

Hill Top Public School

Honour 1884 Trust



Term 1—Week 7

Wednesday 7 March, 2012



From the Principal's Desk

School Clean Up afternoon

Last week we needed to postpone our intended School Clean Up afternoon due to wet weather. We will be holding a clean up session this Thursday 8 March. We are unable to hold it in the afternoon session as we have Stage 1 sport and CAPA groups, so we will hold it just before lunch at 12:45—1:15pm. We welcome all parents who are available to assist at this time. We ask all students to bring gloves, hats, plastic bags and tongs (optional) on Thursday. We will ensure all students wash their hands thoroughly before lunch eating time.

Broad Brimmed Hats

We are starting to notice a few caps 'sneaking' into our school and being worn on the playground. As part of our Sunsmart protection policy we ask all students to wear broad brimmed hats to school, preferably 'Hill Top P.S.' ones as part of our uniform policy. Thank you for your assistance as parents in this matter.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Yesterday we distributed an information guide and expression of interest form for parents and carers to all of the Year 6 students. Please return this form on or before Friday 16 March 2012 to Mrs Griffiths. If you would like assistance in completing this form or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Griffiths or myself. If your Year 6 child was absent from school on Monday, please see Mrs Griffiths to obtain a form.

P&C Meeting this Thursday

We are having a P&C meeting this Thursday between 3:15—4:30pm in our school library. It will be our annual AGM. Please fill out and return the P&C childcare slip if you haven't already. All parents are welcome to attend. We always encourage new members to come along.

SRC Assembly

We will be having an SRC assembly this week on **Friday 9 March at 12:45pm** in our school hall. This assembly will be organised and led by our School Representative Council K—6. All parents are warmly welcomed to attend.

Kindergarten Photo for the Southern Highland News

On Monday 12 March we will be having a visit from the SHN photographer Roy who will be taking a photo of all of our Kindergarten students for the newspaper. All Kindergarten students will need to be dressed in neat, clean school uniform. He will be coming in at about 11:30am.

Congratulations To Our Cricket Star

Congratulations to Matthew Bates who will be representing our school at the Regional Cricket Trials on 16 March at Bateman's Bay. We wish him all the very best and will be thinking of him on this day.

Working Bee

On Sunday April 1, we would like to have a community working bee here at Hill Top Public School. This will be discussed further at our P&C meeting this week so further details will be in next week's newsletter. Work on the day ranges from general maintenance of our school grounds including weeding and mulching to higher skilled areas such as laying pavers and building timber seats. We would like to gain an expression of interest from as many community members as soon as possible to ascertain the likelihood of holding such a working bee. Can interested parents and community members return the expression of interest on this newsletter to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Diary Dates – Term 1

Week 7—March

Thursday,	8	3:15—4:30pm P&C Meeting in School Library
Friday,	9	12:45pm SRC Assembly Mrs Gee to Best Start Training

Week 8—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

Harmony Day Poster Competition

Harmony day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. Mrs Van der Meer is implementing a poster competition for Harmony day here at Hill Top P.S. All interested students need to see their class teacher to get an entry form. This poster competition is being organised by the Kaz Care Education Centre. All entries MUST be A4 size and any medium is acceptable. Prizes will be awarded to those students whose art work best illustrate an innovative approach to the "Where our families come from" theme. There will be three prizes for each age group, 6—9 and 10 –12 years. All entrants receive a Certificate of Participation.

School Photos

I have received a few enquiries about late payment for school photos. If you would like to make a late payment for school photos you need to contact The School Photographer company directly to make a payment. All details are on the school photo order envelope. Individual student and group photos were all taken on Monday regardless of payment.

University Tests

Just a reminder that parents wishing to nominate their child / children to sit for any of the University tests need to ask their child / children to collect one of these notes from their class teacher / s. These notes with payment need to be returned to our office by April 1.

Hill Top P.S. Web Site

Just a reminder that weekly full colour newsletters are uploaded every week on to our school website. Simply Google Hill Top Public School to find this site. We regularly post information and photos on this site. Each class has a designated section for information relevant to that class. To find a composite class go to the lower number of that class eg: 5 / 6 class is located under the Year 5 heading. Please ensure you have returned your permission note to publish photos of your child / children.

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester and all of the staff at Hill Top P.S.



Poetry Day!

On the first day of March, 2012, Liam Cleymans and I were chosen from 5 / 6 to participate in an enrichment day at Bowral Public School to meet a Poetry author. At 8:55am, Liam and I got into my mum's car and went to Bowral Public School. Firstly we went in the office and then a man took us to their new hall. In the hall there were other schools there like Bowral Public School, Bundanoon Public School, Glenquarry Public School and lots more. The first thing we did was warm up. Then we got started on our first poem which was called a Image Poem. A Image Poem is when you choose a picture and describe it as an Image, but in writing. After she read us a couple of stories from her book that came out last year. It was called, "Note on the door". Then it was Recess. After recess we moved on to our second poem, which we had to start with the first letter of your name. It was great. Then she started talking about her other book called "Ratwhiskers and me", and gold. After we had lunch. Then we went back in the hall and we did our third poem. It was called a conversation poem, which we had to think of something that your mum tells you to do but they have to win. Then at 2:30pm we had to pack up and go to our school. Liam's mum now took us over the Hill Top Public School and went home. It was a great opportunity to meet Lorraine Marwood.

Rebecca Risteska

Could you be a CareSouth Aunty or Uncle?

