

# Hill Top Public School

**Honour 1884 Trust**



**Term 2—Week 5**

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**Wednesday 23 May, 2012**



## From the Principal's Desk

We indeed have much to celebrate here at Hill Top P.S! The dedication and hard work of the staff, the determination and progress of all of our students and the enthusiasm and support from our parents and whole school community. This week we are also celebrating 'National Volunteers Week' and so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who contribute so much to Hill Top P.S and our community. This includes all of our Scripture teachers and parent helpers who give their own time freely to make extremely valuable contributions to our teaching / learning environment, our canteen helpers and our active and enthusiastic P&C members. On a broader scale it also includes our community volunteers including Rural Fire Service and SES volunteers that protect our Hill Top community. If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please contact the school office with your details.

## Mothers Day Stall—URGENT RECALL

We would like to warmly thank all of our parents who recently ran our successful Mothers Day stall. Their efforts and time are very much appreciated and we hope all of our Mums enjoyed their gifts on this special day. We would like to warn you however, that one parent has reported a hazard with an oil burner that she received as when lit it instantly became a dangerous fire hazard. We therefore would like to recall this product and are offering a full refund. Please see Mrs Karen Johnson promptly if you need further information regarding this issue.

## Premier's Debating

We would like to congratulate Zoe Bird, Rebecca Risteska, Chelsea Alcorn and Brent McKeown on their successful participation in our first round of our Premier's Debating challenge on Monday against some students from Bowral P.S. Unfortunately they did not win this round but they worked extremely well as a team to deliver an excellent debate. Their next round will be at Bundanoon P.S on June 1.

## Visiting Artists—Thursday 7 June

Just a reminder that the payment of \$7:50 per student for Musica Viva is due.

## Future Directions For Positive Behaviour

Our staff and parent community alike, currently have concerns about inappropriate behaviour in our school. We are addressing this in a variety of ways. Our teaching staff have prioritised this as an area of improvement and have been actively discussing initiatives and new ideas for implementation. We would like to work with both our parents and students in developing stronger programs and in implementing new ideas immediately. We have also embarked on a collegial, strategic plan for behaviour improvement with our Bowral Community of Schools as this has been identified as an important area of need equally amongst our local schools. These schools include Colo Vale P.S, Mittagong P.S, Bowral P.S, Glenquarry P.S, Kangaloon P.S, Tangarra P.S, the Highlands School and Bowral H.S. Members of staff representing all of these schools are meeting this afternoon at Bowral High School to embark on this initiative. By working on developing positive strategies on values such as kindness, respect, learning and safety together as a community of schools, using positive behaviour strategies, we should soon see a pleasing improvement in this area. Having a consistent view and strategies will also have a conducive impact on students transition from primary school to Bowral High School. We will update all parents and students on information and progress in this area regularly. Parent and student involvement in this initiative is imperative to its success.

## Diary Dates – Term 2 Week 5—May

Wednesday	23	12:30—1:00pm Peer Support AASC (4 / 7 session)
Thursday	24	3:15pm Year 6 Fair meeting—School Library
Friday	25	Loopline Mastermind

## Week 6—May / June

Monday	28	AASC (5 / 7 session)
Wednesday	29	Stage 2 Enrichment Day @ Bowral AASC (5/7 session)
Thursday	31	SRC Mufti Day—Red Day
Friday	1	12:45pm SRC Assembly Regional Cross Country

## School Uniform

Just a reminder that all students are asked to wear full school uniform to school each day. This is a positive way of showing pride that we take in being students at Hill Top Public School. We ask that blue school jumpers and jackets be worn to school and not other items of clothing eg: multi-coloured hoodies. We also request that the Hill Top P.S broad brimmed hats or Hill Top P.S winter beanies be worn at school. Mrs Zwickl our uniform co-ordinator has just informed me that she is expecting a delivery of the new school hats in mid June. These may now be ordered and purchased for all of the students at Hill Top P.S and not just the Kindergarten students as was the case earlier in the year.

## Bike Safety

We have had an alarming number of community concerns expressed to us recently about students riding bicycles dangerously in Hill Top and also without helmets.

## Loop Line Mastermind this Friday May 25

We will be hosting the Loop Line Mastermind challenge here at Hill Top P.S this Friday May 25. As we are the host school, we are allowed to enter a larger amount of Stage 2 and Stage 3 students as teams for this fun filled day. Students from Colo Vale P.S, Mittagong P.S and Bowral P.S will be joining us for the day. We still require donations of unwanted socks, decorative items, cardboard boxes and old costumes before Friday, if possible.

## Year 6 Fair—Friday September 7, 2012

We would like to invite all Year 6 families to our first meeting regarding the Year 6 fair for this year. This meeting will be on Thursday May 24 at 3:15pm in the school library. Please come along.

Kind regards  
Sarah Leicester

### BRONZE AWARD WINNERS TERM 2 WEEK 4

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

Damon Borg  
Jordan Parker  
Paige Kurovsky  
Emma Sharpe  
Rebecca Risteska  
David Napper  
Lachlan Zwickl  
Lauren Beasley  
Baden Patterson  
Jessica Howell

### SILVER AWARD WINNERS TERM 2 WEEK 4

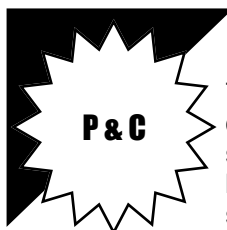
Congratulations and well done to the following students who will receive their Gold Certificate.

Jessica Howell  
Zoe Bird

## University Tests

All test dates for student who have paid are:

Science	Wednesday 6 June
Writing	Monday 18 June
Spelling	Tuesday 19 June
English	Tuesday 31 July
Mathematics	Tuesday 14 August



### Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to everyone that helped make our 2012 Mothers Day Stall another success, the children had fun and we all hope you mums/grans etc out there got something special on your special day. A special thanks to Barbara Van Eck for her wonderful culinary talents! And to the Belle Fleur Lavender Shop Hill Top for their very generous donation of gifts for our stall. Thank you for all your support

Hill Top P&C



### South Coast Regional PSSA Cricket

We would like to congratulate Matthew Bates. He had his first session in Nowra last weekend.



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## Gallery – A visit to the Year 3/4 Classroom

