



Hill Top Public School

Achieving a quality education for
all students in a caring environment

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Term 4 - Week 8

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Our excited swimmers ready for their first lesson.



From the Principal's desk

What a beautiful warm day to begin our swimming scheme for 2012.

We hope you enjoy the new format of our newsletter. We are unfortunately not able to publish a colour paper copy each week as it would be too expensive. We encourage you to provide us with an email address so we can email the newsletter each week directly to you or please visit www.hilltop-p.school.nsw.edu.au to see it on our school website.

Positive Behaviour

Congratulations to Brody Finch from 2/3 who won an iPod Nano, kindly donated by Dick Smith Bowral, from our purple playground Catch Me Being Good box. We are currently reinforcing the importance of 'respectful' behaviour from all of our students at Hill Top Public School. We are looking for students who demonstrate respectful behaviour by being kind to each other on the playground, showing respect for their school environment and being respectful to teachers and students alike. Mrs Wakeling is currently sourcing the next prize for this successful initiative. Please contact her if you know of any suitable sponsors for donations.

On the last two pupil free days of this term, on the 20th and 21st December, all of our teaching staff will be attending a two day training course on PBS (Positive Behaviour for Success). This successful initiative has had outstanding results in many other schools and the Hill Top staff are really excited about implementing this program in our school.

To reward positive behaviour from students throughout this year, Mrs Leicester is also looking forward to running some free cooking classes for all of our current Gold Award recipients in Week 9 or Week 10.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK 8

Thursday, November 29th	Kindy Orientation – Session 2 10:00am – 10:30am Swimming 12:45pm – 1:30pm
Friday, November 30th	Year 6 Orientation at Bowral High School Swimming 12:45pm – 1:30pm

WEEK 9

Monday, December 3rd	SRC Nomination talks 9:00am Swimming 12:45pm – 1:30pm
Tuesday, December 4th	Scripture Christmas Service 10:00am – 11:00am. Swimming 12:45pm – 1:30pm
Wednesday, December 5th	Swimming 12:45pm – 1:30pm
Thursday, December 6th	Kindy Orientation – Session 3 10:00am – 11:30am Swimming 9:15am – 10:00am Musica Viva – Out of Africa \$7.50
Friday, December 7th	Swimming 12:45pm – 1:30pm

WEEK 10

Tuesday, December 11th	Skipathon
Wednesday, December 12th	Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6:00pm - 9:00pm Highlands Golf Club
Thursday, December 13th	End of Term Assembly 9:00am
Friday, December 14th	End of Term Breakfast and Talent Quest

WEEK 11

Wednesday, December 19th	Last Day for student
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End of Term Big Breakfast/Peer Support Fun Day/Talent Quest

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are introducing this exciting new event this year. 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.

This free breakfast will replace our Parent Helper morning teas as in previous years as we appreciate that all parents help in one way or another.

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 14th December to:

- A free breakfast from 9:00am – 10:00am
- Organised fun games/activities in Peer Support groups run by our Peer Support leaders
- Afternoon Talent Quest in our school hall

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 13th December.

SRC Executive and Sport Captains for 2013

All year 5 students were given the opportunity to take two special notes home earlier this term to nominate themselves as potential leaders for next year. All students successfully nominated 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 3rd December at 9:10am. All parents are welcome to attend this assembly.



Using the Interactive Whiteboard

Christmas Scripture Service

On Tuesday 4th December we will holding our annual Christmas Scripture Service in our school hall at 10:00am. We warmly invite all parents to come along. If your child attends Non Scripture they will be attending unless you inform the office if you do not want them to attend.

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 the end of this week. Thank you..

Year 6 Transition to Bowral High School

This Friday 30th November some of our Year 6 students will be travelling by bus to Bowral High School for a Gala Day as part of their transition to high school program. These students need to refer to the note sent home last week for further details about this day.

Kind regards
Mrs S Leicester

Canteen News

Thank you for supporting our Hot Dog and Donut Day. Thank you to Therese Bird and our canteen helpers for all their hard work.



P & C News

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 6th December in our school Library. Agenda items include:
P & C Christmas Disco,

Towel Caps are for sale in our front office.



