewarding positive behaviour here at Hill Top P.S. Our newly introduced purple playground 'Catch Me Being Good' slips for rewarding 'respectful playground behaviour' including being respectful and caring to each other, caring for our school environment and being respectful to adults has been a success. We are extremely proud of the students that have been demonstrating respectful behaviour on the playground and around the different parts of the school. Our purple box located near the staffroom door is indeed getting very full.

Mrs Wakeling has been sourcing an excellent prize for the draw of this box. She will return from long service leave next week with the prize and attend to the first draw from the purple box. Mrs Wakeling only wishes to reveal one clue about the prize. It is an electronic item donated to our school by Dick Smith. Keep demonstrating respectful behaviour everyone and don't forget to place your purple 'Catch Me Being Goods' with your name on them in the purple box to be in for a chance to win the draw. Next year at Hill Top P.S. we will be embarking on our 'Positive Behaviour for Success' (PBS) journey. PBS is a highly successful initiative that has had wonderful success in achieving positive behavioural outcomes in many other schools. It has been implemented extensively in schools in the Western region of NSW. We are extremely proud to be embarking on this journey at Hill Top P.S. Vicki Aisbett, our regional PBS trainer and coordinator is coming to our school to run a preliminary staff meeting at 3:00pm on Tuesday 4 December. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting as part of our active school community to find out more. Please let me know if you are interested in gaining more information. A team of our staff will then be attending an intensive two day training course to be held at Robertson P.S. on our school development days on Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December, after the students have finished school for the term. Bowral High School is also gaining this training which will ensure a smoother transition in terms of behavioural expectations from our students to high school in the future.

Diary Dates

Term 4 Week 6

Thursday	15	Pre School Visit 10.30am - 11.30am
Friday	16	SRC Assembly 12.45pm

Term 4 Week 7

Monday	19	AASC 3.00pm - 4.15pm
Wednesday	21	AASC 3.00pm - 4.15pm
Thursday	22	Kinder Orientation 10.00am - 11.00am
Friday	23	Gymsports - Make up day

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Kindergarten Orientation

We would like to welcome all of the children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2013 to our Kindergarten Orientation sessions next week. These sessions to be held over the next three Thursdays are a wonderful opportunity for the children to come into our school and to gain a snapshot of what it will be like in Kindergarten next year and also to meet potential new friends. Whilst the children are engaging in fun activities in the Kindergarten classrooms we will be holding information sessions for the parents in our school library. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for parents to gain information about our school and procedures as well as an opportunity to ask questions and get to know staff and other parents. The Kindergarten Orientation sessions also provide parents to seek information about whether their child / children are ready for school as I am aware this is often a concern for some parents. Please do not hesitate to seek an individual meeting time with me if you are unsure and would like the opportunity to discuss this further.

We ask all children and parents to meet us in our school hall next Thursday 22 November just before 10:00am. We will be handing out name badges to the children in the hall and they will be accompanied by staff and Year 6 students up to the Kindergarten classrooms to participate in some fun Kindergarten style activities. We will then ask the parents to join us in the school library for an information session. The first information session is probably the most important session to attend if you are unable to attend all of the information sessions over the three week period.

School Swimming Scheme

Swimming School commences Week 8 and will go for two weeks. Permission notes were given out last week and are due back on Wednesday 21 November. As we have returned to the two week Swimming program, we realise that the cost of the transport involved has increased. We are happy to provide Student Assistance support to the value of \$10.00 if you can complete and return the pink form handed out last week with the permission note.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Doust

SRC Executive and Sport Captains for 2013

All year 5 students were given the opportunity to take two special notes home last week to nominate themselves as potential leaders for next year. They were allowed to take both, one or neither. If your Year 5 child was away last week and didn't have the opportunity to receive these notes, please see Mrs Griffiths to receive a spare copy. All students wishing to be nominated for SRC Executive next year need to prepare a speech to convince the rest of the school as to why they should be considered before a voting process takes place. These speeches will be delivered to the rest of the school at a special assembly in the school hall on Monday 3 December at 9:10am. All parents are welcome to attend this assembly.

