Hill Top Public School

Honour 1884 Trust

Term 1—Week 6 **Wednesday 29 February, 2012**

From the Principal's Desk

District Swimming Carnival

We would like to congratulate all of our students who participated in the District Swimming Carnival last Friday, 24 February at Mittagong Pool. These students are Emily Van Althuis, Tiarna Kelly, Beau Haskins, Jessica Howell, Abbie Zwickl, Jessica Orchard, Ashleigh Willebrand, Katie Maddock, Hollie Smith, Liam Thompson, Barton Greenfield, Simon Mitchell, Guy bailey Wilson, Carmel Franklin, Elizabeth Lacava, Brittany Kelly, Chelsea Alcorn, Caitlin Everett, Billy Grose, Zac Short and Matthew Bates. Mrs Haskins has provided us some photos from this successful day for our photo gallery this week.

A special congratulations to Abbie Zwickl
who was awarded a trophy for
Junior Swim Girls Champion Wingecarribee District.

5/6 Assembly this week

Our 5/6 class will be holding their class assembly this week. I don't wish to give any surprises away but I believe they will be performing some skits on safe cleaning practises before our Clean Up afternoon. We will also be handing out swimming ribbons, class awards, Gold awards and our 2012 Library monitor badges. All parents are warmly welcomed to attend this assembly. **It will commence at 12:30pm in our school hall.**

Clean Up Our School Afternoon

This Friday, 2 March at 2:30pm we will cease lessons early to work as a school community to clean up our school grounds. All students need to bring gloves, hats, plastic bags and any other equipment eg: an old pair of tongs to school on this day. Year 6 students will work with their Kindy buddies to ensure they follow safe guidelines. All parents are welcome to assist with this initiative and help to provide extra supervision for the students. We hope to have a clean school and then maintain our environment.

Firewise Program

This Thursday 1 March at 9:30am we will be having a free visit from the Rural Fire Service to implement a "Firewise Program" with our Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) students. They will learn about fire prevention and safety procedures.

University Tests 2012

We are now taking entries for the 2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) supported by the University of New South Wales (UNSW). These University tests will take place in school time, at school on different dates between May and August of this year. These curriculum based tests are in the learning areas of *Computer Skills *Science *Writing *Spelling *English *Mathematics. If you would like your child/children to sit one or more of these tests we would like your child/children to see their class teacher to ask for a permission note. The class teacher will then tick boxes to indicate to you as parent/s which tests they feel your child is suitable to sit tests for based on observation and assessment based evidence. The note will then go home for you to indicate preferred tests. There is a monetary charge for sitting for each test. These prices are indicated on the note. Every students who sits a test receives an individual diagnostic report as well as a UNSW certificate acknowledging participation and celebrating achievement.

Working Bee

We have set a tentative date for our much needed school working bee. We hope with enough parental support to hold our working bee on **Sunday 1st April**. Thank you to the parents who have indicated already that they will be able to help on the day. I will supply more specific information about this after our P&C meeting next week.

Diary Dates – Term 1

Week 6—March

Monday,	5	Whole School Photos 3:00pm—4:15pm Afternoon Activities
Wednesday,	7	Regional Swimming—Dapto 3:00pm—4:15pm Afternoon Activities
Thursday,	8	3:15—4:00pm P&C (remember to put your child care forms into the front office)
Friday,	9	12:45pm SRC Assembly

Week 7—March

Monday,	12	11:30am Kindergarten photos for local paper 3:00pm—4:15pm Afternoon Activities
Wednesday,	14—16	Mrs Leicester at Regional Principal Conference—Wollongong

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P & C
Just a reminder that our next P&C meeting will be held in the school library between 3:15—4:00pm next week on Thursday 8 March. This is our annual AGM meeting. **Please fill out and return the P&C childcare form attached to this newsletter if you require child care on this afternoon.** It is important that we have these child care slips returned well before the afternoon to ensure that we have organised the appropriate adult to child supervision.

We encourage new members to our P&C so please come along if you can. We have also set up a new space on our school website for all P&C information so please Google "Hill Top Public School" to have a look at this site.

Year 6 Transition to High School
This Thursday at 2:15pm, a teacher representative from Bowral High School will be coming to Hill Top PS to speak to all of our Year 6 students about transition to high school.

Asthma Management at Hill Top Public School
On Wednesday 22 February, 2012, staff from HTPS attended a session on Asthma the Basic Facts. The training session covered asthma management and medications, assessing an asthma attack and Asthma First Aid. The session allowed the staff to feel confident in caring for our students with their asthma and knowing the correct response procedures.

All students who have been diagnosed with Asthma from their family doctor are requested to produce an Asthma Action Plan. This plan will help staff recognise and take steps to medicate your child where necessary. All medications and inhalers should be handed into the schools front office in a bag with children's name on all equipment. These medications should be checked regularly to ensure they are still in date.

