

Hill Top Public School

Honour 1884 Trust



Term 1—Week 5

Wednesday 22 February 2012



From the Principal's Desk School Photos

On Monday, March 5 our students will be having their annual school photographs taken. The School Photographer order envelopes were sent home on Monday with your child/children. These orders with payment need to be returned to the office as soon as possible and before the school photo day. There is also the opportunity on this day to have family photos taken. This requires a different order envelope which needs to be requested for and picked up at the front office.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students, staff and parents who participated in our successful swimming carnival last Friday. Thank you to all of the students and parents who responded so quickly and sensibly to the need to evacuate quickly when the storm hit in the early afternoon. A special thank you also needs to go to all of the staff who organised this day so well and to Mrs Griffiths who coordinated this event. Mrs Griffiths has included in this newsletter, an article and photos about this special day.

Hill Top Community Centre Access Closed

As I reported in a previous newsletter, there is council work being undertaken at the Hill Top Community Centre to construct a new footpath and a set of fire stairs. This work has now begun and this whole area is now a prohibited and dangerous construction site. We need to ask all parents and students to refrain from entering or using this area for any reason. It is anticipated that this work will only take a few weeks to complete and the council has assured me that they will let us know when it will be reopened as a safe and useable area again. We ask you to speak to your children about not walking through or near this area. It cannot be used for car parking or as a drop off or pick up area whilst this work is in progress. Thank you for your assistance and patience with this matter.

Class Assembly

On Friday, 2 March, Years 5/6 will be holding their class assembly in the school hall at 12:30pm. All parents are warmly welcomed to attend. Mrs Griffiths will be handing out the swimming carnival ribbons at this assembly.

Working Bee

We would like to hold a working bee with parents on a weekend in the not too distant future to attend to some much needed school ground maintenance and for the completion of some intended initiatives. Some areas of need include the construction of some timber seating around some trees in our playground areas. Timber was purchased for this last year however we need parental help for it's construction. Similarly a shade cloth was purchased as a Year Six present some time ago but we need assistance in it's construction. We would also like to achieve some much needed weeding and mulching of our garden beds as well as begin on our vegetable garden initiative. A date that suits all / most still needs to be decided upon by parents, staff and our General Assistant, Mark Farrell. Some suggestion has been given to hold it on a Sunday to avoid any clash with Saturday sporting events. If you would like to be involved or have any further ideas for improvements could you please contact me as soon as possible.

School Clean Up Day

Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday, 4 March. Hill Top Public School have registered to participate in the School Clean Up Day which is Friday, 2 March. We will be starting at approximately 2:30pm. Please supply your child with gloves on the day. There will be some spare plastic gloves available for those who don't have gloves. "All parents and community members are warmly welcomed to attend and help on this afternoon".

Diary Dates – Term 1

Week 5

Wednesday, February 22	3:00pm Staff Meeting—Asthma training
Thursday, February 23	3:00pm Meet The Teacher Afternoon K / 1 with Mrs Fenn, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Lesslie, Mrs Gee & Mrs Leicester
	3:30pm Meet The Teacher Afternoon 5 / 6 with Mrs Griffiths & Ms Hofman
Friday, February 24	District Swimming Carnival —Mittagong Pool Mrs Griffiths & Mrs Leicester attending

Lost Property

We regularly have a rather full box of lost property items including hats, jumpers and toys. Mrs Fenn tries to sort through this box on a weekly basis. All items with names on them are returned immediately to students however, there are still many items that remain as there are no names on them. The lost property box is kindly put out in front of the office area every morning and afternoon. We ask parents to check this regularly as well as attempt to label all items such as hats, jumpers, lunch boxes, drink bottles, etc clearly with student names.



Enrichment Days

Two students from each stage, Stages One to Three have been nominated and expressed interest in attending enrichment days at Bowral Public School on poetry writing. These students were given notes about this last week and so we ask these students to please return these notes and their money to cover the cost of the day this week. We also still need to ascertain travel arrangement for these students. We wish them well and look forward to sharing their poetic efforts when they return.

Thank you

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester—Relieving Principal

P&C News-What did you miss?

Thank you to those parents and staff who took the time to attend our P&C meeting. We had a total of 11 parents and 4 staff involved in discussions about class structures, book packs (what they contain and why), as well as future additions that our school will need to move forward, in the best interest of all students. P&C discussed with present teachers the future direction the school will take in all core curriculum areas. The School Management Plan for the next three years is currently being written. Our plan will be put in place to achieve set goals and have in mind the best way to accommodate all students to move forward with the best possible educational opportunities.