CareSouth's Aunties & Uncles Program is a very successful early intervention Program that links Volunteer Carers with children aged from 3 - 12 years who may be stressed, vulnerable and/or isolated. Volunteer Aunties and Uncles care for and mentor a child who spends at least one weekend a month with them. Volunteer Carers generally develop long-term relationships with these children, providing friendship, mentoring and role modelling. The minimum contact is just a weekend a month – but makes a world of difference to each child. Who Can Be a Volunteer Aunty or Uncle? Aunties and Uncles are adults, over 21, from all walks of life including singles, couples & families. Requirements include previous experience caring for children, and to have a friendly nature and enjoy spending time with children. Volunteer Carers need to consent to police checks and relevant screening, including a working with children check.

For more information, phone 1300 554 260 or contact one of our Regional Coordinators in your area.

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GIVING AND RECEIVING COMPLIMENTS

Good mates look for the good things about others

Dos'

- Look for anything about another person that you genuinely like or appreciate
- Look in their eyes and smile
- Tell them what you like about them

Giving Compliments

- Don't give a compliment that isn't true
- Don't give too many compliments

Don'ts

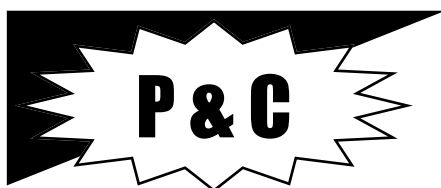
Dos'

- Wait till the person finishes giving you the compliment
- Look in their eyes and smile
- Say 'thank you' and perhaps add an interesting positive comment (eg: Thank you—I've worked hard on it)

Receiving Compliments

- Don't laugh or say something silly
- Don't look away
- Don't say something which suggests they're wrong. (Don't say "No, it's not one of my best efforts")

Don'ts



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

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.

Discussions will be on the following:

****Working Bee**

****Cadbury Chocolates (computers in the Library)**

****Vegetable Garden**

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: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Hill Top Public School—Working Bee Sunday 1 March 2012

I am available on Sunday 1 April, 2012 to help out in the following areas:

☐ General gardening / Weeding/Mulching ☐ Laying pavers ☐ Building timber seats

☐ Other

Name: Contact No.

Our Student's Success

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS WEEK 7

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

Ryleigh Platten
Jordan Parker
Tiarna Kelly
Tarleah Carson
Dylan Harris
Jayde McKell

SILVER AWARD WINNERS WEEK 7

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

Hayden Frank
Hollie Ayoub
Khallil Ayoub

GOLD AWARD WINNERS WEEK 7

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

Maggie Scott
Hayden Frank

MERIT AWARDS—10 February



Congratulations and well done to the following students who received merit awards.

K / 1 Nicolaas Van Althuis
Kristen Haskins
Kyle Johnson
Munis Zagoridis

1 / 2 Emily Cole-Gee
Olwyn Schluter
Dominic Guido
Riley Jackson

2 / 3 Calum Fraser
Angela Greenfield

3 / 4 Jasmine Moscrop
Abbie Zwickl

4 Amber Tingay
Ashleigh Willebrand

5 / 6 Jaydan Stevenson
Zoe Cole-Gee
Violet Jenkins
Zac Short

MERIT AWARDS—28 February



Congratulations and well done to the following students who received merit awards.

K / 1 Baden Patterson
Bella Orchard
Cherise Harris
Jade Greenfield

1 / 2 Brooke McKeown
Celeste Moscrop
Luke Johnson
Rachel Blums

2 / 3 Brooke Maddock
Rebekah Bates

3 / 4 Katie Maddock
Beau Haskins

4 Conner Theyers
Bradley Grose

5 / 6 Emily Johnson
Brent McKeown
Zac Finch

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders were sent home this week. Please return these order forms to the 'money mouth' by **Friday of NEXT WEEK.**

All order forms need to have your child's name and class on them even when a few forms are stapled together. We are always happy to keep orders for parents in the office for collection if they are for a surprise, just write instructions on the order form.

If you have any problems with an order please ring or come to the library on a Wednesday as soon as possible after the orders come back.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Picture Gallery

We are very proud of our students here at Hill Top Public School and last Friday five of our students made us especially proud.

Dylan Errington, Lachlan McKenzie, Brent McKeown, Riley McKeown and Haylee-Jean McKenzie went to AMMA Tahmoor for their first grading for 2012. Karate training has required our students to show commitment and dedication sometimes training up to five days a week to learn their skills.



Lachlan, Riley, Dylan, Brent, future student Riley McKenzie and Haylee-Jean proudly sporting their new belts and certificates.



Dylan defends an impression round-house kick from Lachlan during sparring.



Dylan Errington and his impressive trophy received at the NSW State Titles Point Sparring Competition held in Lidcombe.

As a winner in the State Finals Dylan is now eligible to compete at the Australian Titles held in Queensland later this year.



Brooke McKeown supporting her brothers and friends on the night.

Well done to Hayley and Lilly Lacava who have recently started training and we look forward to hearing about how you are doing.

If your child has out of school achievements we can be proud of please email us at luisa.gurner@det.nsw.edu.au with your information and photos or call the school office to organise a time to see us.

We have a lot of talented students here at Hill Top Public School.

Gallery – Class 3 / 4

We have been hard at work this term



In the Computer Lab



**Mapping and learning
about Atlases**



Reading Groups



Maths games