Visiting Artists
This year we will be asking parents to pay for visiting artists term by term. There are no visiting artists scheduled for this term. We will send a note home at the end of this term to outline our scheduled visiting artists for next term.

School Photos—Monday 5 March.
Just a reminder that we will be having our school photos taken next Monday.

All school photo order envelopes need to be returned by the end of this week. Anyone who would like to order a family photograph needs to get a special family photograph envelope form the front office. All students need to come to school on Monday in full, clean and tidy school uniform. We will begin the day with a whole school aerial style photograph.

Harmony Day—21 March
Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The continuing message for Harmony Day is that "Everyone Belongs". We will celebrate Harmony Day here at Hill Top PS. Mrs Van der Meer is organising a Harmony Day poster competition at our school. The students are invited to wear orange clothing to school on 21 March. This will be an SRC fundraising event. All proceeds will go to our World Vision student, Alpha. Students wearing orange will be asked to donate a gold coin.

Southern Highland Kindergarten Photos
On Monday March 12, Roy Truscott from the Southern Highland News will be coming to Hill Top PS to take photos of our Kindergarten students for a special publication in this newsletter. He will be coming at 11:30am.

Kind regards
Mrs S Leicester

BEING A GOOD WINNER

Winning feels good, but remember to win in a way which keeps friends.

Dos'

- Keep your smiles and excitement low-key
- Comment on what the other players did well (but don't overdo it!)
- Keep trying hard even if you are a long way ahead
- Thank the others for a good game

Don'ts

- Don't boast about how well you are doing or how well you played
- Don't comment on how far behind the other players are
- Don't imply that others were easy to beat
- Don't point out what others did badly
- Don't act happy about other players' bad luck eg: don't clap if they mss their shot, don't laugh if they go down a snake in Snakes and Ladders

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Uniform Shop and Clothing Pool

Opened Every WEDNESDAY MORNING
from 8.45am to 9.30am in the Meeting Room (The Old Classroom).

Orders can be placed at the front office any day of the week and will be filled as soon as possible. Please include your phone number as once I have filled your order you will be notified and it will be available for collection and/or payment via the front office.
Appointments can be made via the office for special circumstances

Girls Kibac Culottes on sale for $10.00 each until sold out. There is limited stock available in various sizes except Size 10 which are sold out. Please note that these culottes are NOT the Box Pleated Culottes which are available for $18.00.

Orders are now being taken for the sports jackets and pants. Please collect an order form front the front office or online from the school website, complete with your name, contact phone number and your deposit and leave at the office. Deposit is $10.00 per item ordered. All orders must be received by the last day of term 1. Please place orders and money in a sealed envelope. All families will be notified when your order is completed and available for pick up at the office.

Sports News

Congratulations to Matthew Bates and Lucas Carpenter on their selection to the district cricket team. They both will be attending the zone trials at Goulburn on Friday. We wish them well.

District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday a squad of 22 students attended Mittagong Pool for the district swimming carnival. The children were outstanding ambassadors for the school.

Congratulations to Abbie Zwickl who came 1st in Junior Girls Medley, 10 years 50 m Freestyle, Junior Girls Breaststroke, Junior Girls Backstroke and Junior Girls Butterfly. Abbies' achievements earn't her the honour of District Junior Girls Champion. A trophy was presented to her on the day by Mr Mark Berry, president of the Wingecarribee Public Schools Sports Association.

Our junior girls relay team achieved 2nd place. Team members were Abbie Zwickl, Jessica Orchard, Katie Maddock and Hollie Smith. All of these place getters will be attending the regional swimming carnival in Dapto on 8 March. We wish them all the best.

CLEAN UP OUR SCHOOL AFTERNOON FRIDAY MARCH 2

Weather Permitting

Please send your child to school with:-

- **Gloves**
- **Hat**
- **Plastic bags**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Tongs (optional)**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hill Top Church
Sunday School
9.00am to 10.00am
Bus pick up

Ring Vicki Aitken
48898761

Clean Up Australia day
Sunday 4 March, 2012

The Hill Top Community Association are organising a group to meet at 9:00am this Sunday to participate in cleaning up Hill Top. We will meet outside the Village Store and will provide drinks, so bring the kids and help make Hill Top a cleaner place to live!