Numeracy and Literacy within each class were explained and the online supports that have been purchased for students in these areas were also discussed. An expansion of these resources is being explored. Upcoming events were discussed and dates were set. Please refer to future newsletters or the school web site so as not to miss any of these special events. Ideas for future events were also explored. A vegetable garden has been supported by P&C and will have all of our children happily picking the things they grow. Promotional items from the Coles and Woolworths Promotions were finalised and in discussion with teachers, a need for computers in the library arose. The P&C have made a decision to run a Cadbury chocolate drive in order to support these needs. Hopefully the school community will support this need and help raise as much as we did last year, possibly equating to the possibility of up to 6 to 8 new computers. If any person or family who would like to contribute directly to our computer funds, please see Sarah Leicester, Relieving Principal.

I wish to invite anybody with ideas that will support our school to please leave these suggestions at the office in written form to be tabled at our next meeting on 8 March 2012. This meeting will also include a quick AGM followed by our standard meeting. Hill Top Public School is a community school. The more people that we have involved and helping to shape the direction of our school, the happier our school community as a whole will be. Child care is provided at each meeting for families who return their child care need slip provided in the newsletter the week or so before a meeting. We always try to address things in a timely manner and a lot of important items are discussed that affect the school community as a whole. Parent input is important so I encourage you to come along and see what it is all about.

Mrs Louise Haskins—P & C President

Canteen

The Canteen would like to welcome back everyone and welcome to all our new families. If you are ordering your child's lunch please write your child's name and class on bag with their order and place it into the canteen by 9.15 am. To all the people who put their name down to assist in the canteen, if you have not yet received your Canteen Roster, please call into the canteen and pick one up.

Please note our Choc and Rainbow swirl billabong ice creams have gone up to \$1.30. The canteen is having an ice cream of the week, so if you check the canteen door you will see what it is they will be available until sold out.

Mrs Therese Bird—Canteen Manager

Clothing Pool

Orders are now being taken for school tracksuits. Please collect an order form from the front office.

Mrs Sarah Zwickl—Uniform Coordinator

BEING A GOOD LOSER

Losing can make you feel bad, but staying friends is more important than giving in to your grumpy feelings

Dos'

- Accept that you have lost, or are losing, and put on a 'good face'.
- Congratulate the winner and smile
- Comment on what the winner did well
- Say you enjoyed the game and would like to play again another time
- Help pack up and put away materials
- Remember all the times you have won before
- Say to yourself "Someone has to lose this time"



Don'ts

- If you're not doing well, don't give up or stop trying
- Don't use a whingeing grumpy tone
- Don't suggest that the winner cheated or had an unfair advantage
- Don't say you never want to play with that person again
- Don't stamp off in a bad mood
- Don't devalue the game
- Don't leave the winner to do all the packing up
- Don't think of yourself as a 'loser'
- Don't think "I'll never win again".

You will win again

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS WEEK 5

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

Luca Squires
Danielle Alcorn
Jasmine Schoonenberg
Jessica Howell x 2
Rachel Moppett x 3
Riley O'Connell
Cassandra Beasley

SILVER AWARD WINNERS WEEK 5

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

Abbie Zwickl
Brooke McKeown
Riley McKeown
Matthew Bates
Hayley Lacava x 2
Makayla Davis
Ashleigh Willebrand
Elizabeth Lacava
Katie Maddock
Dominic Guido
Emily Van Althuis
Kaleb Bell x 2

Blue Light Disco

Saturday 25 February—Mittagong RSL Club.

Juniors 4:00pm—6:00pm \$5:00
Mums and dads free.

Seniors 7:30pm—10:00pm

Sales after 4:00pm—\$15:00

Enquiries—0414 629 299

Hill Top Church

Sunday School
9.00am to 10.00am
Bus pick up

Ring Vicki Aitken
48898761

LORRAINE MARWOOD

Date: Thursday 1st March, 2012

Time: 4.30 PM

Venue: The Bookshop Bowral,
309 Bong Bong St, Bowral,
NSW, 2576



For Kids of All Ages.

Spend an hour with Lorraine Marwood one of Australia's foremost children's poets.

Be enchanted as she takes us on a warm and delightful journey of verse.

Lorraine will be reading in the children's section of the Bookshop Bowral on Thursday 1st March at 4.30pm.

This is a free event.

For more information about Lorraine Marwood, visit: www.walkerbooks.com.au



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Swimming Carnival

With a clear and sunny start to the day we went ahead with the school swimming carnival last Friday. The competitors were keen and the competition level was high.



Six records were smashed on the day, five of them by our own torpedo Abbie Zwickl which was a mammoth effort.

