



Hill Top Public School

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Term 4 - Week 10

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Wednesday 12th December 2012



2012 Skip-a-thon



From the Principal's desk

Firstly, I'd like to thank all of our wonderful parents at Hill Top P. S. for such a productive and rewarding school year this year. Our school is blessed to have such an active whole school community of staff, students and parents. I would like to thank many parents individually but fear I may miss someone. All school community members have contributed in some way; supporting their child/children's learning e.g. with home reading and homework; funding extra-curricular events; attending classrooms as helpers; making resources and covering books; providing food for various events; supporting fundraisers; attending P&C meetings; giving extra help in the canteen; attending assemblies and various events; visiting regularly our school website; helping to create our vegetable garden and buying produce from it; attending working bees; attending organising committees e.g. for the Year 6 Fair and Year 6 Farewell, etc, etc. The list is extensive. There is also the valued contribution regularly from Mrs Therese Bird and all of our canteen helpers who work tirelessly to run our canteen, Mrs Sarah Zwickl our Uniform Coordinator, our P&C and our AASC workers led by Renae Van Althuis. Every so often there are also the quiet, invisible contributors. I would like to take this opportunity in this newsletter to highlight and acknowledge a few of these quiet achievers. As many of you may be aware, our GA, Mark Farrell has taken leave for the rest of this year. Unfortunately, we have been unable to get a replacement. Last Thursday afternoon and on the weekend, Mr and Mrs Maddock came into the school in their own time and mowed our entire school grounds to ensure the safety of all of our students and to encourage pride in our school environment. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank them very much for this kind gesture and valued contribution to our school. Another quiet, extremely valued contributor (Well!!!! Not so quiet!) is Bruce Nicholson.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK 10

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 students
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Every morning Bruce is at the morning assembly with a welcoming smile and gives us a hand on non canteen days to set up the microphone. He has also been on a top secret mission this week to get us out of a pickle. (I can't reveal that secret!) He is also a regular volunteer "barbecue". Please thank him on Friday when he endeavours to cook us all breakfast on the barbecue.

N.B. if anyone who live in close proximity to the school has a barbecue they can bring along for Friday's Big Breakfast, it would be very much appreciated! I think we are going to need two barbecues to cook approximately 400 bacon and egg rolls. Extra help would also be an added blessing!

The final quiet, invisible contributors are our cleaners Marissa Wilson, Kim Webb and Ray White. Each day they attend our school and do a magnificent job of cleaning and maintaining our beautiful school grounds. THANK YOU!

I would also like to thank all of the students, staff and parents for the support you have given me in the role of relieving principal in the last 15 months or so. I finally received an email last week from my school Education Director, Cheryl O'Connor to inform me that Brian Reakes will be retiring early next year and will not be returning from leave to Hill Top P.S. I will inform you more about the process for his replacement as information is given to me. The position may be filled by staffing by transfer or by merit selection which involves the creation of a panel, an advertisement and interviews. Meanwhile, I have asked Brian Reakes to attend our end of Year Assembly this Thursday 13th December at 9:10am. He has accepted this request and so I am pleased we will all have the opportunity to farewell him and wish him all the best for his retirement.

End of Term Assembly

Our End of Term Assembly for 2012 will be held in our school hall this Thursday 13th December. There will be some special guests attending including Mrs Pru Goward (Member for Goulburn), Mrs Paviour (Principal of Bowral H. S.) and Mr Brian Reakes (Remember him?). They will be helping us hand out our very special end of term assembly awards as well as other special presentations including announcing recipients of the Bowral H.S. scholarships, the Dux, Principal and Citizenship awards and announcing our new sport captains and SRC executive for next year. We warmly welcome all parents to come along. **Please note this assembly is a longer assembly and therefore commences just after 9.00am after we line up under the COLA.**

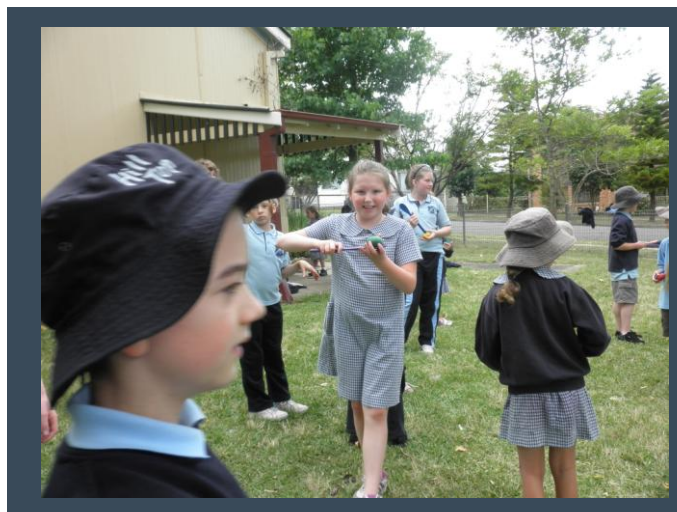
Friday fun Day-Free Breakfast/Peer Support Games/ Talent Quest

The Friday 14th December we will be having our **free** big breakfast here at school to celebrate a successful year. We invite all students and parents to come along to this free breakfast of egg and bacon rolls, raisin toast, fruit and muffins. There will also be tea and coffee **sold** separately for our adults from the canteen.