Staff Leave

Mrs Leishman, our School administration Manager will be on leave for the remainder of this year. We would like to welcome Mrs Kerry New to our Office while she is away.

Dr Toner, our School Counsellor will be on leave in the last week of this term.

Mr Farrell our General Assistant will also be on leave for the remainder of the year.



Kindergarten Orientation

We really enjoyed our first Kindergarten Orientation session last Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet our future students and their parents.

Tomorrow's Kindergarten Orientation session between 10:00am – 11:00am will involve all of the children attending, participating in some creative activities, including making a mask.

Mrs Sarah Fenn, our highly experienced Kindergarten teacher will be giving an informative talk to the parents about what learning looks like in Kindergarten.



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 8

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

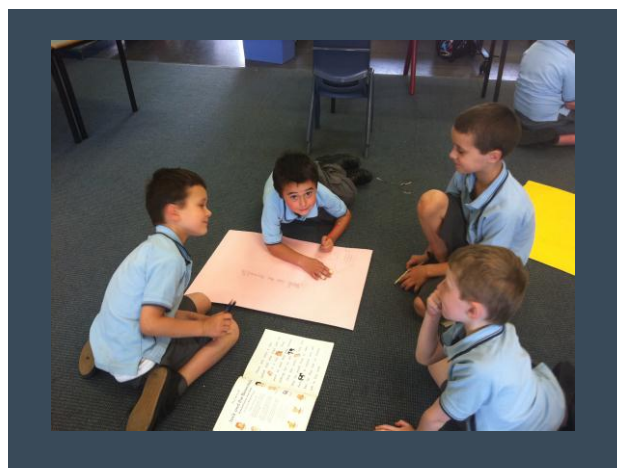
Makayla Irwin	Adam Ward
Mae Schluter	Lachlan Davis
Rachel Moppett	Dusty Jenkins
Emma Sharpe	Lauri Carson
Brittany Kelly x2	Jenny Kearnes
Jasmine Moscrop	Zoe Bird x2

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 8

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

Andy Parker
Travis Fenn
Alicia Borg



Skipathon

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



Library Stocktake

Next week all library books need to be returned to the library in preparation for stocktake, which will occur in Weeks 10 and 11. Could parents please ensure that their child's library books have been returned by Wednesday 5th December.

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Mrs Gilkes and Mrs Malcolm for covering our new Chapter books

Mrs Van der Meer



In K/1 we have been using the cooking room to make Christmas cupcakes. In Mathematics we have shown that in Kindergarten we can count by 10s and by 5s in Year 1.



1/2 have been learning about Thanksgiving as a part of our unit on Celebrations. We have watched a short movie and have made turkeys using our hands and feet. In Maths, we are learning about Chance and Probability. We are using the Interactive Whiteboard to help us.



This term we are talking about 'water' we are investigating the properties of water, how we use it and why it is so precious. We are doing a lot of 'hands on' experiments and writing an exposition on why we should conserve water. We are also looking at our local catchment area.



In 3/4 this week we have been publishing our Information Reports. They look fantastic! In English we have also been learning about different types of media and how media has changed through time. In Maths we have been learning about angles, percentages and mass. In our theme work, we have been investigating the different materials used to make an experiment to observe the decomposition properties of different foods and materials.



This week we have been learning about square metres and measuring a template of a metre square and measuring objects around the school.

We have also been learning about a Historical recount of Charles Kingsford Smith. He was the first person to fly continuously over the Pacific Ocean.



This week in 5/6 we have been practising our Christmas plays which we hope to perform at the end of this term. Watch for our posters advertising our plays. Year 6 are busy preparing for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner.

This week

Summer Language & Literacy Program

- Run by Speech Pathologist and Psychologist
- The aim will be to introduce language and literacy concepts to the children and increase their familiarity with these concepts
- For any child starting Kindergarten in 2013
- Corresponding parent information sessions
- 7-18 January
- Contact Bridges for Learning for more information phone 4861 4054

Year 6 Christmas Raffle

Prizes for the End of Year Christmas Raffle are on display in the front office. All monies raised will go towards purchasing technology products for children to use at school.

Great prizes, so please hand tickets back soon