New Records

- *Open girls 4x50m medley - Abbie Zwickl at a time of 4.22.31 (previously held by Sophia Begg 4.28.03)
- *8yr girls 50m freestyle – Jessica Orchard at a time of 0.49.76 (previously held by Ashley Wood 1.00.65)
- *10yr girls 50m freestyle - Abbie Zwickl at a time of 0.39.06 (previously held by Elizabeth Canning 0.47.75)
- *Jnr girls 50m breaststroke - Abbie Zwickl at a time of 0.58.44 (previously held by Carissa Anderson 1.07.54)
- *Jnr girls 50m backstroke - Abbie Zwickl at a time of 0.50.09 (previously held by Abbie Zwickl 1.01.34)
- *100m open girls freestyle – Abbie Zwickl at a time of 1.36.21 (previously held by Nicole Wood 1.44.19)

Congratulations to both girls.



I was very impressed by the sportsmanship of all the competitors and the outstanding behaviour of all who attended. All races were completed and the fun activities underway when our carnival was cut short by thunder storms. I must commend all the children for their calm cooperation and sensible attitude when getting out of the pool and getting ready for our quick escape back to school. Numerous orders of hot chips seemed to keep spirits high. Thank you to all the parents who quickly packed up shelters and equipment. A special thank you to the Zwickl and Martin families for all their support on the day and for transporting equipment back to school. The rain did not dampen our spirits (pardon the pun) and a great day was had by all. Place getters will be awarded their ribbons at the school assembly on Friday 9 March. The assembly will start at 12.30 pm. Photos of the carnival can be viewed on the school web site. This Friday I will be taking a squad of swimmers to Mittagong pool for the Wingecarribee District schools swimming carnival. Children received nominations based on qualifying times. Please see Mrs. Griffiths if you need further information.

Regards—Robyn Griffiths
Sports coordinator



HILL TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL - SWIMMING 2012 WPSSA NOMINATIONS

EVENTS	1 ST NOMINATION	2 ND NOMINATION
100m Freestyle open boys	Matthew Bates	
100m Freestyle open girls	Abbie Zwickl	Elizabeth Lacava
50m Freestyle 8y boys		
50m Freestyle 8y girls	Emily Van Althuis	Jessica Howell
50m Freestyle 9y boys	Beau Haskins	
50m Freestyle 9y girls	Jessica Orchard	Tiana Kelly
50m Freestyle 10y boys	Simon Mitchell	Bailey Varga
50m Freestyle 10y girls	Abbie Zwickl	Katie Maddock
50m Freestyle 11y boys	Zac Short	Liam Thompson
50m Freestyle 11y girls	Carmel Franklin	Caitlin Everett
50m Freestyle 12y boys	Billy Grose	Matthew Bates
50m Freestyle 12y girls	Brittany Kelly	Elizabeth Lacava
50m Breaststroke Junior boys		
50m Breaststroke Junior girls	Abbie Zwickl	Ashleigh Willebrand
50m Breaststroke 11y boys	Zack Short	
50m Breaststroke 11y girls	Caitlin Everett	
50m Breaststroke 12/13y boys	Matthew Bates	Billy Grose
50m Breaststroke 12/13y girls	Brittany Kelly	Elizabeth Lacava
50m Backstroke Junior boys	Beau Haskins	
50m Backstroke Junior girls	Abbie Zwickl	Jessica Orchard
50m Backstroke 11y boys	Liam Thompson	
50m Backstroke 11y girls	Caitlin Everett	Carmel Franklin
50m Backstroke 12y boys	Billy Grose	Matthew Bates
50m Backstroke 12y girls	Elizabeth Lacava	Brittany Kelly
50m Butterfly Junior boys		
50m Butterfly Junior girls		
50m Butterfly 11y boys		
50m Butterfly 11y girls		
50m Butterfly 12y boys	Matthew Bates	Guy Bailey
50m Butterfly 12y girls	Brittany Kelly	
4 x 50m Medley Open boys		
4 x 50m Medley Open girls	Abbie Zwickl	
50m Junior Relay girls	Abbie Zwickl, Jessica Orchard, Katie Maddock, Hollie Smith Reserve: Emily Van Althuis	
50m Junior Relay boys		
50m Senior Relay boys	Matthew Bates, Billy Grose, Guy Bailey, Zac Short, Reserve: Barton Greenfield	
50m Senior Relay girls	Carmel Franklin, Caitlin Everett, Brittany Kelly, Elizabeth Lacava Reserve: Chelsea Alcorn	



Gallery – K/1 Literacy

Each day K/1 participate in L3 reading and writing activities. These are some photos of us hard at work.



L3 Engine Room with Mrs Kelly



Listening Post



Year 1 completing group work with Mrs Fenn



Working Independently



L3 Independent Activities



Using our scissors carefully.