This breakfast will commence just after 9.00am. We ask all students and parents to come down to the morning assembly when the morning bell rings like we usually do. We will then send off students and parents class by class, starting with the younger students to go up to near the cooking room to get their breakfast and then to move into the quadrangle area outside the classrooms to eat their breakfast. Please ensure you follow these organisational guidelines so that the plan to feed so many people runs smoothly. The Year 6 students will be serving the breakfast. **We would also like to invite any available parents who can help set up the breakfast to come along between 8.00am and 8.30am to help cut up fruit, set up the shade tents, set up the barbecue, etc. If anyone has an extra barbeque they could get to school this would be a real asset!!!!**

We would like to invite parents to stay after the breakfast and join in or help with the fun games our Peer Support leaders are organising for their Peer Support teams across the school. All students will return to their classrooms very briefly after the breakfast to have their attendance recorded and then our Peer Support games will commence. Lunch and recess will be as normal although the times may vary. This will be the last day for the canteen if your child/children are ordering their lunch or recess.

In the afternoon we will be holding our Talent Quest in the school hall. This will commence at approximately 2.00pm. We would like to invite all parents to attend.



Winter Uniforms

Many of you will have noticed some new winter tunics for the girls displayed in our front office area. We were going to send you home a uniform survey this term for you to provide us with your feedback. We have also prepared an online survey. We have decided however (due to exhaustion!) that we will hold off this discussion for all till the beginning of next year when we are feeling more relaxed and refreshed after a holiday break.

School Reports - Semester Two

All student school reports will be handed out to the students to take home at the very end of the day this Thursday 13th December. Due to shortage of time, it is difficult to arrange a full program for parent/teacher interviews however, please see your child/children's teachers if you would like to arrange a meeting time to discuss their school report further. Our dedicated teachers are more than happy to provide a meeting time for you to give you more information or to ask questions.

Gold Cooking Classes

I apologise that I have not run these cooking classes for our Gold certificate holders in the last two weeks. It seems that both the cooking room and myself, have been busy! I intend on running these early next week. Lyn Cleave has promised to come up and help me and keep me on track to my commitment. I will provide all necessary ingredients and items. If your child has a Gold certificate I would simply like you to send them to school next week with an apron or cover shirt and also, more importantly, let me know if your child has any food allergies. I will start with the Year 6 students so they do not miss out. In the unlikely event that I cannot get to cook with all of the students before the end of year, I will organise some cooking classes at the commencement of next year. Thank you for being so patient and understanding.

Last Day of School for Students this Year

The last day of school for Term 4 for the students is Wednesday 19th December. This is the day we will be holding our Year 6 Farewell festivities including the Year 6 Farewell Arch in the afternoon.

The first day back for school for the Year One - Six students in 2013 is Wednesday 29th January. The new Kindergarten students will commence school on Friday 1st February.



PRINCIPALS AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 10

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

Matthew Bates

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

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

Matthew Bates
Racquel Morris
Katlyn Stevenson
Alicia Borg
Brent McKeown

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 10

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

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 10

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

Racquel Morris x 2
Jaydan Stevenson
Amy Winnel
Olwyn Schluter
David Napper
Bradley Grose
Andrea Ayoub
Baden Patterson
Mackinley Coffey
Katlyn Stevenson
Chloe Berriman
Kiara Berriman
Riley McKeown



Hill Top Carols by Candlelight

Venue: Hill Top Public School oval

Date: 21ST December 2012

Time: 7.00pm



You are welcome to arrive from 7.00pm and join in a sausage sizzle for \$1.00 donation (proceeds to go to Hill Top Public school), then sit in the grassy area and enjoy singing Carols from 7.30pm.



K/1 are busy this week making Christmas craft. We have been printing, curling, cutting and assembling. We are keeping a calendar and counting backwards to the end of the year. We have been learning the seasons and months of the year. Kindergarten have been learning to count money and Year 1 have been learning to give change.



This week we are making reindeers out of paper coffee cups and we are going to fill them with lollies. In Science, we are learning about where water goes when it rains and how it gets to our tap. In Maths we are looking at volume and capacity. We are measuring how much something holds. We are reading a book called "How Santa Really Works" by Alan Snow. Now we know all Santa's secrets. We started our 'Joy of Christmas 2012' booklet and we are designing a new toy for Christmas.



This week Year 4 have been focusing on completing the Emily Rodda we have been reading in Reading Group. We are excited about the Skipathon and the Talent Quest on Friday. If we are really good we may even start some Christmas Craft.

This week



1/2 would like to thank all of the wonderful parents who have helped us throughout the year! This week we have been making creative Christmas cards, playing maths games and making stain glass pictures.



This week in English we are continuing with our colour poems. The poems that are published look fantastic! We are also beginning work on mini Christmas unit which is lots of fun. We have made some fantastic star mobiles and look forward to taking them home.



Lexile reading is finished as all library books are being returned to the library. Students are engaged in literacy activities in a mini theme centred around Christmas. We continue to work on our Christmas plays and hope to perform them in week 11. 5/6 students had a Mathematics challenge morning on Tuesday where students had the opportunity to compete against each other in Live Maths. We have been revising the area of a triangle, Australian time zones, graphs and algebraic Equations.

Splish n Splash Aquatic Training

Week 1 7th January 2013 - 11th January 2013
Week 2 14th January 2013 - 18th January 2013

School Holiday Intensive Learn to Swim program
Beginners, Stroke Correction, Squad
Adults and Children of all ages
Individual lessons in a heated pool
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