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Our Expositions
What Hill Top Needs!!! By Class 2 / 3

I believe Hill Top needs a skate park so we can practice riding. People can have fun. You can't ride to the skate park because it is too far to Tahmoor Monster Skate Park. You can get fit and you can learn new tricks.
Brody Finch

I think Hill Top needs a pet shop. I think we need a pet shop so we can buy reptiles. So we don't have to go to Mittagong. We can visit the animals every day. I strongly believe if we had a pet shop it would make people happy!!!
Jake Zagoridis

I believe Hill Top needs a skate park. We have no safe areas to ride things, no place to play. I love to skate. I strongly believe Hill Top needs a skate park to ride on and to entertain people.
Emily Van Althuis

I believe Hill Top needs more people. Hill Top needs more people because we only have 215 kids at Hill Top School. I want 10,000 people. If we have more people I could have more friends at school. I strongly believe that we need more people in Hill Top.
Brody Gilkes

I believe Hill Top needs to have footpaths because it is not safe to cross the road. If we went to cross the road and we forgot to look, a car can come and hit us. We need footpaths in Hill Top so we can walk safely to school.
Alana Bradley

I believe Hill Top needs a skate park because where I live people drift around the corner and it is not safe to ride. I could be for 8 to 12 year olds. I think we should have a safe place to go. Kids sometimes get bored, like me.
Correy McKell

I think we should have a pet shop because we don't have any. I don't think we should have a pound with just dogs. We should have a pound turned into a pet shop. I strongly believe Hill Top needs a pet shop.
Brook Maddock

I think Hill Top needs a pet shop because the animals are cute and they can hop and they are fluffy.
Jayde McKell

I think Hill Top needs a Games Arcade. Firstly, I think Hill Top needs a games arcade because there are not many things to do in Hill Top. Secondly, people need somewhere to play games. Thirdly, people get bored and sometimes people just want to play games. I strongly believe a games arcade would be fun for everyone.
Cameron Boase

I believe Hill Top needs a new park. We have no safe places to play. If we had a new park the children would be happy.
Clayton O'Maley

I believe Hill Top needs a skate park. My first reason is because we have nowhere to ride our scooters. No footpaths. My second reason is because we have no safe places to ride. My third reason is because people love to skate. I strongly believe Hill Top needs a skate park.
Charli Meadows

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BRONZE AWARD WINNERS WEEK 6

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

Hollie Ayoub
Andrea Ayoub
Jasmine Moscrop
Khallil Ayoub x 2
Abbey Horne
Rebekah Bates
Abbie Zwickl
Mackinley Coffey
Hayden Frank x 3
Thye Hamilton

SILVER AWARD WINNERS WEEK 6

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

Michael Shute x 2
Rachel Moppett

GOLD AWARD WINNERS WEEK 6

Congratulations and well done to the following students who will receive their Gold Certificate.

Kaleb Bell
Hayden Willebrand
Emily Van Althuis
Beau Haskins

P & C

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday 8 March, 2012

Where: School Library Time: 3:15pm—4:00pm

Agenda: All positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be asked for the following positions:
- Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President & President.

**Working Bee **Cadbury Chocolates (computers in the Library) **Vegetable Garden

P&C Chocolate Drive:

Our Family would like to be issued with 1 2 3 4 (please circle one) boxes of chocolates on Monday 5 March 2011.

Family Name: _____Parent Signature: _____

Our family is unable to participate in the Cadbury School fundraiser at this time. Please do not send Chocolates home with my child/ren.

Family Name: _____Parent Signature: _____

Thankyou for supporting our school. Any questions or queries please contact Louise on 0416 015 415 .

Each family will be asked to take a box of chocolates valued at $50:00.
The box of chocolates will contain—Time Out, Boost, Cherry Ripe and Crunchie.
For each box of chocolates sold your family will be given a raffle ticket to go into a draw for prizes.
Please return this form to the front office ASAP no later than Friday 1 March to be allocated your chocolate boxes.

P & C Meeting
Thursday 8 March 2012

Yes I will require child care to attend the P & C Meeting. I have child/ children.

Name: _____ Age:_____

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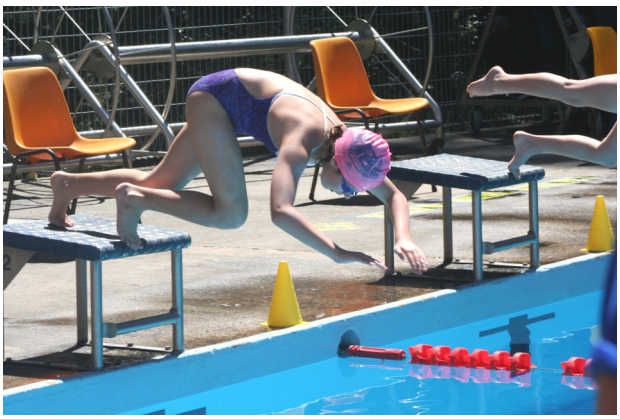
Gallery – District Swimming Carnival

Hill Top participates at Mittagong Pool on Friday 24 February 2012



Take your mark! GO!

And off he goes!!

Come on team!!

Go Hill Top !

Ready for backstroke

Winners are grinners!

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