Kindergarten Orientation dates and session times:

Thursday 22 November : 10:00am - 11:00am.

Meet in our school hall at 9:55am.

Parent Information session #1: Getting to know our school. This session will provide detailed information about our school, procedures and policies including enrolment procedures and starting dates in 2013. This session will be provided by Sarah Leicester (myself), Mrs Leishman our School Administrative Manager and Mrs Rebecca Gee, our current Assistant Principal.

Thursday 29 November : 10:00am - 11:00am.

Meet in our school hall at 9:55am.

Parent Information session #2: Kindergarten class routines and learning outcomes. This session will be led by Mrs Sarah Fenn who is currently one of our experienced Kindergarten teachers. She will provide you with valuable information about what learning looks like in Kindergarten, what the expectations (outcomes) are for Early Stage One students (Kindergarten) and how you can work in partnership with the school community to provide the best learning opportunities for your child/ children. She will particularly focus on providing detailed information in the areas of literacy including our successful L3 literacy program and on numeracy.

Thursday 6 December : 10:00am - 11:30am. Meet in our school hall at 9:55am.

N.B. Please send a packed recess with your child to this sessions as your child will have an opportunity to experience a recess at school today.

Parent Information session #3 : Working together as a school community. Hill Top P.S prides itself in having a strong, collaborative and cohesive school community of students, staff and parents working together to meet the needs of the students who attend our school. This session will be an opportunity for parents to find out how they may become actively involved in our school community and also be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet our existing school community in a relaxed and friendly manner. Representatives from our school community including P&C representatives, our School Uniform coordinator, our Canteen manager and our After School Activities coordinator will also be presenting short information talks. Our current P&C will also be putting on a morning tea for you which will be a good informal opportunity for you to mix, mingle and ask questions individually.

We look forward to meeting you at Kindergarten Orientation!

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.

Thank you.

Salvation Army Hampers

Once again, we would like to support the Salvation Army in providing for local families in need at Christmas time. This year however, we are taking on a different theme to support the Salvation Army. Instead of food hampers as in previous years, the Salvation Army has requested we support mothers and their babies in need at Christmas time. Each class will soon have a hamper / box in their room to collect donated items for 'Mothers and Bubs'. Items may include clothing, utensils, new nappies, etc. We will be presenting these hampers to the Salvation Army representatives at our end of term assembly on Thursday 13 December.

Year Six Farewell Dinner

All Year 6 students have received a note inviting their parents to the Year 6 Farewell Dinner on Wednesday 12 December and informing families of the organisation for the evening. Please see Mrs Griffiths if you did not receive a note. If you are able to assist in the organisation for the evening, please see Mrs Griffiths.

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS TERM 4 WEEK 6

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

Kasey Mount
Kady Curtain-Wray
Samantha Ward
Lauren Beasley
Brent McKeown

SILVER AWARD WINNERS TERM 4 WEEK 6

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

Rhys Gilkes
Jordan Parker
Luca Squires
Brent McKeown

Our
Student's
Success

Head Lice

The school has been notified by some parents that there are head lice in some children's hair. We realise this is a frustrating situation for parents and we need **all** parents to check their child's hair and treat accordingly if necessary. Signs of head lice are: persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash. There may be evidence of tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft and small pale brown lice.

Canteen News

We are coming to the end of the year, so when you are ordering your lunch please check with Therese in the canteen that it will be available.

We do not want to have stock in freezer's over the holidays.

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

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Year 6 Fundraiser
Ice-cream Spider Day
Thursday 22 November
Lunch time Small \$2.00 Large \$3.00

WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES



Matthew Bates and Lucas Carpenter both scored half centuries for Westerners on the weekend in their victory over Campbelltown City. Lucas opened the batting and scored 72 not out while Matthew batted at number four and scored 50 not out.

Well done Boys.

Learning about Diwali



Preparing for our Skipathon



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